Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone. We hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday and are now enjoying getting back into the school routine. The children have come back in a very settled, enthusiastic and happy manner and there is already a lovely atmosphere around school. We have had a busy start to the New Year and it began with the launch of our new Behaviour rules, routines and ethos. You should have received a copy of our Behaviour Blueprint last week. We also have lots of exciting plans for the next term. Please check the calendar and website for updates - www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk.

Star of the Week Invite to Parents/Carers
From next week, there will be two Star of the Week assemblies per week. If your child has been selected as Star of the Week and are in Terrapins, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, you will be invited to attend on a Monday at 9.10am. If your child is in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 or Turtles, you will be invited to attend on a Friday at 9.10am. You will continue to receive a text to notify you.

Commonwealth Daily Mile at Allens Croft
Our school began the ‘Daily Mile’ last week, which is a fully-inclusive, free and simple initiative and improves the physical and mental health of all children. It’s a social activity where the children can run, jog or walk at their own pace around the school grounds. The school have Commonwealth maps on display in main hall and in the classrooms to record our ‘Daily Mile’ achievements. When we reach milestones as a school, we will win wristbands, pedometers, banners and the chance for a professional athlete to come into school.

Parent/Carer Consultation Event
You are invited to attend your child/ren's Parent Consultation Meeting in the week beginning Monday 10th February. Each class will be allocated a day for these meetings to take place - further information to follow. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and look through their Learning Journal, Cross-Curricular, English and Maths books.

Year 6 Parents/Carers - Mobile Phone Notice
Due to online safety, please ensure your child does not bring a mobile phone to school unless they walk to/from school alone. Phones in school will be stored securely.

Reception Morning Routines
Please can we ask that parents/carers encourage their child/ren to come into the classroom area on their own at the beginning of the school day. This promotes independence and allows the children to carry out their everyday routines with the help of the Reception staff. Thank you for your support.

Wintery Weather and Extreme Weather Alerts
While the weather is cold, please make sure your child has a warm Winter coat, a hat, a scarf and a pair of gloves. If your child comes to school in wellies, please ensure they bring their school shoes to change into while they are in the school buildings. Please remember to label all items of clothing.
If the school has to take the decision to close due to adverse weather conditions, you will be notified by text message and there will also be a message on our school website - www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk. We will only close the school if we feel it’s for the health and safety of all pupils and teachers. Please make sure the office have your updated contact details. When the grounds are icy, please take extra care when you’re out and about.

Just a few reminders... Thank you in advance.
- Children should have a drinks bottle with them every day. They are allowed to have squash or water. We have water stations around the school where children can refill their bottles.
- The bike shed continues to be situated inside the school gates, near the park entrance. Please ensure that children do not ride their scooters/ bikes within the school premises.
- Please ensure your child has a P.E kit in school that consists of shorts, a t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, pumps and/or trainers. All items of clothing should have a name label on.
- We are a Nut Aware school and we have children who have severe nut allergies so please ensure you do not provide your child with any nut products. This includes Nutella hazelnut spread.
- Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform. This includes completely black shoes or trainers, school navy jumper or cardigan (no hoodies) and black, navy or grey hair accessories.
**Dates for the diary – Spring Term**

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**Spring Term 2020**

Friday 14th February - Children break up from school
Monday 24th February - Children return to school
Friday 3rd April - Children break up from school

**Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20th April - Children return to school
Friday 8th May - School Closed- Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May- Children break up from school
Monday 1st June - Children return to school
Friday 26 June - Teacher Training Day
Friday 17th July - Children break up from school

**Rights Respecting School**

Rights are things every child should have or be able to do. All children have the same rights. These rights are listed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Article 23**

If you have any kind of disability, you should have special care, support and education so that you can lead a full and independent life and participate in the community to the best of your ability.

**At Allens Croft we aim to**

Aspire, Inspire and Achieve

**We educate our**

Hands, Head and Heart

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