



Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 19th July 2018



As a staff, we would like to thank you for all of your support over this last year and hope you agree that it has been another incredibly busy and productive year. We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you again in September. The children's first day back at school is on **Wednesday 5th September at 8.50am**, in full school uniform. The school uniform policy is non-negotiable and please pay particular attention to school footwear and the PE kit. The Uniform Policy is attached to this newsletter.

School Uniform No Longer Fits, Need Extra Items Or New Uniform for September?

Place your order at www.schooltrends.co.uk for delivery to your chosen address, allowing 21 days for delivery during the peak summer season. To give School Trends enough time to get your order to you before your first day back, we are asking all parents/carers to order as soon as possible. On receipt of your uniform, please get your child to try it on, label it and put it away ready for next term. Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform in September, including shoes or trainers that are completely black.

Friday 20th July ~ Children break up from school at 12.30pm.

(Please note that Jelly Beans After School Club will not take place on this afternoon. Your child can come to school in non-school uniform on the last day to celebrate the end of the year. Please can we request that you bring in a donation of party food. You can bring in crisps, biscuits, fruit or savoury items. Please note that we are a nut aware school so please do not bring any items that contain nuts. Due to the early finish and each class having a party, children do not need a packed lunch, as there will be with sandwiches provided. Thank you for your support.)

Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July - Teacher Training Days - School Closed to Children

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Monday 3rd September and Tuesday 4th September - Teacher Training Days- School Closed to Children

Children return to school - **Wednesday 5th September at 8.50am**

Dinner and Jelly Bean Before & After School Payments

All parents are required to log onto School Money to make sure that all dinner money payments, educational visits and before and after school club fees are paid in full. If you have any queries, please call the office on 0121 675 2611. Thank you in advance.

Food Bank Vouchers

If you feel that you are struggling with finances and can not afford to buy basic food essentials, please speak to a member of our Inclusion Team to see if you meet the criteria for food bank vouchers. The information you share with our Inclusion Team will be kept confidential.

Events Happening Over the Summer Holidays

There are lots of exciting things happening in Birmingham over the Summer Holidays. Please see the attached leaflets for more information. In addition to these events, there are still some places available on the Barber Institute's, enormously popular, Creative Sunday Workshops this summer - everything from making boats to painting! Book now to grab a place: <http://barber.org.uk/creative-sunday-workshops-3/>.

Overall Attendance So Far This Year - 94.5%

School starts at **8.50am**. At **9.00am**, we close the classroom doors and Piggy Lane gate. Any children who are late have to be signed in at the school office. If you child's attendance is above 96% for the whole of the Summer term, they will be part of one of the attendance reward treats at the end of the year. Please note that we cannot authorise holidays in term time apart from in very rare cases. The local authority has issued a series of fines to parents. Whilst we understand the reasons and cost pressures of holidays, we are required by law to report them to the LA. Please understand this when unauthorised absence letters are sent.

At Allens Croft we: *Aspire* for all to succeed; *Inspire* each other to succeed; *Achieve* success

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UNIFORM POLICY

At Allens Croft, we aim to promote each child's right to express their gender and personality in whichever way feels right for them. To support this aim, our uniform policy is gender neutral. This means that, whilst we expect all of our children to wear school uniform, the rules for boys and girls are the same and we do not insist that they wear specific items of clothing. You can order your uniform online at www.schooltrends.co.uk or Clive Marks, Kings Heath.

Item	Colour	Additional Details
Skirt		Grey or black
Trousers		Grey or black
School Dress		Pale Blue
Pinafore	Grey	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Items with School Logo</u></p> <p>These items, and a few others, are available from school at cost price. This is the cheapest place to buy uniform with the school logo and it can be ordered via the school office.</p> <p>Book bags and PE bags are also available.</p>
Polo Shirt	Pale Blue	
Sweatshirt	Navy	
Cardigan	Navy	
PE Shorts	Navy	
PE Top	White	
Tights/Socks		
Leggings	Navy, black or grey	Worn under skirt or pinafore only
Hijab	Navy, black or grey	Plain fabric only, not patterned or sequined
Shoes	Black school shoes or boots	Black trainers are acceptable as long as they have no colour flashes or visible logos
PE Pumps		Black
Outdoor	Wellingtons	These will be required for Forest School activities
	Waterproof Jacket	These are available from school at a very reasonable price
Hair	Plain accessories only	Hair that is longer than shoulder length must be tied back - no shaved patterns
Jewellery	For health & safety reasons - small stud earrings only. Children must be able to remove these themselves and will be asked to do so for PE lessons.	

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND UNIFORM IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AS WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS THAT GO MISSING.