



# Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017



### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Numeracy INSPIRE Workshops ~ Week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

You will have received a letter and an invitation from your child inviting you to a Numeracy INSPIRE workshop with the children. Reception will be having a Phonics INSPIRE workshop. Hope to see you there!

Turtles & Terrapins ~ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm

Reception ~ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am

Year 1 ~ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm

Year 2 ~ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm

Year 3 ~ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am

Year 4 ~ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME- SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED)

Year 5 ~ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am

Year 6 ~ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm

#### **Reception Open Days for September Intake 2018 ~ 60 Places Available**

If you know any prospective parents who would like to come and have a look around the school, we are holding our final open session on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November ~ 5.00pm**.

#### **Current Reception Stay and Play Dates**

Reception Stay and Play sessions are from 2pm to 3pm on the following dates: **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. Hope to see you there!

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The book fair will be in school **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** in the main entrance. It will begin at **3.30pm**. Come and have a look and see if you can pick up any Christmas bargains!

#### **Friends of Allens Croft Meeting and Facebook Page**

Friends of Allens Croft need your help. The next meeting will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**. Everyone welcome! The 'Friends of Allens Croft' Facebook Page is live and you can find it by searching for Friends of Allens Croft. Ensure that you follow the page for regular updates and request to be a friend so that you can join the group.

#### **Please Help The Poppy Appeal**

As Remembrance Day is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, our school is taking part in the Poppy Appeal. If you or your child would like to make a donation, please go to the office to purchase a poppy, reflector, wristband, bracelet or ruler.

Suggested donation for items other than the poppy is between 50p and £1. Please support the Poppy Appeal.

#### **Allens Croft were awarded the GOLD Artsmark Award!**

Last week, we received news from Arts Council England to say that we had been awarded the GOLD Artsmark as a result of our wonderful work within the Creative Arts. We are really proud of our achievement and the former Arts Council pupils were invited to an exclusive party to celebrate. We are now looking forward to helping support our local school networks to develop their arts offer as we continue on our journey towards the Platinum award!

#### **Grass Areas and Planted Banks**

In the half-term break, we have had lots of gardening work completed on the grounds. We now have a new tree, a new grassed area and lots of small bushes have been planted on the banks of the playground. Please ensure that your children DO NOT go on any of these areas. In addition to this, due to the change in weather, please do not let them go on any grassed area around the playground and walkways. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### **Activity Packs**

On Monday, every child should have received an learning activity pack to complete at home. The packs will also be put on the website, under your child's year group page. You will find these on [www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk](http://www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk).

#### **Forest School and PE Kits**

Please ensure your child has their PE and Forest School Kit in school every week. If your child does not have the appropriate Forest and PE kit in school, they will not be able to take part. Please speak to a member of the senior leadership team if you have any concerns regarding this.

#### **Reception Outdoor Area**

Please can we ask that parents/carers of Reception and Year 1 children do not let their children, including siblings, go into the covered area of Reception before and after school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### **The Future of the Newsletter**

From **today**, we will only send out newsletters by email. Please ensure you have provided the school with your most up to date email address. If you would like a paper copy after this date, you will be able to collect one from the office.

The newsletter will also be available on [www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk](http://www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk).

#### **Attendance & Punctuality - Overall Attendance So Far This Year is 96.2%**

School starts at **8.50am**. At **9.00am**, we close the classroom doors and Piggy Lane gate. Any children who are late need to be signed in at the school office and we request that parents/carers provide the office with the reason why so that we can monitor lateness, in addition to attendance. It is really important your children get to school on time.

### Dates for the Diary- Next Few Weeks

Wednesday 8 November	Nasal Flu Vaccine - Reception to Year 4 children
Friday 10 November	World Remembrance Day/ World Science Day
WB Monday 6 November	Numeracy INSPIRE Workshops - see first page for dates and times
WB Monday 6 November	Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Week beginning Monday 13 November	Anti- Bullying Awareness Week/ World Kindness Day
Tuesday 14 November	Year 5 Drama Workshop - Careless Talk
Wednesday 15 November	Cyber Bullying Assembly and Workshops Y2-Y6
Wednesday 15 November at 2pm	Reception Stay and Play
Thursday 16 November at 3pm	Photography exhibition in classrooms for parents/carers to visit
Thursday 16 to Wednesday 22 November	Scholastic Book Fair from 3.30pm in front entrance
Friday 17 November	Children In Need 'Spoctacular' Dress in spotty clothes for a donation
WB Monday 20 November	Road Safety Week
Wednesday 22 November	RSPB 'Wildlife' Workshop with Year 1 children
Friday 24 November at 11.30am	Year 1 Lunch with parents/ carers
Tuesday 28 November	Year 3's Educational Visit to Cadbury World
Tuesday 28 November at 2pm	Reception Stay and Play
Thursday 30 November at 2.45pm	Year 3 Topic Assembly

### ★ Allens Croft Stars ★

	Week Ending 20 October	Week Ending 3 November
Terrapins	Harley	Safa
Turtles	Dionate	Emily
RA	Mia	Kyle
RB	Peggy	Savio
IF	Shakir	Tianna
IW	Zia	Eziah
2G	Skye	Lily-Mae
2C	Mckenzie	Imogen
3B	Maisie	Husnain
3C	Alex	Henley
4W	Callum	Arham
4OP	Lewis	Areeha
5B	Zain	Kyran
5I	Ruby	Haider
6H	Kurtis	Reshaun

School Communicators

**Year 2**  
Davina and Idress

**Year 3**  
Mollie and Henley

**Year 4**  
Aymon and Lauren

**Year 5**  
Umayma and Joseph

**Year 6**  
Kurtis and Abdullah

These children have been elected by their peers to be their School Communicators. Well done!

### INFORMATION BOARD

Extra Curricular			
<b>Allens Croft Primary School – Extra Curricular Clubs – Term 1</b>			
Club	Day	Time	Collect from
Mathletics	Monday	3:30 – 4:30	Main Entrance
Construction	Monday	3:30 – 4:30	Reception Classroom
Football	Monday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall
Cross Stitch	Tuesday	3:30 – 4:30	Main Entrance
Multi Skills	Tuesday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall
Football	Wednesday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall
Papercraft	Thursday	3:30 – 4:30	Main Entrance
Basketball	Thursday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall

Any queries, please contact the school office.

### Attendance – The Best Classes!

Week ending Friday 20 October	Week ending Friday 3 November
<b>Y2C – 99.3%</b>	<b>Terrapins &amp; Turtles – 100 %</b>

Remember – the class with the best attendance at the end of the year wins a free trip!

### Term Dates- Please visit website for calendar updates

#### School Year 2017 – 2018

##### Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts: Tuesday 31st October 2017- Friday 22 December 2017

##### Spring Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2018- Friday 16th February 2018

*Half Term: Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 February 2018 – School Closed*

Term Starts: Monday 26th February 2018-Thursday 29th March 2018

##### Summer Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 16th April 2018- Friday 25th May 2018

*Half Term: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018 – School Closed*

Term Starts: Monday 4th June 2018 -Friday 20th July 2018

##### Teacher Training Days:

Monday 23rd July 2018 and Tuesday 24th July 2018 – School Closed To Children

\* 1 Teacher Training Day still needs to be allocated

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

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