



# Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - School Funding Cuts

You may have heard through the media that due to funding cuts, a local Kings Heath school is proposing to close early as well as making cuts to their special needs provision. We would like to reassure you that we are not considering either of these options in order to save money at our school. We will be looking at different ways on how we can continue to make savings and get funding for projects and resources to ensure Allens Croft children and families continue to have an enriched and exciting curriculum offer in this current climate of uncertainty. If you would like to find out more about school cuts and the impact it is having, please visit <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/>. Thank you for your continued support.

### Reception Reminders

Please can we ask that you do not allow your children, including pre-school children, to go into the undercover outdoor reception play area at the beginning and end of each day.

If your child has come home in any of the school's spare clothes, please can you bring them back.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Dinner and Jelly Bean Before & After School Payments

Please can you ensure that you bring your Jelly Beans/Dinner Money online account up to date as soon as possible. Money should be paid in advance every Monday.

### Drop Off and Collection Procedures Reminder

We have reviewed our Drop Off and Collection procedures and children under the age of 16 are not allowed to drop off or collect their siblings. If you have any queries regarding this, please request to speak to a member of the senior leadership team.

### Parking & Driving Up Piggy Lane - Please Help Keep Our Children Safe!

It has been brought to our attention that some cars are parking in very dangerous areas around school and not driving safely whilst going up and down Piggy Lane. Please can you note that it is illegal to park on zig-zag lines and within ten feet of a junction. We would like to thank all of those parents/carers who continue to either walk to school, park and walk, or park their cars sensibly. Friends of Allens Croft and school staff are in discussions with the local council about road safety around the school to see if it can be improved.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought a book from the Book Fair over the last week. We now get to order over £200 worth of free books for the book corners in each class and for our school library.

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### Friends of Allens Croft Events and News

Friends of Allens Croft School Disco - The disco will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Reception and Key Stage 1 Disco: 2.15pm to 3.15pm**

**Key Stage 2 Disco: 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Please make sure you send in the consent form and payment into school by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

Easter is on its way and this year and we are having a 'Decorate an Egg' competition for the children to take part in. You can use a real egg or a plastic/polystyrene one - it's up to you. The eggs will be judged on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** and prizes will be given to the five most creative ones from each year group.

Tesco and Sainsbury's have kindly donated 30 eggs each.

We will also be holding an Easter raffle on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.** Prizes will consist of an Easter Cake, Easter Eggs and Easter Hampers. Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.** Friends of Allens Croft and school staff will be selling these at the beginning and end of each school day.

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### Rainbows Group at St Bedes church

They have spaces for girls, aged between 5-7 at 2nd Highbury Rainbows at St Bedes Church, Doversley rd on a Monday night from 4.30pm to 5.45pm. For more information, please contact Diane 0779710188 or Tina 07759860045.

### Attendance & Punctuality - Overall Attendance So Far This Year is 96%

**School begins at 8.50am.** Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others. It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

### Dates for the diary

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Year 3 INSPIRE Workshop
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March at 2pm	Reception INSPIRE Workshop
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March at 2pm	Year 4 INSPIRE Workshop
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Epilepsy Awareness Day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Dance Workshop
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Year 6 INSPIRE Workshop
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March at 2pm	Year 2 INSPIRE Workshop
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5&Y6 KES Maths Competition
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Able Writers Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Turtles INSPIRE Workshop
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 2pm	Terrapins INSPIRE Workshop
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 2pm	Year 1 INSPIRE Workshop
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March at 10.30	Year 5 INSPIRE Workshop
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March at 11.30	Year 5 Lunch with parents/carers
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Exhibition Visit to the Hippodrome
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April at 2.45pm	Reception Topic Assembly to parents/carers
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Reception Visit to Pizza Express
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 4pm	Drama Club performance to parents/carers
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April at 10am	Ukulele Concert to parents/ carers
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April after school	Netball Competition
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Talent Show
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.15 to 3.15	Reception and KS1 Friends of Allens Croft Disco
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April at 3.30 to 4.30	KS2 Friends of Allens Croft Disco
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April at	Year 4 Easter Assembly
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Children break up from school
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Wb Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Multi Skills Sports Week
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May - May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Wb Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 KS2 Test Week (SATs)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm?	Terrapins Assembly to parents/carers
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am	Lunch with parents/carers

Be Smart!  
Be Safe!



E-safety fact:  
Don't click on anything that you don't recognise.  
Keeping Safe on the Internet  
<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

**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 19



You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.  
<https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchildfriendlylanguage.pdf> to read your child's rights.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS - TERM 2			
Club	Day	Time	Collect from
MULTI-SKILLS	MONDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN HALL
FILM	MONDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN ENTRANCE
BASKETBALL	TUESDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN HALL
BEAT BANG BOOM	TUESDAY	3:30 - 4:30	TURTLES CLASSROOM
BOOK CLUB	TUESDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN ENTRANCE
DRAMA	WEDNESDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN HALL
KS1 DANCE	THURSDAY	3:30 - 4:30	SMALL HALL
KS2 DANCE	THURSDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN HALL
LEGO CLUB	THURSDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN ENTRANCE
GYMNASTICS	FRIDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN HALL

### Term Dates School Year 2018 - 2019

#### Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed - May Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Term Starts: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June- Teacher Training Day- School Closed to children

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Teacher Training Day- School Closed to children

\* 1 additional Teacher Training Day needs to be allocated

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

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