



Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th January 2019



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 have lots of exciting plans for the next term. Last week, we were inspected by Ofsted and are eagerly waiting for the report. As always, your children were wonderful and a credit to Allens Croft. Thank you for your continued support. Please check the calendar for updates.

School Uniform Reminder

Our school uniform policy requires children to wear black school shoes or plain black trainers, but we are still seeing a number of children wearing coloured trainers or inappropriate footwear. There are some great deals in the New Year sales at the moment so if your child requires a new pair of shoes, please take the opportunity to purchase some black shoes for school if they do not have any.

Outdoor PE Kit

Please ensure your child has an appropriate outdoor PE kit, consisting of navy or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a jumper, a white t-shirt and trainers. Children in Key Stage 2 will be completing their PE lessons outside for this term, depending on the weather. Please also make sure your child has their outdoor learning kit.

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.

Carpark Concerns

The school and the police have recently received several complaints about inconsiderate parking issues near to the school, which has included blocking driveways, parking on/near to a bend, causing an obstruction and even driving on the pavement when parents and children are walking past. Since Christmas, the police have issued 12 parking tickets around the school at the beginning and end of the day. Please be respectful of local residents and ensure that the journey to school for all children and parents is a safe as possible.

Parent/Carer Consultation Event

You are invited to attend your child/ren's Parent Consultation Meeting in the **week beginning Monday 4th March**.

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. You need to book your appointment, using our online system at www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk from week beginning Monday 28th January. If you are unable to access the internet, the school office will be able to help you.

Story Telling Week - Week Beginning Monday 28th January

Throughout Story Telling Week, children are encouraged to share their favourite book with their class and each class will take part in our annual book corner competition, where they can win new books for their class. The children will take part in lots of fun activities across the week to celebrate this event.

Friends of Allens Croft

We would like to thank all who helped with the organisation of the Friends of Allens Croft Christmas Craft Fair. The fair raised over £1680. The Friends of Allens Croft Group and staff worked extremely hard to make the fair a massive success. Thank you to all involved and to all the parents/carers who either donated or visited the fair.

Attendance & Punctuality - Overall Attendance So Far This Year is 95.6%

If the school is concerned about your child's attendance, you will have received a letter this week, a meeting will take place and we will be monitoring their attendance very closely. Attending school is essential for your child/ren to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. On a positive note, 266 children either attended the cinema for getting 100% attendance for last term or had a reward in school if their attendance was 96% or more. We would like to say thank you to those parents/carers who have supported their children to achieve this. Remember, if your child did not attend one of the incentives this time, they may still have the opportunity to do so for the current term if they reach 96% or more between the first day back until the end of this term. If your child is **late more than three times per term**, they will not be able to receive the reward, although we look at this on an individual basis. **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

Wednesday 23 rd January	Year 3 Educational Visit to Birmingham Museum and Library
Friday 25 th January at 11.30am	Y2 Parents/Carers Lunch
Monday 28 th January	Story Telling Week
Thursday 31 st January (after- school)	Y5/Y6 Athletics Competition
Monday 4 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 5 th February	Terrapins/ Turtles Lunch with parents/carers
Tuesday 5 th February at 2.45pm	Y3 Chinese New Year Assembly to parents/carers
Tuesday 5 th February (after-school)	Y5&Y6 Basketball Competition
Wednesday 6 th February	Y6 Talent Show
Thursday 7 th February	Y3 Chinese Lantern Workshop
Friday 8 th February	Y3 Chinese New Year Celebration- Hippodrome
Tuesday 12 th February at 2.45pm	Y1 Topic Assembly
Wednesday 13 th February (after-school)	Cross-Country Competition
Thursday 14 th February	Children break up from school
Friday 15th February	Teacher Training Day- School Closed to children

**Be Smart!
Be Safe!**



E-safety fact

Never share photographs of yourself especially with people you don't know.

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 33 
Children have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.

<https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchilldfriendlylanguage.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
GYMNASTICS	FRIDAY	3:30 - 4:30	MAIN HALL

Term Dates School Year 2018 - 2019

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 7th January to Thursday 14th February

Friday 15th February - Teacher Training Day- School Closed to children

Half Term: Monday 18 February 2018 to Friday 22nd February

Term Starts: Monday 25th February to Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 29th April to Friday 24th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Term Starts: Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July

Friday 28th June- Teacher Training Day- School Closed to children

Monday 22nd 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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