



### Gymnastics Footwear - Gripper Socks



Currently, all children are following the gymnastics curriculum for this term. Further to a discussion with some parent/carers and children, we have agreed that children will be allowed the option of wearing 'gripper' socks in relevant PE lessons if they do not want to complete the learning in bare feet. These are sports socks used in trampolining, gymnastics or yoga, etc., which have silicon grips on the soles. These are available online for approximately £2 and high street stores may sell them too.

### Times Tables Rockstars

This half term, we are re-launching Times Table Rock Stars. It offers a fun way for your children to practise their times tables whilst earning rewards. Once your child has brought home their username and password, they can use it to log on to: [www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com). We recommend spending 10 minutes practising each day. Teachers will be looking for their best rockstars each week!

### Maths INSPIRE Workshops - Next Week! Can't wait to see you there!

Reception ~ Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am (Literacy/Phonics)

Year 1 ~ Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Year 2 ~ Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Year 3 ~ Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am

Year 4 ~ Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Year 5 ~ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Year 6 ~ Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

### Wintery Weather

As the weather get colder, please ensure that your child comes to school in a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. If your child comes to school in wellies, please ensure they bring their school shoes to change in to. Please remember to label all items of clothing.

### Children's Christmas Lunch

The children will have a Christmas lunch at school and this will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you **DO NOT** have to pay for your child's meal and they can order on the day. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and they are not entitled to Free School Meals, then you can pay online. This costs £2 per meal, per day. All children can order their meal on the day.

### Christmas Craft Activities with parents/carer

On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**, we are inviting parents/carers into school to take part in creating Christmas and Winter art and crafts. We hope to see you there!

### Christmas Events

Reception & Year 1 Nativity parents/carers are invited to watch the Nativity performance on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am** and **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**. Please only attend **one** performance. We ask that younger siblings attend our crèche for the duration of the performance.

The **Year 2 Christmas Assembly** to Year 2 parents/carers will take place in the hall on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**.

The **Key Stage 2 Carol Service** will take place at Calvary Chapel Elim Pentecostal Church on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am**. Parents/carers are invited to attend. Look forward to seeing you there.

The **End of Term Class Parties** will take place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. The school will provide the sandwiches and drinks. Please can you send in a shop bought party food items on the morning of **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - either crisps, biscuits, fruit and savoury items are a good example. Please remember that we are a nut-aware school.

**Children break up for half term** on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. School closes at 1pm- please collect your child/ren at this time. Jelly Beans After School club **will not** take place on this day.

### Friends of Allens Croft Meeting and Facebook Page

Friends of Allens Croft will be meeting every Friday at 2pm until the Christmas Craft Fair. Everyone welcome! Remember to 'like' the Friends of Allens Croft Facebook page to keep up to date. We would really appreciate donations of chocolate, sweets, bottles, cakes, pamper items, toys and books for the hampers. Please can all donations be unopened and in date.

### Non-School Uniform Days:

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November ~ Bottles (unopened/ in date- bottles of pop, bubble bath, wine, etc.)**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December ~ Gifts (Toys, Books, Unused Pamper Items, etc.)**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ Shop Bought Cakes/ Chocolates/Sweets (No nuts please)**

Your donation can be given to your child's class teacher.

Attendance & Punctuality - Overall Attendance So Far This Year is **96.6%**

## Dates for the diary

### Maths INSPIRE Workshops- see letter for more information

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 Year 3 ~ Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am  
 Year 4 ~ Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm  
 Year 5 ~ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm  
 Year 6 ~ Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Educational Visit to Worcester Market
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair Donation for non-school uniform
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Turtles Educational Visit to Lego Discovery
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Educational Visit to Ash End Farm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm	Y6 INSPIRE Maths Workshop
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm	Reception Stay and Play
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am	Reception Lunch with parents/carers
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am	Nativity to parents/carers
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 perform at Pineapple Place
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm	Reception and Year 1 Nativity to parents/carers
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 perform at Hazelwell Hub
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair Donation for non-school uniform
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am	Y2 Christmas Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day for a donation/ cakes, sweets, etc.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm- 4pm	Christmas Craft Fair
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Educational Visit to the Hippodrome
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm	Christmas Craft Activities with parents/carers
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am	KS2 Carol Service
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Children break up from school at 1pm- No After-School Jelly Beans
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Educational Visit to Think Tank
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 3 Educational Visit to Birmingham Museum and Library


**Be Smart!  
Be Safe!**



**E-safety fact**

**Be careful who you trust- a person could pretend to be someone else.**

**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 24** 

You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

<https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchilldfriendlylanguage.pdf> to read your child's rights.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS - TERM 1

There will be NO clubs in the last week of this term.

Club	Day	Time	Collect from
Netball	Monday	3.30-4.30	Main Hall
French	Monday	3.30 - 4.30	Main Entrance
Hockey	Tuesday	3.30 - 4.30	Main Hall
Film	Tuesday	3.30 - 4.30	Main Entrance
Drama	Wednesday	3.30-4.30	Main Hall
Badminton	Thursday	3.30 - 4.30	Main Hall
Lego Club	Thursday	3.30- 4.30	Main Entrance
Multi Skills	Friday	3.30 - 4.30	Main Hall

**Attendance & Punctuality - Overall Attendance So Far This Year is 96%**  
 School starts at 8.50am. At 9.00am, we close the classroom doors and Piggy Lane gate. Any children who arrive after 9.05am are late and have to be signed in at the school office.

**Term Dates School Year 2018 - 2019**

**Autumn Term 2018**  
 Term Starts: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Spring Term 2019**  
 Term Starts: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term: Monday 18 February 2018 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
 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

**Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
 Term Starts: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

\* 3 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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