



Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018



Many parents/carers came to the 'Meet the Teacher' event last Thursday afternoon. If you were unable to attend the afternoon and you would like to find out how your child is getting on, then please request to meet with your child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time. We also held our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Cake sale on the same afternoon and raised over £330 for this great cause. Thank you to everyone who came or donated cakes. We have also celebrated UK Diversity Week and the children have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities across the school. Please visit www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk for updates and more information about the school.

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Last week, we also had a visit from our Birmingham Education Partnership advisor and she was really pleased with what she observed around the school. She commented on how calm and engaged the children were and how our curriculum offer is enriching and balanced across all subjects. In addition to this, we had over 60 responses to the parent/carer questionnaires and we will take on board the positive comments and your ideas and suggestions. Next week, we will send out the parent/carer questionnaire results by email. Thank you to everyone who took their time to respond to it- it really helps us to further improve the school.

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We held our American Themed Dinner on Thursday. We will hold another themed dinner in the Spring and Summer term. Please remember that if your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, as part of government funding, you do not have to pay for your child's dinner. If your child is in Year 3, 4 5 or 6 and you are not entitled to free school meals, your child can have a school dinner for £2 per day.

Reception Open Days for September Intake 2019 ~ 60 Places Available
Wednesday 17th October ~ 9.15am **Thursday 25th October ~ 2.00pm**
Thursday 8th November ~ 9.15am **Thursday 22nd November ~ 5.00pm**
If you require a different time, please contact the office on 0121 675 2611.

Secondary School Admissions

If your child is in Year 6, you need to apply online for their secondary school choices and this needs to be completed by Wednesday 31st October. Most schools have open days and evenings throughout September so that you can look round. You could also contact the school to arrange a visit to hear about what they offer and how they can support your child. You will find more information about the open days at <https://myed.com/birmingham-school-open-days/>. Please visit <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> to complete the application.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Nasal Flu Vaccination

Children from Reception to Year 4 should have received an information pack and consent form for the nasal flu vaccination. Consent forms need to be handed in to the school office by **Friday 19th October**. The form must be completed if you do or do not give consent.

Parking

West Midlands Police have been in contact and have requested that we issue a letter regarding parking and driving to all of our parents/carers. Please ensure you read the letter. Here are some of the main points- 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.

DO NOT stop or park:

- * Near a school entrance
- * Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency services
- * Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- * Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and power mobility vehicles
- * In front of an entrance to a property
- * On a bend

Thank you for your support in keeping the children and families safe around the community.

October is Walk to School Month and 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.

Dates for the diary

Month of October	Black History Month and Walk to School Month
WB Monday 8 th October	Arts Connect Arts Mark Celebration Week
Monday 8 th October	KS2 NSPCC Assembly for children
Wednesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 10 th October at 2.45pm	Turtles Topic Assembly to parents/carers
Thursday 11 th October	Group of Y5/Y6 to take part in Cycling Competition
Thursday 11 th October	Y5 Educational Visit to Hippodrome 'War Horse'
Friday 12 th October	Allens Croft Black History Factor
Thursday 18 th October at 2.45pm	Year 3 Topic Assembly to parents/carers
Thursday 25 th October at 2.45pm	Year 4 Topic Assembly to parents/carers
Friday 26 th October	Children break up from school
Monday 5 th November	Children return to school

Be Smart!
Be Safe!



E-safety fact-

Feeling tired?
Put your Ipad or
tablet away
before going to
sleep.

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 29

Your education should
help you use and develop
your talents and abilities.
It should also help
you learn to live
peacefully, protect the
environment
and respect other people.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS - TERM 1

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
Multi Skills	Friday	3.30 - 4.30	Main Hall

Attendance & Punctuality - Overall Attendance So Far This Year is 95%

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. If your child's attendance is above 96% for the each term, they will be part of one of the attendance reward treats.

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

Term Dates School Year 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts: Wednesday 5th September to Friday 26th October

Half Term: Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

Term Starts: Monday 5th November to Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February

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 Monday 22nd 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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