



# Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018



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. Please check the calendar for updates.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ - Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance is currently at **94%**, which is **WELL BELOW** our target of **96%**, with over 50 children having attendance below 90%. If the school is concerned about your child's attendance, you will receive a letter next 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, 216 children either attended the cinema or Tumble Jungle 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, which is **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. If your child is **late more than three terms per term**, they will not be able to receive the reward. **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.

### 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. Please make sure your child has their Forest School and PE kit in school. While the weather is cold, please make sure your child has a warm Winter coat, a hat, a scarf and a pair of gloves.

### Parent Consultation Event

You are invited to attend your child/ren's Parent Consultation Meeting in the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Each class has been allocated a day for these meetings to take place.

**Terrapins & Turtles - Appointments to be made directly with class team**

**Reception - Tuesday 27 February**

**Year 1 - Wednesday 28 February**

**Year 2 - Thursday 1 March**

**Year 3 - Tuesday 27 February**

**Year 4 - Wednesday 28 February**

**Year 5 - Thursday 1 March**

**Year 6 - Thursday 1 March**

You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and look through their Learning Journal, Cross-Curricular, Literacy and Numeracy books. You need to book your appointment, using our online system at [www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk](http://www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk) from week beginning **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. If you are unable to access the internet, the school office will be able to help you.

### Italian Day Themed Lunch - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Our Italian Themed Lunch is back by popular demand. It will take place on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. Please read the flyer for more details.

### Year 5 'Pharoah' Topic Assembly

On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.45pm**, parents/carers are invited to attend Year 5's Topic Class Assembly. You should receive an invite from the children soon. We hope to see you all there.

### Year 2 Lunch with Parents/Carers

On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, Year 2 Parents/Carers are invited to have lunch with their child. You will receive a letter about this next week. Please make sure you send in the reply slip.

### Story Telling Week & Literacy INSPIRE Workshops - Week Beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. You will also be invited to attend a Literacy INSPIRE Workshop with your child. Letters will come out on Monday.

### 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 £1300. The Friends of Allens Croft Group and staff worked extremely hard to make the fair a massive success. A big thank you to all involved and to all the parents/carers who either donated or visited the fair. **You can still buy one of the wonderful 2018 school calendars for only £5.**

### Dates for the Diary- Next Few Weeks

Thursday 18 January	Terrapins and Turtles- Educational Visit to Barber Institute
Monday 22- & Tuesday 23 January	Reception Height and Weight Check
Wednesday 24 January	Terrapins and Turtles- Educational Visit to Hippodrome
Friday 26 January	Year 4 Able Writers Day
Friday 26 January	Steve McCabe to present the Gold ArtsMark to school/ Celebration Event
Wb Monday 29 January	National Story Telling Week/ Literacy INSPIRE Workshops
Tuesday 30 January	Year 3 Educational Visit to Birmingham Museum
Wednesday 31 January	Year 6 'The Last Train' Drama Workshop
Thursday 1 February at 2.45pm	Year 5 Topic Assembly to parents/carers
Friday 2 February at 11.30am	Year 2 lunch with parents/carers
Monday 5 February	Y1, Y2 & Terrapins and Turtles- Educational Visit to watch 'Penguins' at the REP
Tuesday 6 February	UNICEF World Day for Change
Wednesday 7 February	Year 1 Royal Ballet Workshop
Wb Monday 5 February	Safer Internet Week
Thursday 8 February at 2.45pm	Reception Chinese New Year Assembly to parents/carers

 <b>Allens Croft Stars</b> 		<b>E-SAFETY FACT</b>	<b>INFORMATION BOARD</b>
Week Ending 12 January		Be Smart! Be Safe Online!  Think carefully before saying yes to downloads.	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS</b>
Terrapins	Aroush		Our extra-curricular clubs will start next week. You will have received a letter if your child is involved.
Turtles	Faye		
RA	Shruti		
RB	Essah		
IF	Lily		
IW	Cayden		
2G	Xhoi		
2C	Alijah		
3B	Macy		
3C	Miley		
4W	Paige		
4OP	Eva		
5B	Bushra		
5I	Mashal		
6H	Nicholas		

Club	Day	Time	Collect from
Time Table Rock Stars	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	Main Entrance
Construction	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	Reception Classroom
Multi Sports	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
Beat Bang Boom	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	Turtles Classroom
Coding	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	Main Entrance
Multi Sports	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
Football	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
Cleftmainia (Choir)	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	Main Entrance
Multi Skills	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall

### Attendance - The Best Classes!

Week ending Friday 22 December <b>Y3B- 100%</b>	Week ending Friday 12 January <b>TURTLES-100%</b>
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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

#### Reception Intake 2018 ~ 60 Places

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2018, you can either apply online by 15th January at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

#### 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

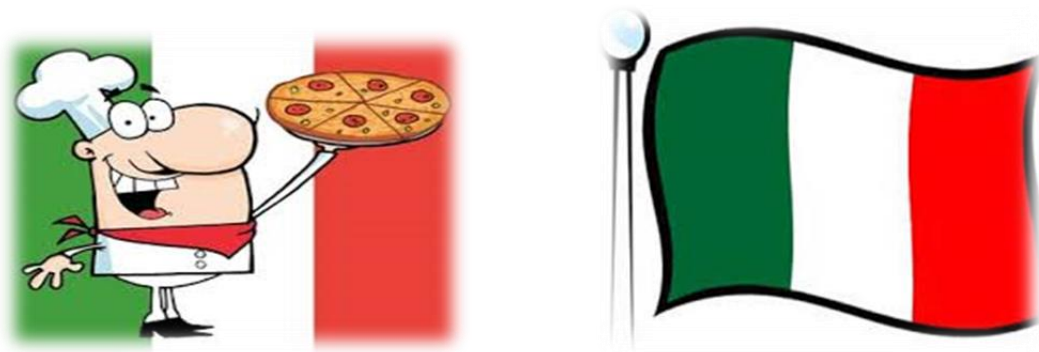
Term Starts: Monday 16th April 2018- Friday 25th May 2018  
Half Term: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018 - School Closed  
 Term Starts: Monday 4th June 2018 -Friday 20th July 2018

#### 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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## Return of Italian Day

On Thursday 18th January, we will be having an Italian lunch.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you DO NOT have to pay for your child's meals and they can order on the day.

Does your child usually have a packed lunch?

If so, would your child like to try our delicious pasta dish or pizza?

Jacket potato will also be available as an option.

For pudding, your child can have wobbly jelly, vanilla ice-cream, yoghurt or fruit.

