



# Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended their child's Maths INSPIRE Workshops last week. We hope you found the workshops useful. Your children and their teachers really enjoyed working with you. Our next INSPIRE workshops will be in the Spring term and will be based around English.

During November, children in Key Stage 1 were lucky enough to become apprentice architects alongside the professional company "Associated Architects". They got to think carefully about each stage of designing, making and furnishing buildings and the project ended with Year 2 children placing their own creations into a real city in the hall. This was a great opportunity for the children to support topic work and learn about potential future career paths. Keep on designing and building!

### Christmas Events Calendar

**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.

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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.**

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**Christmas Craft Fair- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2pm- 4pm**

Last one! Non-School Uniform Day:

**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. Thank you so much for your donations so far!

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Our Annual **Christmas Craft Fair** will take place on:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 2pm to 4pm.**

If you can spare an hour or two to help set up or run a stall at the fair, your help would be really appreciated. You are invited to collect your child from their classroom door and go to the fair where there will be a range of stalls, including children's art work that they have completed at our Christmas Craft Week. Once you have visited the fair, you can then take your child/ren home.

If your child is in **Reception, Year 1, Terrapins or Turtles**, you can send your child in with **£1** to have their face painted before the Christmas Craft Fair takes place.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the beginning and end of each day next week until the fair. If you are attending the Nativity or Year 2 Christmas Assembly, raffle tickets will also be on sale at these performances.

Each ticket will cost £1 and there are lots of fantastic prizes to be won, including our Christmas Hampers, Cinema Tickets, Ash End Farm, Hatton Farm Family Ticket, plus lots more.

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### 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. 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. We will be taking the children's orders by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

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### Christmas Craft Activities with parents/carers

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!

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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.

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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.

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

### Dates for the diary

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am	Reception and Year 1 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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Visit to Hazelwell Church
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair Donation for non-school uniform
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Terrapins Educational Visit to Webbs Garden Centre
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
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Visit to Hazelwell Church
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm	Christmas Craft Activities with parents/carers
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 4pm	Drama Club Performance to 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

As Christmas approaches, remember to check the PEGI ratings for games.

**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.

<https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchildfriendlylanguage.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

**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.

**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.

*Fancy limbering up for Christmas? Join Anna-Louise every Wednesday for her fabulous Yoga session at Brandwood Community Centre from 6.30pm-7.30pm, cost £6 per session. All levels welcome, just turn up and enjoy a bit of YOU time :-), for more information or call Brandwood Community Centre on 0121 443 3310.*

**Term Dates School Year 2018 - 2019**

**Autumn Term 2018**  
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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