



Allens Croft Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2017



We have been very busy over the last couple of weeks with lots of exciting activities taking place. Year 4 took part in 'The Suitcase on the Wardrobe' migration drama workshop. Many parents/carers came to the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday. Year 6 performed their topic assembly to their parents/carers on Thursday afternoon, which was wonderful to watch. Today, Reception parents/carers were invited to have lunch with their children and the whole school took part in our annual 'Keep Safe' Day where the children were taught about Road Safety, E-Safety, First Aid, Water Safety and Stranger Danger. Please see the website for updates- www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3 Diwali Assembly to Parents/Carers

Year 3 have been learning about the Diwali festival and Year 3 Parents/Carers are invited to watch the assembly on **Thursday 19th October at 2.45pm**. It will take place in the main hall.

Teacher Training Day

On **Monday 30th October**, Allens Croft Primary School will be closed to all pupils as we will be taking part in staff training. Thank you for your support with this.

Numeracy INSPIRE Workshops ~ Week beginning Monday 6th November

You will receive a letter and an invitation from your child next week inviting you to a Numeracy INSPIRE workshop with the children. Reception will be having a Phonics INSPIRE workshop. Hope to see you there!

Reception Open Days for September Intake 2018 ~ 60 Places Available

If you know any prospective parents who would like to come and have a look around the school, we are holding several open sessions. There will be a talk and an opportunity to have a look around our wonderful school.

Tuesday 17th October ~ 9.30am

Wednesday 1st November ~ 9.30am Wednesday 15th November ~ 5.00pm

Reception Eye Tests:

On **Thursday 2nd November**, our Reception children will be having a free eye test conducted by the NHS Paediatric Eye Service. Eye tests are offered to all reception aged pupils by the NHS. If you would like to opt out of this screening, please inform the front office or your child's class teacher in writing by **Friday 20th October**.

Friends of Allens Croft

Friends of Allens Croft held their second meeting last week and already have lots of exciting plans. The next meeting will take place on **Friday 20th October at 2pm**. Everyone Welcome! They will also have a 'Friends of Allens Croft' Facebook Page and Group coming soon. Watch this space!

Please Help The Poppy Appeal

As Remembrance Day is on Sunday 12th November, our school is taking part in the Poppy Appeal. If you or your child would like to make a donation, please go to the office to purchase a poppy, reflector, wristband, bracelet or ruler.

Suggested donation for items other than the poppy is between 50p and £1. Please support the Poppy Appeal.

Routines at the Beginning of the Day

If you need to speak to the class teacher at the beginning of the day, we ask that you pass on any messages at the door **before 9.00am** or book an appointment to speak to the teacher at a suitable and mutually convenient time. If you have an urgent concern, you can go to the front office and ask to speak to one of the senior leadership team. The school's main priority at the beginning of the day is to ensure the children are ready to learn from 9.00am.

Our Lunch Menu

Last Thursday, we had an Italian themed lunch to encourage children to choose a school dinner. Lots of children from across the school chose a meal and we had great feedback from them. Just a reminder that children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. If your child has not yet experienced a hot school dinner from our menus, it might be a good opportunity to encourage them to try one. The menus are available on the website.

Forest School and PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their PE and Forest School Kit in school every week. If your child does not have the appropriate Forest and PE kit in school, they will not be able to take part. Please speak to a member of the senior leadership team if you have any concerns regarding this.

Reception Outdoor Area

Please can we ask that parents/carers of Reception and Year 1 children do not let their children, including siblings, go into the covered area of Reception before and after school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The Future of the Newsletter

This half-term we will continue to send out the fortnightly newsletter as a paper copy. From **Friday 3rd November**, we will only send out newsletters by email. Please ensure you have provided the school with your most up to date email address.

If you would like a paper copy after this date, you will be able to collect one from the office.

The newsletter will also be available on www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk.

Attendance & Punctuality - Overall Attendance So Far This Year is 96.3%

School starts at **8.50am**. At **9.00am**, we close the classroom doors and Piggy Lane gate. Any children who are late need to be signed in at the school office and we request that parents/carers provide the office with the reason why so that we can monitor lateness, in addition to attendance. It is really important your children get to school on time.

Dates for the Diary- Next Few Weeks

Starting from Monday 9 th October	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 18 th October	Black History Month X-Factor
Thursday 19 th October at 2.45pm	Year 3 Diwali Assembly to parents/carers
Friday 20 th October	Children break up from school
Monday 30 th October	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 31 st October	Children return to school at 8.50am
Starting from Tuesday 31 st October	Year 5 and Year 3 Swimming Lessons - more information to follow
Thursday 2 nd November	Reception Eye Tests
Friday 3 rd November	Fire Safety Day
Wednesday 8 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccine - Reception to Year 4 children
Friday 10 th November	World Remembrance Day
WB Monday 6 th November	Numeracy INSPIRE Workshops - more information to follow
Week beginning Monday 13 th November	Anti- Bullying Awareness Week/ World Kindness Day
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 5 Drama Workshop -Careless Talk
Wednesday 15 th November	Cyber Bullying Assembly and Workshops Y2-Y6
Thursday 16 th to Wednesday 22 nd November	Scholastic Book Fair from 3.30pm in front entrance
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need 'Spoptacular' Dress in spotty clothes for a donation

★ Allens Croft Stars ★

	Week Ending 6 th October	Week Ending 13 th October
Terrapins	Blake	Faeza
Turtles	Bailey	Jake
RA	Sulaiman	Zirwa
RB	Faroug	Tashan
IF	Myles	Amina
IW	Riyan	Aissatou
2G	Mason	Olivia
2C	Yousef	Hayden
3B	Luca	Caitlin
3C	Raihan	Swarnim
4W	Yassin	Amelie
4OP	Aizaz	Mariame
5B	Esoon	Rio
5I	Daniil	Sahand
6H	Jury	Autunm

School Communicators

Year 2
Davina and Idress

Year 3
Mollie and Henley

Year 4
Aymon and Lauren

Year 5
Umayma and Joseph

Year 6
Kurtis and Abdullah

These children have been elected by their peers to be their School Communicators.
Well done!

INFORMATION BOARD

Extra Curricular			
Allens Croft Primary School – Extra Curricular Clubs – Term 1			
Club	Day	Time	Collect from
Mathletics	Monday	3:30 – 4:30	Main Entrance
Construction	Monday	3:30 – 4:30	Reception Classroom
Football	Monday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall
Cross Stitch	Tuesday	3:30 – 4:30	Main Entrance
Multi Skills	Tuesday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall
Football	Wednesday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall
Papercraft	Thursday	3:30 – 4:30	Main Entrance
Basketball	Thursday	3:30 – 4:30	Hall

Any queries, please contact the school office.

Attendance – The Best Classes!

Week ending Friday 6 th October	Week ending Friday 13 th October
Y5B- 100%	Y4OP & Y5I- 100%

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

Autumn Term 2017

Half Term: Monday 23 October 2017 to Friday 27 October 2017- School Closed
(Teacher Training Day: Monday 30th October 2017- School Closed To Children)
 Term Starts: Tuesday 31st October 2017- Friday 22 December 2017

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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