Meet and Greet Handshakes
You may have noticed that your child’s class team have been greeting the children with handshakes to welcome them into the class every morning. So far, this has been a positive experience for the start of the day routines. On Monday, all of the teaching staff were very busy, completing training linked to further developing our positive behaviour policy. We will be working on developing our strategies over this term and our Positive Behaviour Policy will be renewed in January.

Reading INSPIRE Workshops ~ Can’t wait to see you there!
You should have received a letter inviting you to a Reading INSPIRE workshop with your child/ren. Please complete the reply slip and hand it to your class teacher by Friday 15 November. We look forward to seeing you there.

Terrapins and Turtles ~ Friday 29 November at 2.00pm (Communication and Language)
Reception ~ Tuesday 26 November at 2.00pm
Year 1 ~ Monday 25 November at 2.00pm
Year 2 ~ Wednesday 27 November at 9.15am
Year 3 ~ Thursday 28 November at 2.00pm
Year 4 ~ Tuesday 26 November at 9.15am
Year 5 ~ Thursday 28 November at 9.15am
Year 6 ~ Friday 29 November at 2.00pm

Scholastic Book Fair
The book fair will be in school Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November in the main entrance. It will begin at 3.30pm. Come and have a look to see if you can pick up any Christmas bargains! As the Christmas Fair is coming up, we have decided that the children can take part in a competition to advertise our Christmas Fair by creating a poster. The winners will get to choose a free book from the book fair. Posters need to be completed by Thursday 14 November so that they can be judged and prizes can be collected from the book fair.

Please Help The Poppy Appeal
Our school is taking part in the Poppy Appeal to celebrate Remembrance Day. If you or your child would like to purchase a poppy product, please either go to the office at the beginning or end of the day on Monday or your child can purchase an item throughout the school day. Suggested donations are between 50p to £1.50. Thank you for your support.

Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need
Anti-Bullying Week is next week and the children will be taking part in a range of activities to ensure that they have a clear awareness of anti-bullying. We will be focusing on theme ‘Change Starts With Us’ and the children will have the opportunity to think about who is responsible for making school, home and the community a happy and safe place. On Friday 15 November, we will also be taking part in the Children in Need so for a donation, your child/ren can come to school wearing odd or spotty, crazy socks. Please ensure they wear school uniform. Looking forward to seeing your best funky socks to support the charity and to raise awareness of anti-bullying.

Reception Open Days for September Intake 2020 ~ 60 Places Available
If you have a child starting school in September 2020, please come and visit our wonderful school.

Wednesday 20th November ~ 5.00pm
If you require a different time, please contact the office on 0121 675 2611. You need to apply before Wednesday 15 January. For more information about the admission process or to apply, please visit: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admission

Gymnastics Footwear ~ Gripper Socks
Currently, all children are following the gymnastics curriculum for this term. 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, which have silicon grips on the soles. These are available online for approximately £2 and high street stores may sell them too.

Friends of Allens Croft Meeting and Facebook Page
Friends of Allens Croft need your help. They meet every Friday at 2pm-3pm at the school. Our annual Christmas Fair is on Monday 16 December from 2pm to 4pm. If you are interested in having a stall, or can help on the day or before the event, please come along to one of the weekly meetings.

PE kits
Please ensure your child has a P.E kit in school that consists of shorts, a t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, pumps and/or trainers. Children are required to wear their PE kits for PE lessons and any extra-curricular sport activities.

Wintery Weather
As the weather gets 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.
October

- Year 1 and Year 2 to watch 'Penguins' at The REP
- Reception & Year 1 Nativity to parents/carers
- Year 3 Educational Visit to Cadbury World

November

- Reception Breakfast with parents/carers
- Year 1 Breakfast with parents/carers
- Christmas Crafts Workshop with parents/carers
- Year 2 Breakfast with parents/carers
- Year 3 Breakfast with parents/carers
- Year 4 Breakfast with parents/carers
- Year 5 & Turtles and Terrapins Breakfast with parents/carers
- Year 6 Breakfast with parents/carers
- Fire Service to visit Year 4
- Last Week of Autumn Term Clubs
- School Closed to Children - Polling Station for Elections
- Year 1 and Year 2 to watch ‘Penguins’ at The REP
- Christmas Carol Service
- School finishes for the day at 12:30pm
- Children return to school at 8.50am

December

- B31 Penny Art Challenge
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Celebrations of Remembrance Day
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- Christmas Fair Poster Competition
- Christmas Crafts Workshop with parents/carers
- Christmas Carol Service
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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.

You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

At Allens Croft we: Aspire for all to succeed; Inspire each other to succeed; Achieve success

- Enjoyment – the curriculum is planned and teaching delivered to promote fun and enjoyment
- Challenge – appropriate challenge is provided to all
- Security – the school is a safe environment where utmost priority is given to safeguarding and ensuring that everyone ‘feels’ safe
- Unity – we work together and support each other creating the ‘Allens Croft Family’
- Respect – we respect and value the differences we have

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