

Farewell to Steve Carroll



It was a pleasure to welcome Steve Carroll, former Chair of Governors, into our final Champion Achievers assembly of 2017. Staff and children presented Steve with a selection of cards and gifts including a hospitality package at Nottingham Forest's City Ground.

The school will be forever indebted to Steve for his involvement in Croft and the opportunities he has provided for the children. These include: the introduction of the DARE programme for Y6 pupils; involvement in Science on Stage, the annual musical event performed at the Royal Centre in Nottingham (now the In Accord Choir); visits to County Hall for the School Council; the purchase of educational resources to support dyslexic pupils; and of course, his regular visits to meet pupils and parents to monitor the effective running of the school.

Steve will be sorely missed, and all members of the Croft School community give him our very best wishes for the future.

Attendance Challenge

Results for the weeks: 4th-8th and 11th – 15th Dec:

Position	Class		Attendance	
	Wk A	Wk B	Wk A	Wk B
1st	1R	6P	99.3%	99.3%
2nd	4L	6MB	99.29%	98.4%
3rd	5P	3B	99.0%	98.3%

Whole school attendance	
Wk A	Wk B
96.1%	94.9%
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Number of late arrivals	
Wk A	Wk B
23↓	33↑



School success starts
with attendance

The total learning time lost through lateness:

Week A - **7.76 hours**

Week B – **13.46 hours**

Christmas Wishes



We hope you have enjoyed the range of Christmas performances the children have shared with you.

From Foundation Stage pupils singing their 'Winter Wonderland' songs (today at

3pm); to KS1 pupils delighting everyone with 'Sparkle' and KS2 children wowing the audience with their thought-provoking 'A Christmas Truce', it has certainly been a December to remember.

The school choir also made a great impression at the **Sutton Christmas Lights Switch-On**.

Thank you for your support of all these events.

Thank you also to **SOCS** members for providing refreshments at some of these events, as well as their input into the **Christmas Discos** – without **SOCS**, these events would not be possible.



Lunchtime/After School Clubs and Activities

In the Spring term, the teaching staff are extending their 'menu' of lunchtime and after school opportunities. Look out for further details when we return to school after the Christmas break.

If there is something in particular you would like your child to have the opportunity to try, please let us know. Croft staff have a wide range of skills and bags of enthusiasm so we just might be able to oblige.....

Thank You from all Croft Staff

The autumn term has been an extremely busy one with a wide range of activities and experiences provided for our pupils. All staff members would like to say thank you for the many ways parents and carers support our school: our fantastic SOCS members who help out with events such as Film Clubs, Discos and performances; our regular 'reading Mums' who support children with their reading; volunteers who accompany the children on school trips and sporting events – the list is endless.

Thank you also for the partnership work you do by reinforcing our school rules at home and supporting the Croft ethos. A consistent approach from home and school, particularly around the school's behaviour system, helps all our children to understand the clear messages and make good choices.

We wish all our Croft families the very merriest of Christmases and look forward to the new term ahead.

Diary Dates - 18th December 2017

DECEMBER 2017

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| Monday 18 th December | - FS Winter Wonderland Concert in hall at 3.00pm |
| Tuesday 19 th December | - KS2 A Christmas Truce at Sutton Academy - 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 20 th December | - Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 21 st December | - KS2 Christmas Disco in hall 5.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Friday 22 nd December | - Last day at school |

JANUARY 2018

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| Monday 8 th January | - Pupils back to school |
| Wednesday 17 th January | - Pupils & Strategic Committee Meeting at 5.30pm |
| Tuesday 30 th January | - Foundation and Y6 Weighing & Measuring at 9.15am |

FEBRUARY 2018

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| Thursday 1 st February | - Y6 visit to Creswell Crags |
| Tuesday 6 th February | - Y1 & Y2 Space Dome visit in school hall |
| Friday 16 th February | - Last day at school |
| Monday 26 th February | - INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 27 th February | - Pupils back to school |

FUTURE INSET DATES

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| Monday 26 th February 2018 |
| Friday 25 th May 2018 |
| Monday 4 th June 2018 |