

Greetings from the Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,
 My name is Simon Martin and I would like to introduce myself as your new Chair of Governors, following Steve Carroll stepping down after many years of service. I know Sutton-in-Ashfield and its communities very well, having worked at Sutton Community Academy for 25 years, including taking on the role of Headteacher/Principal there. I have been on the Croft Governing Body for four years and, in my capacity of Chair of Governors, I am looking forward to continuing the ongoing development and improvement of the school, which is already well-established and highly visible. If you have any queries, comments or concerns about Croft School, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Kind regards, Simon Martin, Chair of Governors

Halloween Fun Run



Croft families were represented at the recent Worksop Halloween 3k Fun Run on 29th October. Ruby Vickers (5P) came 34th with a time of 14:00 and Abbie Ellis (4L) came 149th with a time of 19:01 out of 361 runners, of all ages. Libby's Mum, Claire, one of our team of fabulous MDSAs, also took part. It was a great day for everyone; the weather was lovely and the girls loved it. The photo also shows ex-Croft pupils – we are extremely proud of everyone involved.

Attendance Challenge

Results for the week 13th – 17th November:

Position	Class	Attendance
1st	1R	99.33%
=2nd	4W & F2SS	98.67%
4th	5D	97.74%

Whole school attendance
96.63%
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Number of late arrivals
24 ↑



**School success starts
 with attendance**

The number of minutes of learning lost due to lateness this week is 7.85 hours.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

In true Croft style we thought it would be nice to support homeless people in our local area this Christmas. We are asking for small donations to be brought into school to make up shoe box gifts for homeless men, women and dogs. Donations can include personal items such as toothpaste, wipes and body spray; food items such as sweets, biscuits and drinks sachets and clothing, such as warm socks, gloves and ponchos. You can also send in gifts for dogs. A full list of what can be included are on the posters displayed around school and attached to this e-mail. Finally, we would be extremely grateful if you could send in any unwanted shoe boxes (preferably with lid and box wrapped separately) - it would be much appreciated.



Summer Term Y5 Sleepover

Our fabulous Y5 pupils (now Y6) who gained sponsorship for their school sleepover in the summer term, have raised an incredible £969.30 for Cancer Research. The event was organised by pupils Amelia Green and Taylor-Leigh Draycott who deserve to be extremely proud of their efforts. Apologies for the delay in announcing the total raised – it has taken us a little while to chase all the contributions.

Rewarding Attendance and Punctuality

As you are aware, at Croft, we place high importance on children arriving at school on time, every day. The Governing Body are keen to support the school's drive to improve attendance and punctuality, as a result, have agreed to a new reward scheme. Love2shop vouchers will be issued regularly to families who demonstrate a commitment to good school attendance and punctuality – this could be for 100% attendance, 'most improved' attendance or punctuality or a different criteria. All you need to do to be in with a chance of winning is to make sure your child's attendance and punctuality is as good as it can possibly be..... first winners to be announced next week.



Diary Dates - 20th November 2017

NOVEMBER 2017

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| Monday 20 th November | - Y6 visit to the Holocaust Centre (Returning at 3.30pm) |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | - Y4 visit to York (Returning at 5.00pm) |
| Wednesday 29 th November | - Staff & Governor Meeting in hall at 3.45pm |

DECEMBER 2017

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| Thursday 7 th December | - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance in the hall at 2.00pm |
| Friday 8 th December | - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance in the hall at 11.00am |
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| Monday 11 th December | - Y6 DARE Graduation in school hall at 11.15am |
| Monday 11 th December | - School Improvement Committee Meeting at 5.00pm |
| Tuesday 12 th December | - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 13 th December | - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Thursday 14 th December | - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Thursday 14 th December | - FS, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Disco in hall 5.00pm - 6.30pm |
| Friday 15 th December | - FS Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Friday 15 th December | - KS2 A Christmas Truce at Sutton Academy - 2.30pm |
| 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 |

FUTURE INSET DATES

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