

Visit from Councillor Griffiths



The children enjoyed a visit from one of our governors, Councillor David Griffiths, who brought with him a gift for the school library – a copy of Tim Peake's book, Hello, Is This Planet Earth? The book is of particular interest to Croft, as we were avid participants in Tim's Space Seeds project last year. Councillor Griffiths explained to the pupils how he first developed his interest in aircraft and all things space related when, as a pupil at Croft School himself, he listened to the Moon landing in 1969, which launched his life-long fascination in the subject.

Following his presentation of the book, Councillor Griffiths spent some time with Y4 pupils, as he is one of their link governors, and finished off his visit with a look at a Y6 online maths intervention in action. The photo shows Councillor Griffiths presenting the book to Y4 pupils, Heidi and Aaron.

Attendance Challenge

Results for the week 16th – 20th January:

Position	Class	Attendance
1st	4L	99.31%
2nd	6D	98.28%
3rd	3R	98.00%

Whole school attendance
94.21% ↓
Number of late arrivals
28 ↓



School of the Week

Throughout the week beginning 30th January, Croft School is School of the Week on Radio Mansfield 103.2. Earlier this month, Croft's Y6 pupils **Luke, Zach, Abbie, Aden** and **Alex**, were recorded describing a variety of everyday objects.



This will form the basis of a competition, with listeners invited to identify the mystery items.

In addition, Croft have been given the opportunity to share information about forthcoming events and activities and Mr Hinchley's choir have even recorded their own jingle! Tune in from 7.20am every morning and join in the fun.

Dick Whittington



Fancy a fun night out with the children? The Harlequins Theatre Group are putting on a performance of Dick Whittington on Thursday, Friday, Saturday the 2nd – 4th February.

Tickets cost £5.00 (under 3s free).

Call **07453 575350** to book your seats.

Keeping Your Child Safe

There has been a recent increase in the number of School Safe alerts that have been shared across the County. School Safe is the information sharing service between all schools and academies in the Nottinghamshire area and, in recent weeks, there has been a spike in the number of incidents involving people approaching school pupils on their way to and from school. If your child travels alone, please reinforce the Stay Safe message and protect your child from stranger danger.

Rock Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Rock Star – **Riley W** from 5P is the champion for the second consecutive week with 3703 correct answers and 96% accuracy. Please ask your child's teacher, or Mr Bonser, if you need any help with logging on.



Head Lice

These pesky little things are unwelcome visitors in every household and we are often asked what can be done to prevent their arrival and how to get rid of them when they are here.

Please follow this link to current advice from the NHS: <https://beta.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice>

Please note that we no longer notify you when head lice have been detected on a pupil in your child's class. Research shows that this information can lead to parents only checking their children's hair when such a message has been delivered, but regular checking is essential to eradicate the problem.

If you require any further information or advice, your GP or local pharmacy will be happy to help and we can also contact the school nurse on your behalf, upon request.

Diary Dates - 23rd January 2017

JANUARY 2017

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| Wednesday 25 th January | - Weighing & Measuring for Y6 and Foundation- AM |
| Wednesday 25 th January | - Y6 'Secondary ready' Meeting in the school hall at 5.30pm |
| Thursday 26 th January | - 1-2-3 Magic workshop in dining room 1.30pm - 3.15pm |
| Monday 30 th January | - Y4 Kingswood meeting in school hall at 3.45pm |

FEBRUARY 2017

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| Tuesday 7 th February | - Y6 visit to Creswell Crags |
| Friday 10 th February | - Sign2Sing Singathon non uniform day (50p donation) |
| Friday 10 th February | - Last day at school (February Half Term) |
| Monday 13 th February | - Multi Sports Camp 9.30am - 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 14 th February | - Multi Sports Camp 9.30am - 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 15 th February | - Multi Sports Camp 9.30am - 3.30pm |
| Monday 20 th February | - INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 21 st February | - Pupils back to school |

MARCH 2017

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| Tuesday 14 th March | - Parents Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm |
| Thursday 16 th March | - Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Monday 27 th March | - Years 3 & 4 performance of Evacuees at 2.15pm |
| Tuesday 28 th March | - Years 3 & 4 performance of Evacuees at 2.15pm |
| Wednesday 29 th March | - Years 3 & 4 performance of Evacuees at 7.00pm |
| Thursday 30 th March | - Y5 visit to Harry Potter World |
| Friday 31 st March | - Last day at school (Easter Holidays) |

FUTURE DATES

INSET DAYS

- Friday 26th May 2017
Monday 5th June 2017

Y6 SATs WEEK

Monday 8th - Friday 12th May 2017

Y1 & Y2 PHONICS CHECK WEEK 12th - 16th June 2017

Y2 pupils will also be tested during May. Avoid taking your child out of school at this time and in the weeks before, when test preparation takes place.