

Diary Dates - 27th November 2017

NOVEMBER 2017

Wednesday 29th November - Staff & Governor Meeting in hall at 3.45pm

DECEMBER 2017

Thursday 7th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance in the hall at 2.00pm
Thursday 7th December - Parents Evening for 6P 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday 8th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance in the hall at 11.00am
Friday 8th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance in the hall at 2.00pm
Monday 11th December - Y6 DARE Graduation in school hall at 11.15am
Monday 11th December - School Improvement Committee Meeting at 5.00pm
Tuesday 12th December - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Tuesday 12th December - Parents Evening for 6P 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 13th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Thursday 14th December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Thursday 14th December - FS, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Disco in hall 4.45pm - 6.15pm
Friday 15th December - FS Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Friday 15th December - KS2 A Christmas Truce at Sutton Academy - 2.30pm
Monday 18th December - FS Winter Wonderland Concert in hall at 3.00pm
Tuesday 19th December - KS2 A Christmas Truce at Sutton Academy - 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21st December - KS2 Christmas Disco in hall 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Friday 22nd December - Last day at school

JANUARY 2018

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

FUTURE INSET DATES

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

Switch Off Fortnight



Mr Williams and the Eco-Councillors are, once again, leading the school to follow the Switch Off Fortnight initiative, designed to conserve energy and reduce costs, both extremely important matters. Apart from the obvious things such as switching lights off when a classroom is vacated, the work the children will do over the fortnight will hopefully inspire them to find out where energy comes from and what we can do to save it.

You may want to talk to your child about your energy saving practices at home e.g. loft insulation; timer switches; 'green' lightbulbs etc. You never know, they may be able to help you save a few pennies for Christmas. ☺

Attendance Challenge

Results for the week 20th – 24th November:

Position	Class	Attendance
1st	4W	99.67%
2nd	4L	98.93%
3rd	6P	98.57%

Whole school attendance
95.47% ↓



Number of late arrivals
33 ↑

The number of minutes of learning lost due to lateness this week: **18.48 hours ↑**

Job Opportunity at Croft

The governors are currently looking to appoint a permanent midday supervisor (MDSA) as well as a number of relief MDSAs who could be called upon at short notice to provide cover for staff absence.

The duties of a MDSA include:

- Supervising pupils in the dining hall and outside play areas
 - Ensuring dining areas are left clean and tidy
 - Ensuring acceptable levels of behaviour are maintained
 - Minimising the likelihood of children hurting themselves, others or damaging property
 - Supervising children in classrooms during bad weather
- Experience of promoting positive play and conflict resolution would be an advantage.

If you are interested, please send an e-mail to the address at the top of this page; alternatively, call in at the school office to pick up a paper copy of the application form.

Parent Questionnaire – You Said.... (1)

Thank you very much to everybody who responded to our recent online SurveyMonkey questionnaire. We are always keen to have feedback regarding the provision for your children and aim to use this information to improve the experiences for all.

One common theme coming through, is that parents of KS1 children feel the corridor is too congested in the mornings as lots of parents come into school, some with buggies, clogging up the corridor spaces. With this in mind, we are going to trial a system where all parents, with the exception of Foundation Stage, leave their child at the school door and do not come into the building with them. This will take effect from **Monday 4th December** and will be in place until the end of the autumn term, at which point it will be reviewed.

Y6 Visit to the Holocaust Centre

This term, Year 6 pupils have been studying life in the 1930s and 1940s. On Monday 20th November 2017 they visited The Holocaust Centre, Laxton. They visited a variety of rooms in the museum and were able to demonstrate their knowledge when answering questions about World War 2, and to express their sensitivity to many real-life situations where children in the past have experienced hardship, loneliness and bullying.

The children enjoyed this experience "of a lifetime" but acknowledged that it was 'really sad' and 'it made us think a lot about what they went through'.

After "The Journey" experience, the children each placed a stone on a huge pile; every stone represents a child who died in World War 2. As you would expect, the children behaved with the utmost respect throughout the visit and are a credit to our school.



Y4 Visit to York and the Jorvik Centre

Y4 children have also been out and about, and last Wednesday visited the City of York, including the Jorvik Viking Centre. They were awed by the magnificent York Minster; enjoyed looking at the Roman Walls surrounding the city and walked through the part of the city called The Shambles – the place which J.K. Rowling used as her inspiration for Diagon Alley in the Harry Potter books. A brilliant day was had by all and the accompanying adults were extremely proud of the children's behaviour.