

Christmas Fair



Thank you to everybody who contributed to our Christmas Fair, especially the hard-working committee members of SOCS who were busy for hours beforehand getting everything prepared. We had a delicious array of homemade cakes for sale - you have been very generous and we are very appreciative.

The amount raised this year is in the region of **£700**, final total to be announced next week.

Attendance Challenge

Results for the week 28th November – 2nd December:

Position	Class	Attendance
1 st	3R	99.33%
2 nd	1H	98.00%
3 rd	6P	97.78%

Whole school attendance
95.22% ↓
Number of late arrivals
19 ↓



New Staff Member



We are delighted to announce the recruitment of **Mrs Debbie Gates** to join our administration team in the school office, starting in January. With our school community growing ever larger, the Governing Body has supported fully the recent refurbishment of the office and the staffing expansion.

Mrs Gates is making a series of induction visits to Croft before Christmas – do say hello if you meet her.

We would also like to thank Mrs Henson for her sterling work in taking on additional administrative duties, on top of her TA role, until the vacancy was filled successfully.

Christmas Lights Switch On



It was lovely to see around 50 of our pupils singing on stage at the Christmas lights switch on event in the town centre. The children sang beautifully and their enthusiasm was infectious. It was also really nice to see so many parents and staff members joining together to support the children – a huge thank you to Mr Hinchley for arranging the opportunity and preparing the children so well.

It's a Cracking Croft Christmas!

Due to the overwhelming success and, ultimately selling out, of the **'Cracking Croft Christmas'** CD at the Christmas Fair, we are now taking orders for those who did not get chance to buy one on the day. The CDs cost £2 and orders will be accepted at the school office until end of school on Wednesday - don't miss out!



School Meal News

The Education Catering Service have taken the decision to remove beef from the current school meals menu, due to a rise in supply costs which they do not want to pass on to parents.

Roast beef meals will be replaced with roast gammon, with immediate effect. If you have any comments or questions about this decision, please contact Education Catering direct on **0300 500 80 80**.

Oceans of Fun Swimming Day

The Lammas Leisure Centre are offering Croft pupils a wonderful opportunity to take part in a Fun Day at the pool on **Sunday 22nd January**, giving them the chance to experience Olympic aquatic sports and meet Olympic and Commonwealth athletes.

This event is free of charge and the only restrictions are that children must be aged 7+ years and be able to swim 25 metres. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter for further information and contact the Lammas direct if you would like to book a place for your child.

Congratulations!

Well done to **Taylor-Leigh Draycott** who has achieved great success at Mansfield Rugby Club. Peter Haskell, head of the girls' section of the club told Mrs Blount:

Taylor-Leigh's development and progression in the sport of rugby whilst she has been with us has not only been alarmingly good and aggressively steep but her engrossment in the RFU core values (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship) has...we feel...made a big difference to her self-confidence and personal development. Well done, Taylor-Leigh, we are all really proud of you.

Diary Dates - 5th December 2016

DECEMBER 2016

Thursday 8 th December	- LAST DAY FOR ORDERING CHRISTMAS DINNER
Thursday 8 th December	- Years 1 and 2 Christmas concert in school hall at 2.00pm
Friday 9 th December	- Years 1 and 2 Christmas concert in school hall at 11.00am
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Monday 12 th December	- Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	- Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	- Croft Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 th December	- Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Friday 16 th December	- Y6 DARE Graduation in school hall at 11.00am
Friday 16 th December	- Foundation Stage Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Friday 16 th December	- KS2 Christmas Service at United Reform Church at 2.00pm
Monday 19 th December	- Foundation Stage concert in the school hall at 3.00pm
Tuesday 20 th December	- Pupils last day at school

JANUARY 2017

Wednesday 4 th January	- Back to school
Tuesday 10 th January	- Y5 visit to Galleries of Justice, Nottingham.

FUTURE DATES

INSET DAYS

Monday 20th February 2017
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.



The Fun Swim Co.

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Lammas Leisure Centre
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Dear Head Teacher,

Lammas Leisure Centre are hosting a Zoggs Oceans of Fun Day on Sunday 22nd January. This unique event, part of a nationwide series of events being held this year, gives 7 to 14 year olds the opportunity to experience Olympic aquatic sports and meet Olympic and Commonwealth athletes.

With no fee and up to 15 spaces per school, the Zoggs Oceans of Fun Day will be a fun and engaging opportunity for children at your school who can swim 25 metres, to experience Olympic sports like Water Polo and Synchronised Swimming that they may not normally get the chance to.

The event will feature a morning or afternoon of skills and games across the different aquatic disciplines, with every participant getting the chance to try each of the sports by rotating through the stations. Each station will be led by an Olympic or Commonwealth athlete, an expert in the discipline, who will provide instruction and encourage the children.

As well as having the opportunity to meet successful Olympic athletes, experience the different sports, have a photograph taken and get an autograph, the event will conclude with a fun 'Race the Olympian' and each child will go home with a medal.

The Zoggs Oceans of Fun Days are a key initiative for the swimwear brand which prides itself on its passion for swimming and is thrilled to be able to bring this unique opportunity to so many children across the country.

We are sure you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your children to get involved in and we don't want your school to miss out. In order to help us recruit as many children as possible from the local area and ensure every space is filled, we would appreciate it if you could help spread the word.

If you are interested in finding out more, or for more details on how the children can register for this exciting event, please contact Amanda Budd or Kirsty Davis on 01623 522506.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Budd
Swim Lesson Manager
Lammas Leisure Centre.