

**Young Minds**



A huge thank you goes out to everybody who has supported the Young Minds fundraising initiative. Apart from the all-important money raising aspect of the initiative, it has been heart warming to see how this has impacted on pupils' willingness to speak frankly about issues concerning them. Mental health and wellbeing is a high priority for all of us who have involvement with young people and we have been truly humbled by the insight and understanding shown by our pupils.  
 A huge thank you goes to Ruby, Jayden and Luke to name just a few who have embraced this fund-raising effort with massive commitment and enthusiasm.

**Attendance Challenge**

Results for the week 29<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February:

Position	Class	Attendance
<b>1st</b>	<b>FS SS</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>99.33%</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>4L</b>	<b>98.62%</b>

Whole school attendance
<b>95.57%</b>

Number of late arrivals
<b>13</b>



The number of minutes of learning lost due to lateness this week: 3.9 hours

**A Message From Y6 Pupils.....**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, we (Y6) visited Creswell Craggs. We explored a cave, wearing safety helmets and head-torches, and learned about life in the Stone Age. We were able to hold a hand axe from around 40,000 years



ago. It was quite scary when we switched off our lights and we were plunged into total darkness! In the visitor centre, we investigated "Evolution and Adaptation" by classifying animals and comparing a variety of skulls from different primates and a real human skeleton. Finally, we had a relaxing walk around the gorge and mapped out the different geographical features. We had a very busy day, but it was an experience we'll never forget!



**Fab 5 Readers**

Here is the first League Table of our new Fab 5 reading initiative:

1TM 10%; 1R 7%; 2H 13%; 2TL 13%; **3T 50%**; 3B 18%; 4W 7%; 4L 38%; 5D 13%; 5P 17%; 6MB 11%; 6P 3%. Remember **Fab 5** readers read to an adult at least five times a week and, as a result, make great progress with their reading. As you can see, percentages of pupils having this opportunity are really low so, together, let's see what we can do to improve outcomes for our children.  
 The winners of the book prizes this week are **Samuel Vardy** (3T) and **Elissa Burton** (2TL).

**Sporting Successes (1)**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, three Croft girls attended the Cross-Country County Finals at Wollaton Park, after finishing in the top 12 at the District Finals.  
 Ruby Vickers (5P) finished 46<sup>th</sup> and Lacey Gregory (4W) finished 61<sup>st</sup>. Both girls ran a fantastic race and did themselves and the school proud.  
 Rhyanne Pascoe (6MB) finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall and we are delighted to announce that she will now represent, not only Croft, but Ashfield and Nottinghamshire at the National Finals. We are thrilled for Rhyanne and extremely proud. Congratulations to all three girls on their performances.

**Sporting Successes (2)**

In Monday's Champion Achiever assembly, staff and pupils were delighted to hear about the achievements of Y5 pupil Morgan, and Rosalie from Y2. The girls have achieved great successes in their chosen fields of swimming (Level 6 award) and Latin American and Ballroom dancing (bronze medals).  
 Well done to both of them; it is wonderful to hear how well they are doing.  
**#thisgirlcan**



# Diary Dates - 7th February 2018

## FEBRUARY 2018

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

- School Improvement Committee Meeting at 5.00pm
- SOCS Family Quiz Night at 6.45pm - 8.15pm
- Last day at school
- INSET DAY
- Pupils back to school

## MARCH 2018

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 3 visit to Mining Museum
- Year 4 visit to Mining Museum
- Parent's Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Parent's Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- Personnel, F & GP Committee Meeting at 5.00pm
- Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.00pm
- Years 3 & 4 Performance in the school hall at 2.15pm
- Years 3 & 4 Performance in the school hall at 7.00pm
- Years 3 & 4 Performance in the school hall at 7.00pm
- Last day at school
- Good Friday - School Closed

## APRIL 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

- Pupils back to school
- P & SD Committee Meeting at 5.30pm
- Year 1 visit to Chesterfield
- Year 2 visit to Chesterfield

## FUTURE INSET DATES

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## SATs WEEK

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May