

### Greetings from the Governors

Dear Year 1 teachers, TAs and children, I wanted to say a big thank you for the lovely cards you sent me for Christmas; they were a nice surprise, and I thought your art work was amazing!

I had a brilliant time during my visit on Wednesday. I was made to feel very welcome and I really enjoyed sharing music time with you; the Sign2Sing songs you taught me were epic. I could see that you all enjoy your music lessons with Mr Hinchley and I was really impressed with your behaviour and attitudes to myself, your teachers and each other. I look with excitement to my next visit. Thank you, children.

**Kind regards,  
 Sandra Turton, Y1 Link Governor**

### Keeping Your Child Safe



Whether it be at home or within school, children of all ages are now using electronic devices every day. Although, when used correctly, these devices can be a wonderful tool, we must ensure the children are well equipped with the knowledge of how to use them appropriately, to ensure their safety. **7<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 is National Safer Internet Day** which will be celebrated globally with the slogan, **'Be the Change: Unite for a better internet'**.

Croft pupils will be engaging in a variety of tasks to support the teaching of e-safety. Some of the activities will include: EYFS learning that not all information available online is true or trustworthy; Key Stage 1 looking at why

it's important to check with parents/carers before watching videos online or accessing applications and games, and Key Stage 2 discussing what social media is, and how to use it safely.

When they come home on Tuesday, please ask your child about the day's activities and reinforce these crucial messages.

### Attendance Challenge

Results for the week 30<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February are:

Position	Class	Attendance
1 <sup>st</sup>	4L	99.29%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4W	98.67%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2B	97.67%

Whole school attendance
93.95% ↑

Number of late arrivals
18 ↓



### BBC Terrific Scientific



On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 6P joined the "BBC Terrific Scientific" live science lesson initiative.

We took part in a series of short investigations, and in the process, learned about food – different food groups, the role of water in our bodies,

how we taste and how we digest. We will be continuing this investigative work in class over the next few days and we will send our discoveries and data to the BBC.

The next live session is later this term – we can't wait!



### Cross-Country News

**Rhyanne Pascoe** (5P) and **Ami Gilbert** (6P) qualified for the cross-country County finals after finishing 2nd and 6th in the district event. Both girls attended Wollaton Park on Saturday morning, wearing the light blue vests with 'Ashfield District' emblazoned on the front. Ami finished 46th and Rhyanne 15th in the County for Year 5/6 girls - a fantastic achievement. Well done to both girls!

### Morning Routines

Be on time



at five to nine

We need to reduce the amount of congestion in school in the mornings, particularly in the KS1 corridor, and respectfully ask you to drop your child off no later than 8.55am and leave promptly, allowing the teachers to start their lessons without delay. Assembly has been moved to 10.10am so it is now even more important that the children arrive punctually. All side entrances will close at 9.05am and late arrivals must sign in at main reception. We will continue to operate the flexible start to the day with doors open from 8.45am, and teachers are available during this time if you need to pass on important messages. Remember, ClassDojo is also really useful for having direct contact with the class teacher or Mrs Blount – let us know if you need help logging in to this service.

# Diary Dates - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## FEBRUARY 2017

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

## MARCH 2017

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March  | - Foundation walk to Sutton Library 1.30pm - 3.00pm |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | - Foundation, Y1 & Y2 Film club in hall at 3.30pm   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March   | - Foundation visit to Palace Theatre, Mansfield     |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March   | - Parents Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm                   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March  | - Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm                   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March  | - KS2 Film club in school hall at 3.30pm            |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March    | - Years 3 & 4 performance of Evacuees at 2.15pm     |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March   | - Years 3 & 4 performance of Evacuees at 2.15pm     |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March | - Years 3 & 4 performance of Evacuees at 7.00pm     |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March  | - Y5 visit to Harry Potter World                    |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | - Last day at school (Easter Holidays)              |

## APRIL 2017

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| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  | - Pupils back to school                                |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April | - FS, Y1 & Y2 Music through the Ages Disco 5.00 - 6.00 |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April | - KS2 Music through the Ages Disco 6.15pm - 7.45pm     |

## FUTURE DATES

### INSET DAYS

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Y6 SATs WEEK

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### Y1 & Y2 PHONICS CHECK WEEK 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 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.