

Diary Dates - 9th October 2017

OCTOBER 2017

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| Thursday 19 th October | - FS, Y1 & Y2 Fancy Dress Disco 5.00pm - 6.00pm |
| Thursday 19 th October | - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Fancy Dress Disco 6.15pm - 7.45pm |
| Friday 20 th October | - INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils) |
| Monday 23 rd October | - School Closed October Half Term |
| Monday 30 th October | - Pupils Back to School |
| Monday 30 th October | - Personnel, Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting at 5.00pm |
| Tuesday 31 st October | - Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.00pm |

NOVEMBER 2017

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| Monday 6 th November | - Pupils Individual School Photos |
| Monday 13 th November | - Anti-Bullying Week |
| Tuesday 14 th November | - Parents Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 15 th November | - Flu Sprays for FS and Y1 to Y4 |
| Thursday 16 th November | - Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Friday 17 th November | - 'Wear Blue for Anti-Bullying' (No money needed) |
| Monday 20 th November | - Y6 visit to the Holocaust Centre |
| Wednesday 29 th November | - Staff & Governor Meeting in hall at 3.45pm |

DECEMBER 2017

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| Thursday 7 th December | - KS1 Christmas Performance in the hall at 2.00pm |
| Friday 8 th December | - KS1 Christmas Performance in the hall at 11.00am |
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| Tuesday 12 th December | - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 13 th December | - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Thursday 14 th December | - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Thursday 14 th December | - FS, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Disco in hall 5.00pm - 6.30pm |
| Friday 15 th December | - FS Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Monday 18 th December | - FS Winter Wonderland Concert in hall at 3.00pm |
| Wednesday 20 th December | - Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 21 st December | - KS2 Christmas Disco in hall 5.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Friday 22 nd December | - Last day at school |

FUTURE INSET DATES

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| Friday 20 th October 2017 |
| Monday 26 th February 2018 |
| Friday 25 th May 2018 |
| Monday 4 th June 2018 |

Victoria Crooks – Speech and Language Therapist

Hello, my name is Victoria Crooks and I am a specialist speech and language therapist who works every Monday at Croft Primary School. I am happy to talk to you about your child's speech and language progress at any time - speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Nicholson if you'd like to meet with me. I'm helping teachers and TAs to provide support for children, so I may see your child in school. If it is felt your child needs more in-depth assessment/therapy or support you will be asked for permission. Parents/carers are always welcome to come into school to see the speech therapy session. Here's a reminder of the areas a speech therapist can work in:

- Speech sounds - how clearly your child talks
- Understanding language – this could be instructions, extracting information from stories or understanding non-literal or inferred information such as sarcasm
- Vocabulary – how many words your child has and how they learn and can explain the meaning of new words
- Talking – this could be grammar e.g. fell vs failed, or how your child sequences words together to make sentences
- Social Communication – this is how a child uses the language skills they have (words and non-verbal) to interact with other children and adults, it can include making friends, problem-solving, predicting and negotiating.



If you have any concerns about these areas and would like to talk to me please get in touch. I look forward to meeting many parents/carers over the next year.

Attendance Challenge

Please find below the attendance/punctuality figures for the previous two weeks: 25th–29th September (Week A) and 2nd–6th October (Week B).

Position	Class		Attendance	
	Wk A	Wk B	Wk A	Wk B
1st	4L	1TM	98.57%	99.33%
2nd	5P	6P	98.33%	99.31%
3rd	4W	FSJR	95.86%	98.15%

Whole school attendance	
Wk A	Wk B
93.45%	95.75%
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School success starts with attendance

Number of late arrivals	
Wk A	Wk B
10 ↑	21 ↑

The total learning time lost through lateness, for last week alone, is a shocking **4 hours and 56 minutes**.

Using Music to Develop Language



If your child loves singing or listening to music it can be great for their attention, listening and language skills too. Research shows that children who are actively involved in singing or playing music regularly, perform better in reading, maths, and science because it helps

build reasoning skills and cognitive development. Music can help you develop concentration, goal-setting skills, coordination and cooperation. Children who enjoy music tend to have higher self-esteem, and interact better with their peers.

Every Wednesday, your child takes part in a singing assembly at school, and Croft Primary also joins in with National Strategies such as Sign2Sing. Encouraging singing and music play at home will support them to develop these skills even further.

Have a look at next week's bulletin for ideas of how you can use music at home to support your child's overall development.

Kitchen Staff Required

Education Catering are recruiting extra staff to work in school kitchens. If you are interested please contact Helen Fifoot, Team Manager, by e-mail at helen.fifoot@nottsc.gov.uk or on **0115 8040420**. Please note, this is a county-wide recruitment drive and does not refer to specifically to Croft School.

Outdoor Play Area

Please note that the outdoor play equipment is only for use during school hours and under the supervision of school staff. There have been a number of accidents occurring before and after the school day with large numbers of children congregating on the play area. Please help us by reminding your child of the school rules.

Times Tables Rock Stars



TT Rock Stars is back. Due to popular demand, we have re-subscribed to TT Rock Stars to make learning those table facts so much fun. The login details are the same as Bug Club, just to make it easy to remember. Start the fun in the Garage then move to the Arena for a competition with friends. Let's get those table facts smashed!