

**School Games Mark – Gold Award**



We are delighted to announce that Croft Primary School has been awarded the School Games Mark and has achieved the Gold Standard for the fourth consecutive year.

To achieve the award, the school has to demonstrate high levels of participation in extra-curricular sport; the teaching of how to lead a healthy lifestyle must be embedded, as well as ensuring high quality PE sessions are being delivered. There is also an emphasis on children becoming Young Leaders, taking ownership of their own learning and sharing their views on sport in school.

We are very proud to have been able to demonstrate excellence in these areas consistently. Special thanks go to Miss Thompson, Croft's PE Leader, and Next Level Sports coaches, who demonstrate passion and commitment in ensuring Croft pupils have the most sporting opportunities than any other school in the Ashfield district.

**Attendance Challenge**

Results for week 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September:

Position	Class	Attendance
1st	2TL	99.66%
2nd	1T	99.0%
3rd	5W	98.93%
Whole school		96.69%

Total Minutes Late
<b>2 hrs 31 mins</b>

Number of late arrivals
<b>22</b>



**Healthy Lifestyle Policy**



Later this term, Croft will be introducing a Healthy Lifestyle Policy, to promote physical and emotional health and wellbeing. One aspect of this is eating

healthily and we now have stricter

rules about what is acceptable for a mid-morning snack and as part of a packed lunch. **Chocolate, sweets, crisps and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school lunch boxes, or for a morning snack.** We are also a **nut free** school. Fresh or dried fruit and cereal bars are positive alternatives.

If you are interested in supporting the school's development of this policy, please let any member of staff know – we are looking to develop a Working Party of staff members and parents to ensure all points of view are considered.

**Staffing News**

- Mrs Coleman, Personal Care Assistant, has left Croft after two years in the post, to take up a position elsewhere in the area. Mrs Coleman is an excellent professional who has made a fantastic contribution to our school – we wish her every success in her new role.
- We are delighted to announce that the former Mrs Gates, admin assistant, is now **Mrs Ball** following her August wedding. We give our best wishes and congratulations to the happy couple.

**Lost and Found**



Despite being back at school for only one week, we already have a mound of lost property as well as some disgruntled parents whose children have misplaced lunch boxes, book bags and coats. Please help by ensuring your child's

name is on absolutely everything.

Also, please note that toys, items of jewellery and other things of value to your child should not be brought into school to avoid them getting lost or damaged.

**Volunteer Librarian Required**



Do you have a few hours per week to spare? Would you be interested in taking on the job of volunteer librarian in our school library? Duties would include helping children to select and return books and using the school's electronic cataloguing system to keep a log of all the books and check which child they have been loaned to.

We aren't able to offer any payment for this role but what we can guarantee is that you will be a highly valued member of our team and have the opportunity to work with keen and enthusiastic children.

Please let us know if you are interested and more details will be provided. The successful person will be expected to have a successful DBS check that will be arranged by Mrs Bell in the school office.

We offer our sincere thanks to parent Mrs Hanshaw who has recently stepped down from the role – she has been a fantastic help to school and given of her time generously – thank you!

**And finally.....**

The producers of the BBC programme **Eat Well for Less** are looking for families/households who would like to eat well and save some money on their weekly shop. Please have a look at the flyer attached to this newsletter if you are interested in finding out more.

# Diary Dates - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

- Y3 Welcome Meeting at 9.00am in Class 3B
- Y5 Welcome Meeting at 3.45pm in Class 5W
- New amalgamated Governor Committee meeting at 5.30pm
- Y4 Welcome Meeting at 3.40pm in Class 4R
- Y2 Welcome Meeting at **9.00am** in Class 2TL **NEW TIME**
- Y3 Welcome Meeting at 5.00pm in Class 3B
- Y4 Welcome Meeting at 5.00pm in Class 4R
- Y5 PGL Residential visit to Caythorpe, Depart 9.00am
- Y5 PGL Residential visit to Caythorpe, Return 3.00pm
- Foundation Welcome Meeting at 3.30pm **OR** 5.00pm
- **Jeans for Genes Day Fundraiser**
- Book Bus in School Car Park - 8.30am to 4.30pm

## OCTOBER 2019

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

- Y3 & Y4 visit to Yorkshire Museum & Minster 9.00am - 4.30pm
- P, F & GP Committee meeting at 5.30pm
- **INSET DAY - School closed to pupils**
- **School Closed (October Half Term)**

## NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

- Pupils back to school
- Y6 visit to Holocaust Centre 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Individual pupil photos in the school hall
- Flu Vaccinations for all pupils
- Anti-bullying Week
- Parents Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
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- Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.00pm

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## DECEMBER 2019

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

- Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
- Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
- Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
- Christmas Dinner
- Foundation Stage Christmas Party at 1.30pm
- Last Day at school
- School Closed (Christmas Holiday)

## JANUARY 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

- Pupils back to school

## FEBRUARY 2020

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

- Y6 visit to Creswell Crag 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Last Day at school
- School Closed (February Half Term)
- INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
- Pupils back to school