



Weekly Bulletin 14th November 2016

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Greetings from the Governors

I would like to inform you of changes to the membership of your Governing Body. Miss Jo Benson has resigned her position due to work commitments, and on behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank her for her support of, and commitment to, Croft School.

Jo's resignation means that there is no need for a ballot and both nominees for the vacant parent governor have been accepted on to the Governing Body. We welcome back Mr Rob Marriott, father of Sam (Y5) for his second term of office and extend a warm welcome to Mr Alan Moore, father of Thomas (Y3) and Toby (Y1).

I am excited for the future of Croft and look forward to continued school improvement.

Kind regards, Cllr. Steve Carroll, Chair of Governors

Y6 Visit the Holocaust Centre

Last Tuesday, Y6 made their annual visit to the Holocaust Centre to learn about life just before and during WW2. They had the opportunity to explore many artefacts from the time and learn about the plight of children their age, both at home and in Europe.

The day concluded with the opportunity to meet, listen to and ask questions of a Holocaust Survivor. We met Bernard (93) who told us all about life and school in Germany in the 1920s and 1930s and how his life had been saved at the age of 17 by the "Kindertransport." He had been put on a train by his parents and allowed to come to England by the government at the time, thus escaping the Holocaust in which all of his family died.

The experiences of the day have left a powerful impression on our pupils and their families. The photograph shows members of 6D and 6P placing a pebble in the Remembrance Gardens.



When asked what they would remember about their visit, two of our pupils said:

"Bernard's story – a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us." Abbie (10)

"The impact your thoughts and feelings can have on other people – like Nicholas Winton thinking up the train idea and the lives it saved." Olivia (10)

Attendance Challenge

Results for the week 7th – 11th November are:

Position	Class	Attendance
1st	4L	98.52%
2nd	4W	97.62%
=3rd	1H	96.67%
=3rd	2TL	96.67%

Whole school attendance
94.06% ↓



Number of late arrivals
17 ↑

Speech and Language Services

You will be aware from future editions of this bulletin that Croft has invested in extra Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) support. Helen Onion is in school on Mondays to provide support to staff and provide assessment, advice and therapy to some children in school.

Helen is running a coffee morning on **Monday 21st November between 9.00am-10.30am** in the **Croft Country Kitchen** to provide a chance for you to meet her and discuss her role in school and any concerns you may have regarding your child.

Helen has a wealth of knowledge and advice around all matters related to speech development and would love to meet as many parents as possible.



Christmas Fair



It is less than three weeks to go before we hold our annual Christmas Fair on **Friday 2nd December**. SOCS Committee members are busy behind the scenes preparing a wide range of stalls and activities and we welcome any offers of help to make sure the occasion goes with a swing. In particular, we are asking for donations of unwanted gifts etc. as prizes for the raffle or tombola stall. Thank you.

Head Lice

On a less pleasant note, I am sorry to inform you that we have an outbreak of head lice at the moment, particularly in the KS1 classes. Please check your child's hair daily and use a fine-toothed comb and conditioner to remove any eggs. Your pharmacist will help if you decide to try one of the medicated treatments that are available. It is also helpful for children with long hair to keep it tied back. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Diary Dates - 14th November 2016

NOVEMBER 2016

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| Monday 14 th November | - Switch off fortnight |
| Monday 14 th November | - Anti-Bullying week |
| Thursday 17 th November | - Flu nasal sprays for Years 1, 2 and 3 |
| Friday 18 th November | - Children in Need day - Wear spots (50p donation) |

DECEMBER 2016

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| Friday 2 nd December | - Christmas Fair at 3.45pm in school hall |
| Friday 2 nd December | - LAST DAY FOR PHOTO ORDERS |
| 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 |
| 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 | - Foundation Stage Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Friday 16 th December | - KS2 Christmas Service at United Reform Church at 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 20 th December | - Pupils last day at school |

JANUARY 2017

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| 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.