

**School Council News – Children in Need Day**



The School Council would like to thank everyone who wore spots or donated and bought cakes on Friday. Once again, the wonderful generosity of our Croft families has enabled us to have great fun raising money for Children in Need and helping others. The total amount of money raised is not yet known – watch this space.



**Attendance Challenge**

Results for the week 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November are:

Position	Class	Attendance
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>3R</b>	<b>99.64%</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>EYFS JR</b>	<b>99.33%</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>3T</b>	<b>99.00%</b>

Whole school attendance	<b>94.27 ↑</b>
Number of late arrivals	<b>28 ↑</b>



**Pizza Party**



As you are aware, we offer several incentives to reward children who have excellent attendance and punctuality. The most recent of these was a

Pizza Party organised by Mrs Henson. Children with 100% attendance since the beginning of term had the chance of their name being pulled out of the hat and the photograph shows them enjoying their afternoon feast.

This week we have had an unusually high number of late arrivals and unexplained absences. Please make sure you inform the school office if your child will not be in school.

**Admissions Consultation**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, we published details of a Local Authority consultation into admission arrangements for 2018-2019. You may be aware that admission arrangements changed recently for out of catchment families, meaning that no preference is given to siblings of children already attending the school.

This has led to some Nottinghamshire families having children in different schools, making drop off and collection routines difficult to organise.

If you feel strongly about this, either in favour or against, please let the Local Authority know your views. You can access the consultation here:

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/2018admissionsconsultations](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/2018admissionsconsultations)

The closing date is **27<sup>th</sup> November**.

**We Need Your Trousers!**

No, you haven't misread this. We are urgently in need of boys' school uniform trousers, in good condition, particularly age 4-5. If your child has outgrown theirs, please consider donating them.



On a slightly different note, we are finding ourselves inundated with Lost Property items, many of which have no name on them. If you are missing any pieces of clothing, lunch boxes etc. please call into school to look for them. We appreciate that school clothing and equipment is very expensive to buy and whilst we make every effort to reunite items with their rightful owner, this is an impossible task if they are not named.

**Christmas Crafts at Sutton Library email 4/11**

Sutton Library are running a **free** children's craft session on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December** between 11am and 12pm. Why not pop along and join them for this festive craft activity to get you in the Christmas spirit?

It is an ideal opportunity for you to meet other parents and your child to make new friends.

No booking is necessary but if you would like further details, please call the Library direct on:

**01623 556296**. If your child does attend, we would love to hear all about it.



**Sporting News**

Many of you saw on Twitter and Class Dojo that Croft School has achieved the fantastic accolade of being voted the **Primary School of the Year** at the recent Active Ashfield Awards. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and would like to say a huge **'thank you and well done'** to our brilliant pupils; parents and carers for your support and Miss Thompson and Next Level Sports for their commitment and passion. Look out later in the week for a special sports edition of the bulletin, with details of several recent competitions and events.

# Diary Dates - 21st November 2016

## DECEMBER 2016

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| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December     | - Christmas Fair at 3.45pm in school hall                   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December     | - <b>LAST DAY FOR PHOTO ORDERS</b>                          |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Years 1 and 2 Christmas concert in school hall at 2.00pm  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December     | - Years 1 and 2 Christmas concert in school hall at 11.00am |
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| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December    | - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm                   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm                   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | - Croft Christmas Dinner                                    |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | - Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm                   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | - Foundation Stage Christmas Party at 1.30pm                |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | - KS2 Christmas Service at United Reform Church at 2.00pm   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Pupils last day at school                                 |

## JANUARY 2017

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| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January | - Back to school                                |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January  | - Y5 visit to Galleries of Justice, Nottingham. |

## FUTURE DATES

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| <u>INSET DAYS</u> | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 |
|                   | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017      |
|                   | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017      |

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| <u>Y6 SATs WEEK</u> | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 |
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| <u>Y1 &amp; Y2 PHONICS CHECK WEEK</u> | 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 |
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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.