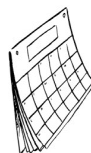


Dates for the Diary



27th October - INSET day for staff
 27th Oct-3rd Nov - Half term holiday
 29th October - Croft on the Heath 11-1
 6th November- Back to school
 13th November - Parents Evening
 22nd December - Last day of Term
 Christmas Holidays
 8th Jan 2024 - INSET day for staff
 9th January - Back to School
 10th-18th February - half term
 19th February - back to school
 22nd March - Last day of term
 Easter Holidays
 8th April - Back to school
 6th May - bank holiday Monday
 25th May-2nd June - Half term
 19th July - Last day of term
 22nd July - INSET day for staff
 22nd July-2nd Sept -Summer Holidays



Tuesday 17th October
6.30pm

Please join us for our PTFA Annual General Meeting. We will also be getting things ready to support "The Croft on the Heath" Grand Opening. Everyone is very welcome.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on **Monday 23rd October**. They will be doing individual photographs and siblings in school, throughout the day. If you wish your younger siblings to be in a family photo, please be at the Hall back door from 8.30am. There may be a queue, the photographer will go as fast as she can!



Key Stage 2 spelling

Thank you for your support in helping your children to learn their weekly spellings.

We have used Twinkl spelling in Key Stage 2 for a few years, but this is the first year we have sent our class spelling patterns home to learn.

Before this year, we only sent key word spellings home, but we found that each child was working on a different booklet and so it was hard to reinforce the meaning of the words and spelling in school. Now, with a whole class approach, the children are learning the meaning of the words in context with their learning and using them in conversations and discussions.

They talk about the spelling rules and, after they have practiced at home, they use them in sentences on their test day dictation activity. KS2 spellings build on from the phonics learnt in Key Stage 1 and it provides us with opportunities to address and teach any gaps in phonic knowledge.

We test 5 spellings each week, along with a spelling from the week before to help with memory and retention.

Thank you for helping your child to practise - your support makes such a difference to your child's learning.

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Worship

Our Crocodile class led a lovely worship in church this week, to celebrate Harvest Festival. Their fabulous, clear, speaking voices shared thoughts about harvest and the singing filled the church with joy and thanksgiving. It was lovely for our Ladybirds to walk to church for the first time, supported brilliantly by their Year 4 Leopard buddies.

We also raised awareness on Mental Health day this week. Our children brightened the day wearing yellow, and were encouraged to think about ways to improve their mental health by talking about their feelings, focusing on positive thoughts and enjoying nature.



<https://www.tayplayactivitycamps.co.uk/>

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:
4/9, 25/9, 14/10, 4/11, 27/11, 18/12, 8/1, 29/01

LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 MAIN EVENT	Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Twirlers	Mild Chicken Curry with Whole Grain Rice	Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Drizzle Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers with Chips
 MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish	Sweet Chilli Vegetable Stir Fry with Whole Grain Rice	Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake	Homemade Cheese and Leek Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Cheesy Bean Wrap Chips
 RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	Mixed Salad	Green Beans	Broccoli	Peas	Baked Beans
 PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta		<i>Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day</i>			
 BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket		Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce			
 DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding	Toffee Sponge and Custard	Jelly & Fruit Slices	Apple Sponge Cake	Orange Cookie	Vanilla Ice Cream
		Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes with Cheese or Beans			

Pick & Mix Packed Lunch, freshly filled sandwich, healthy snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit

The Croft on the Heath

Grand Opening

Sunday 29th October
11:00am - 1:00pm

11.30 Mayor's official opening and presentation. Come along and see what a wonderful creative environment we have managed to provide. All welcome as it's a community project for all to get involved. It's amazing what can happen when we all work as one.



Please come and join us!!

AND EXPLORE

- Welly wanging competition
- Forest school led activities
- Crafts
- The Croft on the Heath Merchandise
- Refreshments will be available

Attendance in School

We are aiming to achieve our 97% attendance target this term. It is so important that children attend school and not miss that vital learning.

Try to chase those sickness bugs away, and we can help our children to stay healthy and well! This week, our whole school attendance was:

97.2%

ATTENDANCE
MATTERS

every school day counts.

KS1 Mastering Number parent workshops

Coming soon, after half term, help your child to become more fluent with number facts.



Celebration Worship

All families are welcome to join us for Celebration Worship on a Friday.

The door at the back of the Hall will be open at 2.50pm, you will need to sign in, via the QR code, then take a seat!

