

## Dates for the Diary

6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff  
7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Back to School  
7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Art Week  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan - Story Telling & STEM week  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Church Service  
17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Feb - half term  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb - INSET day for staff  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Back to School  
11<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term  
28<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school  
5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday  
26<sup>th</sup> May-30<sup>th</sup> May - Half term  
18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term  
21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET day for staff



## Reading is so important

Please listen to your child read every day, and sign their reading record, so they can earn extra dojo points and achieve their target reading certificates.

Reading can make a huge difference to a child's progress....

- It builds focus and concentration.
- It can boost your sleep.
- It improves vocabulary.
- It helps you learn new things.
- It is a lovely time to share stories with your family.
- It improves writing skills.
- It helps you learn new words and develop language skills.

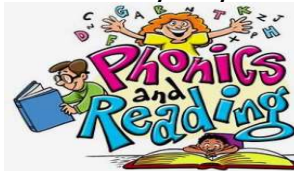
**READING**  
takes you on the  
**GREATEST**  
**ADVENTURES**

## Family Learning

KS1 family learning is next week. 100% feedback after the Maths family learning, was for more opportunities for parents to come into school.

So, we are looking forward to welcoming you into school again, to experience reading, fluency and phonics with your child. Please fill in the form, so we know how many of you are joining us.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-10am - Tigers  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-10am - Zebras  
Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-10am - Y1 Bears



# Newsletter 16

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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## Worship

We started our week thinking about Epiphany, and the journey the wise men made to see the baby Jesus. We thought about the verse from the Christmas carol, In the Bleak Midwinter:

'What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give him - give my heart.'

The children felt that it didn't matter whether you are rich, like a king, or poor like a shepherd, you can always give love and kindness.



## Croft on the Heath

Mon	Tigers 13/1, 27/1, 10/2	Giraffes 6/1, 20/1, 3/2
Tues	Zebras 14/1, 28/1, 11/2	Leopards 7/1, 21/1, 4/2
Weds	Y1 Bears 14/1, 29/1, 12/2	Ladybirds & Bear Cubs every week
Thurs	Penguins every week in the morning	
Fri	Crocodiles 10/1, 24/1, 7/2	

These dates should remain the same, however, we never know what might happen, so please keep an eye on your notifications on Showbie, as your teacher will contact you with any changes to the plan!!

**Please can you make sure your child has their wellies, warm socks, and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a bag for their Croft Day.**

It will often be muddy and/or wet, and a bit cold this half term, and the children won't be comfortable accessing outdoor learning, if they haven't got their wellies/waterproof/warm clothes.



## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year. It has been a cold start to the new term, hopefully it will warm up a bit next week!

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL  
Week 2

Autumn Winter 2024-25:  
9/9, 30/9, 21/10,  
11/1, 2/12,  
23/12, 13/1, 3/2

DAY	MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Protein	BIG TOPPING Meat Jacket	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	Cheesy Tomato Pizza Muffins	BBQ and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice	Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green salad	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Apple Sponge and Custard
TUESDAY	Chicken Tikka Masala	Winter Vegetable Crumble	Wholegrain Rice and Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Sprinkle Iced Cake
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese, Crispy Onion Topping & Roast Potatoes (You don't have to have the onions!)	Mixed Greens	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Raspberry Coconut Jelly
THURSDAY	Lunar New Year menu – Sweet and Sour chicken noodles/veggie noodles and lunar cookies – it is our census day, so the more meals we serve, the more funding our school receives – so please help us to boost numbers!! Thankyou				
FRIDAY	Battered Fish and Chips	Cheese and Tomato Toasted Wrap with Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Anzac Biscuits

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGURT AND CUT FRUIT  
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY  
Topped Pasta  
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

## Attendance in School

This week's attendance is **94.1%**



Please come to school on time, our attendance would be 95% (our current target) if we didn't have children arriving late, after the register has been taken. Thankyou



## Celebration Worship

Next week, it is Celebration Worship for KS1 parents. If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend (we celebrate all the birthdays up to the Sunday)

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Families of Ladybirds/Bears/Zebras/Tigers

Please pop your phones away, and on silent, once you have signed in. This helps to safeguard all our children. Thank you

## Swimming

Crocodiles are having their first swimming lesson on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January Don't forget your swimming kit!!



## Art Week

We have enjoyed Art week, and today, our local artist, Alan Fernihough, has joined us to give the children bespoke teaching on how to use perspective in their artwork, and other art skills.



'Take One Picture' - an initiative by The National Gallery. The children have been studying the painting by Canaletto, "A Regatta on the Grand Canal". Google it, and ask your child about the painting - see what they can remember!!!

**Year 4s** - make sure you apply for a Middle School place by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Nursery** - make sure you apply for a Reception place by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. if your child is due to start Ladybirds in September.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>