



Dates for the Diary



28th Oct-1st Nov - Half Term
4th Nov - Back to school
14th Nov - Diabetes Day
15th Nov - Children in Need day
15th Nov - Disco
13th Dec - Christmas Soiree
20th Dec - Last day of Term
6th Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff
7th Jan - Back to School
17th - 21st Feb - half term
24th Feb - INSET day for staff
25th Feb - Back to School
11th April - Last day of term
28th April - Back to school

School Safety

We have had a number of 'near misses' and safety concerns on the playground. To keep everyone safe.....

- please do not allow your child to ride scooters or bikes on the playground at drop off and pick up times.
- Vaping or smoking is not allowed on the school grounds please.  
- Dogs will not be allowed on the playground, even in arms, guide dogs only.
- Please use child-friendly language, bad language is not acceptable in and around our school.

Thank you for doing your bit to help to keep our/your children safe.

Staff Goodbye



Today, we wish Mrs Campion all the best, as she finishes working at our school, and spends time preparing to have her baby. She has been working in Penguins and Butterflies, and we will miss her, and wish her well,

First Birthday Party!



Wow!! What a fabulous day we have had, celebrating the birthday of our lovely Croft - making s'mores, playing, eating cake, dancing, singing, tattoos and fun croft activities!! A huge thank you to all our families who entered the Croft Birthday Bake Off - an amazing 90 entries plus wonderful donations too! And a big thank you to everyone who bought cakes today too, raising a wonderful amount of money to help to keep our Croft going.



Newsletter 8



Learning to love
Loving to learn

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Tree Week

After half term, it is Tree Week!!

The children will be learning about tree identification through leaves, bark and twigs, finding out about the importance of trees and how to look after them, finding out about how to plant and grow, in preparation for the 100's of saplings which are coming to the Croft in a few weeks time.

We will be using our imagination with our trees to develop our drama and creative writing too!



Worship



This week, we have learned about the last "Fruit of the Holy Spirit" - self control. Sometimes it is hard to show self control - and we need help to make the right choices.

The Bible says:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law"

Self-Control

1. Stop 
2. Think 
3. Decide  Better  Worse 
4. Choose 

Croft on the Heath

The Croft will be hosting several activities for Tree Week, so please take note of the Croft Days:



Monday 4th Nov

Ladybirds/Bears/Zeb/Tigers/Leops/Crocs & Giraffes

Tuesday 5th Nov

Leopards/Crocs/Giraffes

Wednesday 6th Nov

Tigers/Bears/Ladybirds

Thursday 7th Nov

Penguins

Friday 8th Nov

Zebbras

The usual rota will resume the following week, and will be on here to help you remember!!



Volunteers in school

Have you got a couple of hours spare each week? Would you like to help out in school - listening to children read or helping children with their maths? We have a small reading army - but would love to have more members. We are also looking for volunteers who enjoy maths, and would like to help children practise those vital maths skills which set them up for life. If you are interested, please let Mrs Moulton know.



Ladybirds & Bear Cubs

Maths Stay & Play for Reception children will take place on:

Wed 20th Nov at 2.20pm for Bear Cubs 
Tuesday 19th Nov at 2.20pm for Ladybirds 

Attendance in School

This week's attendance is **95%**



We are trying to maintain good attendance and make sure all our children are arriving at school on time.

Happy Half Term

Enjoy the half term break. School starts back on Monday 4th November

Teaching Students

We will be welcoming 5 teaching students in Ladybirds, Bears and Tigers. They will gain valuable experience working alongside our staff and supporting your children. They are in school for 2 weeks after half term.



Family Learning (advanced notice!)

Come and see how your child learns maths, and join them in their maths lesson. One family member is welcome to join their child in their maths lesson, there will be a booking form sent out next half term.

Monday 18th Nov 9-10am - Tigers
Tuesday 19th Nov 9-10am - Zebras & Y1Bears
Weds 20th Nov 9-10am - Crocodiles
Mon 25th Nov 9-10am - Giraffes
Tues 26th Nov 9-10am - Leopards

Penguin Parents Evenings

Penguin Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 11th November and Tuesday 12th November. There will be a sign up sheet on the window, to sign up for a time which suits you.



Celebration Worship



It is lovely to see so many families at Celebration Worship, however, we are breaching our fire safety regulations with having too many people in the Hall - oops! From next half term, we will be alternating the audiences please - KS2 families one week, and KS1/EYFS families the next week. The newsletter will tell you which week we are on! If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend anyway (we celebrate birthdays during that week, up to Sunday!) Thank you for your understanding.

Friday 8th November - Families of Ladybirds, Bears, Zebras and Tigers (EYFS & KS1)

We will also be asking you not to have phones out in worship, for safeguarding reasons. Please pop them away, and on silent, once you have signed in. Thank you.

Remembrance Day

Poppy merchandise will be on sale before school starts on Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th Nov.



We need a Parent Governor please!

Our Governors are volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and the Parent Governors are the link between the School and the community it serves.

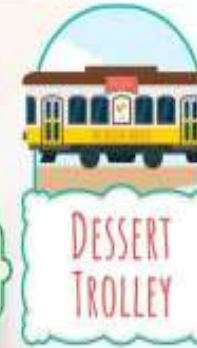
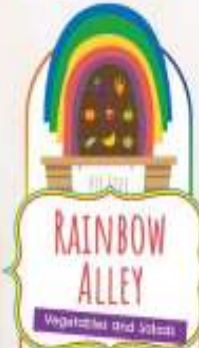
If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please send an email to the school office, expressing your interest. Depending on the number of nominations, there may be an election process. Nominations need to be in by **Monday 4th November**. Please email the office if you are interested.

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 1

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
2/9, 23/9, 14/10,
4/11, 25/11,
16/12, 6/1, 27/1



MONDAY

Margherita
Pizza
Slice and Wedges

Veggie Pepper and
Sweetcorn Pizza
Slice with Wedges

Sweetcorn

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Toffee Frozen
Yoghurt

TUESDAY

BBQ Cheesy
Chicken

Cheesy Bean
Wrap

Apple Slaw and
Wholegrain
Rice

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Sweet Potato
Brownie

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon,
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Quorn Sausage,
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Peas and Carrots

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Forest Fruits
Jelly Pots

THURSDAY

Lasagne

Vegetable Lasagne

Green Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Cookie Dough
Apple
Crumble

FRIDAY

Golden Fish
Fingers or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips

Veggie Burger and
Chips

Baked
Beans

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Jammy
Thumbprint
Biscuits

