



# QUEEN'S CROFT HIGH SCHOOL

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th September 2018

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### KEY DIARY DATES

#### September 2018

- 26th Open Morning for Prospective Parents, 9.00am - 11.00 am  
26th Friends of Queen's Croft AGM, 7.00 p.m.  
(Duke of York Pub Function Room, Lichfield)

#### October 2018

- 4th Governors' FF&R Sub-Committee, 6.30pm  
5th School Photographs  
17th Year 7 Coffee Afternoon, 1.30pm - 2.30pm  
25th Governors' TLSO Sub-Committee, 6.30pm  
26th School closes for Half Term

#### November 2018

- 5th School opens  
22nd Full Governors' Meeting, 6.30pm

#### December 2018

- 7th Pantomime  
18th Carol Service  
21st Christmas Dinner  
21st End of Term

#### January 2018

- 7th School opens

#### INSET DATES

1st February 2019  
22nd March 2019  
22nd July 2019

### Message from the Headteacher

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the new academic year. I do hope everyone has had a restful summer and has returned ready for a positive, productive term. I wish to offer a particularly warm welcome to all our new students and their families. Queen's Croft is a diverse community that values the contributions made by all. I look forward to getting to know all of you in due course but please do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of the school staff if you have any queries, observations or concerns.

#### TESCO

Friends of Queen's Croft is one of the charities that are bidding for money through the TESCO Bags of Help scheme. We hope to secure funding to develop our sensory garden areas that will greatly benefit our students. Voting is taking place, using the blue tokens given at checkouts, at the TESCO Extra in Lichfield in addition to the TESCO express stores in Lichfield, Shenstone, Fazeley, Dosthill and Amington. Please encourage everyone you know to support us in this project – we could be awarded up to £4000!

#### Parking

St John's are opening a commercial car park on the land next to the school on 17th September. We have been informed that they hope to be able to offer a short pick up option for a nominal fee; we will inform parents as soon as we have details.

**Mr Hawksworth**  
Headteacher

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September, we will be holding a coffee morning in school for pupils and staff in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be cakes on sale, so students are encouraged to bring in some money to purchase cakes to support a very worthy cause.



Any cake donations will be gratefully received. Please send them to Class D (Room 8).

### Word Workout

Welcome to all of our new and returning students, I hope you have all had a restful break. For our new students, welcome to the Weekly Word Workout! Every week, a grid that is made up of different letters, is provided so that you can make as many different words as you can think of. You cannot use any of the same letters twice and it must be more than 2 letters long. For example, this week you could have now or how. Good luck and make sure you pass your result to Mrs Ratcliffe!

B	C	K	H
I	G	W	J
K	C	E	N
O	N	S	C

**Mrs Ratcliffe**  
Reading, Writing and Communication Coordinator

### Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

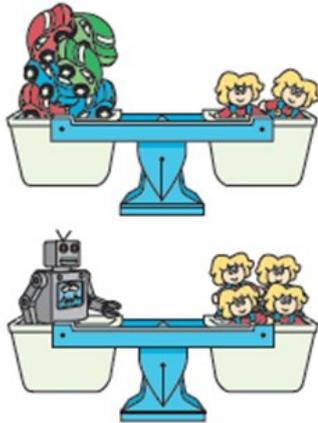
If you are buying shoes, either for yourselves or your child, please remember to save the adult size shoe boxes and bring them into school during September so that we can fill them with gifts for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Thank you very much for your support .

**Mrs Ulanowski**  
Teaching Assistant

## Maths

This week in maths we have been reflecting on our success of the last academic year and looking forward to an exciting new term. We have been encouraging all children to 'Find the Maths' within real life settings. For example, where is the maths in this picture? It could be pattern, shape, lines, numbers etc.



Each week, we will let you know what's been happening within Maths as well as setting you and your children a challenge! This week, can you solve the following?

6 toy cars balance 2 dolls. 4 dolls balance 1 toy robot.

If the robot weighs 3kg, what does each toy car weigh?

**Miss Bradbury**  
**Maths Coordinator**

## Digital Literacy

Children and young people today are using the power of digital media to explore, connect, create, and learn in ways never before imagined. With this power, young people have extraordinary opportunities, but they also face many potential pitfalls, leaving schools, parents and carers to deal with the associated ramifications e.g. cyberbullying, digital cheating, desensitisation and the lack of understanding of permanency and replication. These safety and security concerns underscore the need for children and young people to learn digital literacy and citizenship skills and for schools to support their pupils to act responsibly and to use the internet in a better way.

At Queen's Croft we utilise a comprehensive yet balanced approach in addressing safety and security concerns, including ethics and behaviour issues, as well as digital literacy skills.

Staff can choose to use the curriculum as a complete package for a particular year group or key stage, or to choose individual lessons for use across the curriculum in order to tailor these lessons to all ages and abilities within our community.

A Digital Literacy Scheme of Work for the first term of this academic year is available if you would like a copy. Please note that although Online Safety is listed as a standalone unit, it is deeply embedded across the curriculum and is at the forefront of our day to day activities within school.

**Mrs Litherland**  
**E-safety Coordinator**

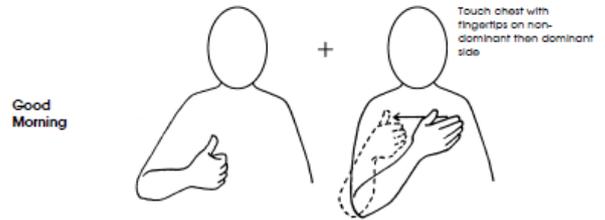
## Makaton Sign of the Week



**Sign of the Week**  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

This week's sign is Good Morning!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #wetalkmakaton to appear on our video wall on [wetalkmakaton.org](http://wetalkmakaton.org)



Good Morning

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Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing via the following link:

<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

 Staffordshire  
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New course  
Sorry no crèche  
available



# Time for you...



This is a FREE Adult and Community Learning funded course which will run for 8 weeks at:  
Charnwood Children's Centre, Purcell Av,  
LICHFIELD  
**Starts: Tuesday 19th September 2018.**  
(not half term week)



FREE refreshments available every session.

**Would you like to.....**  
Have time for yourself to achieve something new,  
Try a range of art and craft activities,  
Explore simple cooking recipes,  
Meet new people?

If the answer is YES and you are interested in attending either talk to the person who gave you this leaflet, or ring Debbie Fogg on: 01283 233400 email: [debbie.fogg@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.fogg@staffordshire.gov.uk) for more information.