



Cotteridge Clarion



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Week Ending: 9th December 2016

It is the penultimate week of term and our school has declared Christmas! Both the key stage one and two halls have been decorated with fantastic festive mobiles created by the children. It has been an absolute delight to see the Early Years performances and what a great way to start our Christmas celebrations. The children in our Reception and Nursery classes sang beautifully and remembered their lines for 'Forgetful Santa', which charmed the whole audience. Next week, the older children will have their chance to shine, with performances happening on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday during the day, we will have Christmas parties and Santa will be arriving after school. More details on the back page! I wish all families a restful and relaxing weekend. *Miss Lacey*

Attendance; Week beginning 28th November 2016
Congratulations
KS1 — 1R winner 96.55%
KS2 — 6G winner 98.62%
Overall attendance Y1-Y6 92.83%

Lunchtime Incident: On Wednesday there was an incident during the infant lunch break when a man dressed as Santa passed sweets to children through the school railings. We want to assure parents that, within 15 seconds, our lunchtime staff addressed the issue and the man was moved on. Investigation identified the person as an overly enthusiastic Domino's Pizza man dressed as Santa. We have spoken directly to the Domino's management team and the man in question has been spoken to about his actions being inappropriate. We would like to reassure you that our safeguarding procedures including supervising the perimeter railing to stop any external communication from members of the public.

December/January diary dates...
Activities
Tue 13 - KS1 Christmas Show
9.30am & 2pm
Wed 14 - Junior Carol Concert
9.30am & 2pm
Thu 15 - Class Christmas Parties
Santa's Grotto
Fri 16 - Christmas Jumper Morning
Tue 3 - School re-opens
Mon 9 - Y1 Avoncroft Museum
Tue 10 - Y4 Rainforest Explorer
Experience
Wed 11 - Y3 Bishop's Wood
Tue 12 - Y6 Holdenby House WW2
Tue 17 - RB Build a Bear Trip
Wed 18 - RW Build a Bear Trip
6PE Class Assembly
Fri 27-Teacher Training Day

Christmas Food Bank
We would like to give a very big thank you to all the families who have donated food to this years Christmas Food Bank appeal. As usual Cotteridge Families have been extremely generous..
Article 27—Every Child has a right to an adequate standard of living.

Term dates 2016-17
Spring Term 2017
Tue 3rd Jan - Fri 17th Feb
Half Term: Mon 20th - Fri 24th Feb
Mon 27th Feb - Fri 7th Apr
Summer Term 2017
Mon 24th Apr - Fri 26th May
Half Term: Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June
Mon 5th June - Tue 25th July
Teacher Training Days
Friday 27th January 2017
Friday 24th March 2017
Tuesday 25th July 2017

Right of the Week: Article 6. Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information as long as it is within the law. *Chosen by Year 1 UNICEF ambassadors Erin (1B) and Sam (1R).*

P4C Question of the week:

Can friend be different from us?



Netball

Exciting match yesterday, Cotteridge won 7-6 against West Heath. Man of the match — Faith 6G

Reception Snow Dome

Reception had a fantastic time at the Snow Dome! The children got to play in the snow and zoomed down the snowy hill on sledges. After, they watched the Santa Pantomime and got to see Santa dance moves. Finally, they saw lots of winter animals and we even spotted Rudolph! They wrote their letters to Santa and posted them in the Magic Post Box. A fun filled festive day had by all!



Nursery Theatre Visit

The Nursery children had a fantastic trip to the Mac at Cannon Hill Park. They watched the production of 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs and all the children were exceptionally well behaved both on the bus journey and in the theatre. The children watched with such excitement as the huge Bear puppet performed the story and there were a few surprises of water and snow sprays! A great time was had by all. Thank you to all staff who helped .

Early Finish - Friday 16th December

Don't forget that school will be finishing early on the last day of school. Please collect your child at 1.30pm.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December is also Christmas Jumper Day! We look forward to seeing you all in your festive jumper and your 50p donations will help raise money for Save the Children.



Cotteridge School PTA: Santa's Grotto

Alongside Santa's grotto this year, the PTA will be providing activities and refreshments in the Junior Hall on Thursday 15th December between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. We are appealing for your help and would be very grateful for donations of mince pies to support this event.

Unfortunately, all tickets for the grotto have now been sold. We shall be selling raffle tickets at each production, with the opportunity to win a large hamper of Christmas goodies!

Walking Bus

The Walking Bus still has places EVERY DAY! The bus meets in Cotteridge Park car park at 8.20 which means that busy parents can drop their children off for school that bit earlier. The walk through the park, with our fantastic volunteers, is a great way for children to start the day. Please ask at the school office for more details!

