



# Cotteridge Clarion



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Week Ending: 6th January 2017

We have had an excellent start to the spring term with children already deeply engaged in their learning. New topics have begun and many children have spoken to me enthusiastically about the work that they have started. If parents would like to see an overview of what children will learn this term, please visit your child's class page on the website and click on "curriculum tasc wheel". I have received much positive feedback about the new website which I am sure you will agree looks brilliant. We have received 5554 hits on the site over the Christmas period!

For some January can be a difficult month, but I think it important for you to know that we at Cotteridge School enjoy high staff morale and are looking forward to a fantastic term of learning and exploration with the children. School is a busy and exciting place to be! I look forward to working in partnership with all parents over the spring term. *Mr. Leonard*

### Additional School Closure Thursday 4th May

We have been informed by Birmingham Council that school is to be used as a voting station on Thursday 4th May. The Headteacher and Governors have requested that a different location be used, to minimise disruption to learning. Unfortunately this request has been refused. Therefore please note that school will be **closed to all pupils on Thursday 4th May.**

**PTA Meeting:** There will be a Parent Teacher Association meeting on Wednesday 11th January at 7pm. The meeting will take place at Toby Carvery in Cotteridge. A warm welcome is extended to any parent who would like to attend. The meeting will discuss fund raising events in the spring term.

**Right of the Week:** Article 37. No child shall be tortured or suffer other cruel treatment or punishment. *Chosen by Year 6 UNICEF ambassadors Jacob (6G) and Edie (6PE).*

### Winter Weather

It is that time of year again when we sometimes experience adverse weather conditions. If it is necessary for school to be closed we have the following ways of informing you.

1. Text message to mobile phone (please make sure we have your up to date mobile phone number)
2. The school website—under News
3. Local radio stations
4. Birmingham council website

Attendance; Week beginning  
16th December 2016

**Congratulations**

**KS1 — 1R winner 95.86%**

**KS2 — 5S winner 99.66%**

**Overall attendance Y1-Y6 93.22%**

### January diary dates....

#### Activities

- Mon 9 - Y1 Avoncroft Museum
- Tue 10 - Y4 Rainforest Explorer Experience
- Tue 10 - Y6 SATs meeting for parents @ 9am
- 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

*All dates are on the school website*

### 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

#### Autumn Term 2017

Children start Tue 5th Sept

#### Teacher Training Days

Friday 27th January 2017

Friday 24th March 2017

Tuesday 25th July 2017

## Go Seacole!

On the last day of autumn term, the termly house winner was announced and Seacole had gained the most points! The reward was hot chocolate and a biscuit during an extra playtime. House Captains Sophie (6G) and Charlie (6G) enjoyed playing with their house mates in the winter sunshine. Next term we start again with house points set to zero. Who will be the spring term winner? Miss Lacey.



## Clubs

All children must be picked up from after school clubs by an adult. For safeguarding reasons, no child will be permitted to walk home alone. Please speak to either Mrs Burnett or Mrs Tucker if you have any questions.

Day / Activity	Year Group	Session Times	Session
<b>Mondays</b>			
<b>Steel Pans Guitar</b>	Year 5/6 Year Mixed	3.15—4.15 3.15—4.20	Last session this half term 13th February
<b>Tuesdays</b>			
<b>Code Club Gardening Club Football</b>	Year 5 Year 3 Year 5/6	3.15—4.30 12.30—1.00 3.15—4.30	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Clarinet/Brass</b>	Year Mixed	3.15—4.00	Last session this half term 15th February
<b>Thursdays</b>			
<b>Netball Gardening Club</b>	Year 5/6 Year 3	3.15—5.00 12.30—1.00	Ongoing Ongoing

**Netball: Player of the week: Grace 5S**

**P4C Question of the week: Is it possible to hold a fair race?**