



Cotteridge Clarion



Every Week / Volume 13 Issue 15

Week Ending: 13th January 2017

It's now our second week back into this spring term and the winter weather is arriving in earnest! This has not stopped our children from getting out of school and having fantastic experiences in order to start their spring term topics. Their adventures are all part of our vision of achieving excellence and inspiring dreams.

On Monday Year 1 just about dodged the rain when they visited Avoncroft Museum, learning about life in the past. Please see the photos on the back page. In school on Tuesday, Year 4 had a rainforest experience and Joel K in 4B told me that he had touched a tarantula which felt furry! Next to Wednesday, and Year 3 had a brilliant day in the high winds when they visited Bishop's Wood in Worcestershire to learn about the Stone Age and Iron Age. Thursday was Year 6's turn where they experienced life as a World War 2 evacuee at Holdenby House in Northamptonshire.

Last but not least, Mr Smith and Mrs Tucker took our fantastic Year 5/6 gym team to a competition at Kings Heath Boys where the two teams gained second and fourth place.

What an engaging start to the term our children have had. *Miss Lacey*

Attendance; Week beginning
3rd January 2017

Congratulations

KS1 — 1R winner 98.7%

KS2 — 5S winner 98.3%

Overall attendance Y1-Y6 95.3%

January diary dates...

Activities

Tue 17 - RB Build a Bear Trip

Wed 18 - RW Build a Bear Trip

6PE Class Assembly

Mon 23 - 3E Reading Inspire Workshop 9-9.30pm

Tue 24 - 3B Reading Inspire Workshop 9-9.30pm

Fri 27-Teacher Training Day

All dates are on the school website

School Uniform reminders The children always look very smart in their school uniform and PE uniform. Thank you for supporting the uniform policy. Recently a trend seems to be sweeping the school with girls wearing Jo-Jo Bows. These are wonderfully flamboyant and look lovely out of school but do not conform with the principles of our uniform policy. Therefore from Monday, we will no longer permit these bows to be worn in school. Please contact Mr. Leonard if you would like to discuss this further.

Can we please also remind you that the children are expected to wear dark coloured shoes in school. If you want your child to wear boots, wellingtons or strong trainers to school, that's fine, but please have school shoes to change in to once in school.

Parentpay Accounts— Some parents are still not keeping their accounts in credit and are falling behind with lunch payments. If this happens then your child will need to revert to sandwiches until the debt is cleared.

Police Incident On Wednesday one of our pupils was walked to school by her older siblings. A man approached the older girls and attempted to steal their mobile phone. The girls ran away and the police were called. The incident acts as a reminder to children in years 5 and 6 who walk to school alone. Please be very wary of publicly displaying your mobile phones and attracting the unwanted attention of others.

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

Right of the Week: Article 7 Every child has the right to a legal name and nationality. Chosen by Year 5 UNICEF ambassadors Alex (5S) and Emily (5T).

Y1 Avoncroft



On Monday, Year One visited Avoncroft museum. Despite the rain, the children had a great time learning all about different types of buildings and even got their hands dirty making bricks. The children experienced what living in these buildings would have been like and saw how they have changed over time.



Y4 Rainforest

On Tuesday Year 4 had an authentic rainforest experience when Dave, the wildlife and rainforest expert came to visit. The children were able to see and touch a number of animals and insects that were native to The Amazon Rainforest such as bird eating spiders, snakes and all manner of other animals. Year 4 enjoyed learning about the origins of cocoa beans as well as the rituals and hobbies associated with Amazonian tribes. Year 4 children described the day as 'very entertaining, packed with information and fun for anyone who wants to learn about other parts of the world.'



Y3 Bishop's Wood

Year 3 took (a lot of) steps back in time at Bishop's Wood to learn about life in the Stone Age. We built shelters, hunted for dinner, made fire, ground wheat for bread and made cave paintings. It was a brilliant day and a great way to start our topic!



Y6 Holdenby House



Year 6 had a World War II experience at Holdenby House on Thursday. The children were taken back to 1942 where they learnt the skills of cooking, how to 'make do and mend' clothing and how to survive an air raid. It was a fantastic day!



Visit the school website www.cotteridgeprimary.co.uk for more picture and details on all school activities.

Save Stirchley Library!

Birmingham Community Libraries Consultation: Stirchley Library is under threat of closure; the current proposal is to move provision to Stirchley Baths. To have your say on the consultation and to view all the supporting documents, please visit: <http://bit.ly/bhamlibraries>.

Alternatively, email your views to: communitylibraries@birmingham.gov.uk

Join the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SaveStirchleyLibrary/>

See the website for all club detail on www.cotteridgeprimary.co.uk.

P4C Question of the week:

Is it possible to hold a fair race?

