



Cotteridge Clarion



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Week Ending: 28th April 2017

I have been really pleased this week by the positive attitude of the children in their return to school. Having spent time in every classroom it has been a pleasure to see pupils already so engrossed in their summer term learning. Mrs Darby, our new Assistant Head, has joined us and I'm sure that you will give her a warm and friendly welcome to Cotteridge! Mrs Darby is overseeing teaching and learning in the infants and is a point of contact for any of your concerns from Nursery through to Year 2.

*Although we still have a whole term of learning left, we are already starting to make plans for the new academic year. Therefore I am pleased to be able to give you very early notice of **Teacher Training Days** for next year. These will be as follows:*

Monday 4th September 2017

Thursday 30th November 2017

Friday 1st December 2017

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018

I hope that this forward guidance will allow you to plan as families. There are many opportunities this term for parents to get involved in school life and I would like to invite the whole community to join us whenever possible. Please keep a special place in your diary for our Summer Fete after school on Friday 7th July.

Kind Regards, Mr. Leonard

Attendance; Week beginning 27th March 2017

Congratulations

KS1 — 2S winner 98.3%

KS2 — 4B winner 99.6%

Overall attendance Y1-Y6 95.6%

April & May diary dates...

Activities

May

Tue 2/Wed 3/Fri 5 - Bikeability
YR3/4/5/6

Thu 4 - School closed for voting

Mon 8 - Year 6 SATS Week

Thu 11 - YR 4 Viking Day

Fri 12 - YR 4 Viking Day

UNICEF Day Non-uniform

Tue 16 - Class Photo

Wed 17 - RW Class Assembly

Wed 24 - YR 6 Drayton Manor Trip

JUNE 8th—School now closed for additional voting day.

All dates are on the school website

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE—THURSDAY 8th JUNE

We have been informed that once again school is going to be used a Polling Station. This is for the General Election on Thursday 8th June. We have asked the chief election officer to find other arrangements but unfortunately our request has been declined. Therefore we are forced to close to pupils on 8th June.

Right of the Week: Article 11. Governments must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally.. Chosen by Year 1 UNICEF ambassadors Erin (1B) and Sam (1R).

P4C Question of the week:

Should people care more about doing the right thing, or doing things right?



Term dates 2016-17

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

Tuesday 25th July 2017

All club details on the school website: www.cotteridgeprimary.co.uk.

House News

Shakespeare House won the termly house points competition for the spring term. Their reward was an extra playtime on the last Friday of term with juice and a chocolate biscuit. As you can see from the photographs, the children really enjoyed their time in the playground!



House Captain



UNICEF Day

On Friday 12th May, children across the school can dress up as a child from different countries to raise money for UNICEF vaccinations across the world. We ask children to bring in 50p for wearing non uniform.

Also we will be doing a raffle with the prizes being:
10 prizes for 5 a side football with the teachers
6 prizes of lunch with a teacher of your choice
6 prizes of hot chocolate and a cake a playtime with a teacher of your choice.
One ticket will be 20p. A strip of tickets will be 50p.



Please see the posters around school for more information.

Emma 4W UNICEF Ambassador.

SUPPORT STIRCHLEY LIBRARY

Stirchley residents have successfully campaigned to keep Stirchley Library open. Birmingham City Council recently decided to keep the library service within the existing library building with community support from volunteers. Library opening hours are being reduced from 25 to 21 hours. Friends of Stirchley Library (FOSL) volunteers will try to meet some of this shortfall, but we need your help! Also, the building needs a new boiler and roof repairs, so FOSL are looking into fund raising events and activities, applying for grants etc. We want as many people from the local community as possible to get involved, so please join our group:

Blog: www.friendsofstirchleylibrary.wordpress.com

Instagram: [FriendsofStirchleyLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofStirchleyLibrary)

Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/SaveStirchleyLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SaveStirchleyLibrary)

Twitter: [StirchLibrary](https://twitter.com/StirchLibrary)

CocoMad 2017— PTA Stall

This year's event is on Saturday 1st July. As always school will be involved and have a stand in the main field. We will be holding a meeting to formulate plans and ideas for the day, details to follow.

