

# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Issue 6

Friday 13th October 2017

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## TENDANCE

Whole school target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Attendance %	97.3%	95.1%	98.2%	97.3%	96.7%	97.4%	96.7%

Whole School Attendance  
from 6th to 12th October

**97%**

Attendance superstars  
for this week

**2S 98.9% / 5S 98.1%**

### Message from Mrs Tucker

As our first half term draws to a close, I feel extremely proud of how the children have settled so well into their new classes and embraced the learning challenges over the last six weeks. From Nursery to Year 6 the teachers have been working hard to ensure the children receive a vibrant and engaging curriculum and this has been evident as I have visited each classroom. In Reception, the pupils have been working hard with their letter formation and were enjoying the thrills of developing their fine motor skills using tweezers to extract dinosaurs from a swamp. In Year 3, the children have been experimenting with the best materials with which to create their cave paintings. Enhancing the curriculum with trips is hugely beneficial to the children's learning, and this week Year 4 and 5 have enjoyed their visits to the Buddhist temple and Gurdwara.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the parent consultations this week. So many of you had positive comments about how settled and happy your child is at school. If you haven't had the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, please arrange a time that is mutually convenient as this is of great importance to us.

Art week launches next week and the children are excited about learning new skills and techniques. We look forward to sharing the masterpieces with you.

I wish you all a restful weekend. Mrs Tucker

### Oct Diary Dates:

Mon 16	Art Week
Wed 18	5T Class Assembly
Fri 20	PTA Non Uniform Day 50p donation  Cake and second hand uniform sale 3.15pm  * Cake donations would be much appreciated.
Mon 30	School Photographs
Tue 31	Y5 Lego Mindstorm Robot Day

### Term Dates 2017/18:

#### Autumn Term

Mon 4th Sept - Fri 20th Oct  
Half Term: Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct  
Mon 30th Oct - Fri 22nd Dec  
*See the website for further dates*  
**Teacher Training Days**  
Thursday 30th November 2017  
Friday 1st December 2017  
Monday 23rd July 2018  
Tuesday 24th July 2018

Question of the week



What  
is re-  
ality?

**Right of the Week:** Article 12. Chosen by Year 1 UNICEF ambassadors Jacob 1B and Akeem 1P. Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.



**Netball** - A super start to our league games, winning 18-2 against Jervoise. Man of the match - Charlotte 6G. Friendly match—Thursday 19th October away at Comers Farm. Netball player of the week: Holly 6PE



Achieving Excellence

Inspiring Dreams

### Y5 Sikh Gurdwara Visit

On Monday, Year 5 visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Sparkhill to obtain a greater understanding of the Sikh religion. After an informative question and answer session, we were treated to some relaxing meditation and a tour of the Gurdwara, including the resting room of the Guru Granth Sahib (The sacred readings of the Sikh people).



### Y4 Pagoda Visit

On Tuesday, Year 4 had a peaceful and enlightening visit to the Peace Pagoda as part of Faith Week. We learnt all about Buddhism and what it means to be a Buddhist Monk. The Pagoda was a beautiful place and we really enjoyed looking at the pictures and statues. We learnt how to meditate with one of the Monks and have come away from our day with a new understanding about another culture.



### Nursery Park Visit

The Nursery children went on a very windy listening walk to Cotteridge Park. Whilst wearing their large listening ears, they identified many sounds – “I can hear birds tweeting” said Elijah. “I can hear fast trains” said Skye. The children



worked with adults to tick off sounds



**Reminder:** Please can all outstanding payments for Trips, lunches and Breakfast & Afterschool Club be paid on ParentPay. Please can you check your account regularly and keep your account in credit. Thank you.



From the 16th October the old pound coin will no longer be legal tender, so if sending £1 coins into school please only send the replacement 12 sided version. Thank you.