

# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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## TTENDANCE

Whole school target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<b>Attendance %</b>	96%	94%	94%	98%	98%	95%	99%

Whole School Attendance w/c  
14th January 2019

**96%**

Attendance superstars  
for this week

**1J & 2S 96% / 3E 99.7%**

Moving through the term, the children have taken part in a road safety workshop this week to highlight the importance of being alert in order to stay safe while out and about. Hopefully, you have all seen the large banner on our railings reminding everyone, especially drivers, about keeping our children and parents safe as they come to and from school.

Also this week, Year 6 travelled to Holdenby House in Northamptonshire to participate in activities about World War 2. They made rag rugs, worked hard in the kitchen preparing war time food, listened to a talk about air raids and sang war songs that they had rehearsed. Engaging all our children in such WOW days, immerses them in a topic and hopefully gives them the thirst to go off and find out more about a topic for themselves.

I know the teachers work hard to create such wonderful learning opportunities as seen in Year 3 this week. As part of their science topic, the children were learning about body parts by creating life size outlines of each other and drawing the organs and bones in the correct positions. It was wonderful to see how this creative and collaborative activity excited the children and the quality of learning as a result was excellent.

Across in Year 1, the reading workshop for parents was well attended and modelled how phonics is taught at Cotteridge. Pupils, parents and carers worked together on several tasks and hopefully everyone left with many useful ideas for games and activities to play at home. Forest school has also restarted this week in Year 1 and 2 and the children were very excited to have the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning activities.

As the weather becomes cooler, please can all children come to school in a suitable, warm coat. The children will also continue to do PE outside so a long sleeved top and bottoms are also advised.

Finally, well done to Miss Jeffery, Mrs Berry and 4J for their assembly on teamwork. The children showed confidence and super dancing skills! Thank you to all parents and carers who attended, we hope you enjoyed it. I wish you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Tucker

### Diary Dates:

#### January

- Mon 21 Y3 Egyptian Topic Museum Visit
- Wed 30 1P Class Assembly 9.15am

#### February

- Mon 4 2S Parent Reading Workshop 9.05am
- Tue 5 2CS Parent Reading Workshop 9.05am
- Wed 6 6PE Class Assembly
- Mon 11 Class 3B swimming begins

### Term Dates 2018/19:

#### Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th Jan - Friday 15th Feb

**Half Term:** Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb

Tuesday 26th Feb - Friday 12th April

#### Summer Term 2019

Monday 29th Apr - Friday 24th May

**Half Term:** Mon 27th - Fri 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Friday 19th July

### Teacher Training Days

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

See the website for all dates

Question of the week  
P4G  
Do we all have the same rights?

**Netball**  
Netball player of the week:

**Yvette 6G**  
Netball match: Thursday  
31st January at home against Raddlebarn.



### Right of the Week:

Article 12 Chosen by Year 5

UNICEF ambassadors Tino 5A

and Aaron 5H. Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.



## Holdenby House

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited Holdenby House as an introduction to our topic on World War Two. We travelled back in time and arrived at the house as evacuees, ready to be taken to our new villages and our host families. During our day, we learnt a great number of skills which we could use during wartime. We learned how to make rag rugs, insoles (in case our shoes broke) and how to thread newspaper toilet roll when looking at Make Do and Mend. In the kitchen, we saw how much food one person would be given each week in rations and we had a go at preparing some savoury and sweet dishes using some of these rations. We also went in an air raid shelter and learnt about different sirens, planes and gas masks. We have returned to school with lots of new information and are now eager to delve further into our topic. Another excellent school trip!



## 4J Class Assembly

On Wednesday, mighty 4J entertained us with their Class Assembly with everything Teamwork! They worked fantastically well together to write and perform dramas and poems. Thrown in the mix too, was art work to represent what teamwork means to them and an inspiring story all about the ups and downs in a vegetable patch where the characters eventually decide that working together really does make life easier. The finale was an enthusiastic and rousing performance of a song all about teamwork where the children were able to demonstrate their free style dancing! Fun was had all around whilst delivering the important message that 'teamwork really does make the dream work!'



There are still places available for September 2019, so its not too late to apply. Please also inform your friends. Contact the school office for more information.

## Year 1 Parent Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the Year 1 Phonics Reading Inspire. The children enjoyed showing what they have been learning, including explaining some of the tricky terminology. We all had fun trying the different activities such as name the alien and finding real or fake words in the buried treasure.



## Road Safety

We were visited by Paul, a road safety officer from Birmingham City Council on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. He ran workshops for each class as part of our school's Road Safety Campaign and will be back next week to visit RB and RP.

The children were fully engaged in the interactive workshops whilst learning how to stay safe on and near the roads. Paul covered topics such as the rules for car seats, the importance of cycle helmets and crossing roads safely.



## Safeguarding Update:

Cotteridge Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children.



**Early Help:** We know just how complicated family life can be and from time to time there may be a situation where you would like extra help or support. Please come and talk to us! We can offer advice around many issues including:

- Attendance/School relationships
- Money and housing problems
- Bereavement and loss
- Parenting advice and skills
- Mental and physical health concerns

Ask to speak to me through your child's class teacher or come to the school main office. Mrs Zoe Burnett