

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
Attendance %	96%	95%	100%	98%	97%	94%	98%

Whole School Attendance w/c
8th April

97%

Attendance superstars
for this week

2CS 100% / 3B 100%

I would like to start by giving everyone a warm welcome back to school for the summer term! It was exactly three years ago that we launched our school vision of 'Achieving Excellence, Inspiring Dreams', and over the last few years this vision has driven many changes within our school. One evidence of this is that academic standards have remained consistently higher than Birmingham and National averages. The quality of a child's education however involves far more than just their test results. That is why we have worked hard to invest in an exciting curriculum that brings learning to life through experiences, visits and opportunities. We have promoted a love of reading through our Accelerated Reader programme and by 'gifting' books to all children in the Juniors. We have improved the teaching of Art and used our whole school 'Arts Week' to promote creativity. Science provision has also improved, with a deliberate emphasis on increasing opportunities for children to carry out investigations and experiments. New parent workshops have been introduced, to improve communication and understanding of how we teach subjects. After school clubs have been enhanced to include chess, computing and STEM subjects, in addition to our many sports based opportunities. The list of improvements goes on...

Of course in order to provide this education, adequate funding is crucial. I'm pleased to say that the Cotteridge school budget continues to be very healthy and we have a sizeable surplus that we are carrying forward into the new financial year. This means that we can continue to drive our vision onwards and seek to improve the school further over the next three years.

Word that we have a lovely school seems to be spreading and so demand for places in Reception is high this year. Sixty new children will be joining the school and we are already receiving applications to be placed on our waiting list. This is a reflection of the hard work of all our teachers and staff, who I would like to thank for their unrelenting dedication.

The voting day on May 23rd has been unexpectedly thrust upon us and, if it goes ahead, will cause disruption to the plans of school and parents. Unfortunately we have no say in the use of the school for voting but what I can do is provide early notice of next year's teacher training days. They can be seen on the reverse of this newsletter and hopefully will allow parents to plan well in advance.

I wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday. *Mr. Leonard.*

Diary Dates

May

- Thu 9 2CS Class Assembly
Y5 Gurdwara Visit
Y1 Scootbility Training
- Mon 13 Y6 SATs Week
3E Swimming begins
- Wed 15 Y5 Malvern Residential
(3 days)
- Wed 22 RB Class Assembly
- Thu 23 School possibly Closed
for Voting
- Fri 24 Y6 Drayton Manor
PTA Non Uniform Day
(50p donation)

Term Dates 2018/19:

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 22nd July 2019

Right of the Week:

Article 6 Chosen by Year 5 UNICEF ambassadors Tino 5A and Aaron 5H.
Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to make sure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



Achieving Excellence

Inspiring Dreams

Teacher Training Days 2019/2020



School will be closed to children on the following dates next academic year.

Monday 2nd September 2019

Thursday 28th November 2019

Friday 29th November 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Please note: There is a chance that school will also be closed on Thursday 7th May 2020 for local election voting.



Year 4 Viking Day

Tuesday was a very exciting day in Year 4 as they all became Vikings for the day! It was an action packed day starting with a long, turbulent journey in long boats, where they faced lots of dangers followed by examining a range of replica weapons, armoury and shields. They looked in detail at a range of unusual Viking artefacts and also got the chance to sketch them!

All the pupils are now enlightened and full of gusto to learn even more about the amazing Vikings.



Multi Skills

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited Billesley Tennis Centre to take part in a range of Multi Skills sports activities. Working together in teams, we tested our aim, measured our speed and improved our catching and throwing.



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All children represented Cotteridge superbly and can be proud of their energetic efforts!



Sports Update

Netball
Netball player of the week:
Lola 6G



Upcoming matches:

- 10th June away to Jervois
- 5th July Birmingham School Games

Question of the week
If you had something special would you give it away?

