



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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ATTENDANCE

Whole School Target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Attendance %	N/A	95%	97%	97%	N/A	97%	95%

From Friday 20th November to Thursday 26th November inclusive

Whole School Attendance: 96%



Attendance Superstars For This Week: 3B 98%

This week, all the children have been learning lots about Road Safety and how to keep ourselves and others safe on our roads. The children participated in some fun activities on Friday afternoon to help them remember the important message of keeping vigilant when crossing roads and encouraging drivers that there is no need to speed!

Across school, the children have continued to show a 'growth mind-set' and resilience in their learning, including those learning at home.

Children home-learning in Reception have enjoyed exploring capacity in Maths this week, uploading lots of lovely pictures for their teachers to see, while Year 4 have learnt about what the Romans ate, creating their very own Roman menu from home!

Year 2 have been working hard too, creating their own stories based on the story 'The Holy Man'. Well done to all our home learners this week, we are very proud of you.

Next week, the children will begin making their Christmas mobiles, ready to display in school. This has become a Cotteridge Christmas tradition and we are all looking forward to the forthcoming festivities in school and sharing our virtual class performances with you towards the end of the Autumn Term.

Have a lovely weekend everybody, *Mrs Darby*.

Playground Pick Up

Please use the one way system. In through the carpark gate, out through the two pedestrian gates.

It is appreciated if all adults on the playground wear a mask.

Please follow social distancing guidelines, keeping 2m apart at all times.

Only one adult for each family – we are trying to keep adult numbers on the playground as low as possible.

Children in Year 6 can meet their parents in the infant playground. Please just let the teacher know.

Please don't let children play on the playground equipment at home time. This means extra cleaning for us and we're trying to keep the children's bubbles separate.

Diary Dates

November 2020

Mon 30th Nursery Photos

December 2020

Tue 15th EYFS & KS1 Xmas Showcase 10am.
KS2 Xmas Showcase 1:45pm

Wed 16th Christmas Dinner

Thu 17th KS2 Xmas Showcase 10am. EYFS and
KS1 Xmas Showcase 1:45pm

Fri 18th Last day— school closes normal time

Teacher Training Days:

Thursday 1st April 2021 and Friday 28th May 2021

You are never alone!

We want you to know that we are still here for everyone in our school community. If you are struggling in any way, be it with school work, behaviour or providing food for your family, please feel free to contact us at school on 0121 464 2865 or email us on:

j.willets@cotridge.bham.sch.uk
z.burnett@cotridge.bham.sch.uk or
k.lacey@cotridge.bham.sch.uk



Follow Cotteridge Primary School on Twitter where we will share and celebrate children's achievements, successes, events and school updates.

Christmas Showcases

This year we will be unable to do any form of Nativity play or performances, as we usually do, because the 3 Wise Men face a travel ban, the shepherds have been furloughed and the Inn Keeper is shut because of Lockdown 2.0.

Therefore as a result we will be doing Christmas Showcases where each class will perform via Zoom for 5 minutes, singing Christmas songs etc. Parents will get Zoom invites so that they can watch the classes perform from home. This way, at least we can still have some form of Christmas celebration this year.

There will be 2 performances for the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 on Tuesday 15th December at 1:45pm and on Thursday 17th December at 10am.

Children in Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 will perform their showcases on Tuesday 15th December at 10am and then on Thursday 17th December at 1:45pm. Please note that the Nursery children will only be performing once, on the Tuesday morning.

Further details regarding Zoom logins for these Showcases will be sent out in the coming weeks.



Guidance for families on Covid-19 and illness for children at school.

If your child or someone in your household has any **one** of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

it is important that you do not attend school and stay at home. You should arrange for a coronavirus test and tell the school the test results. Please let the school know the reason for your child's absence.

To book a test call 111 or 119 or go online by searching: NHS get a coronavirus test. Our local test centre is at the University of Birmingham or a test can be posted to your home address. Until we have the results of the test, your child(ren) will be unable to return to school.

Please note, if you have more than one child at school, even if only one child is displaying symptoms, all children must remain off school until the child displaying symptoms has received a negative test result. Alternatively, the child with symptoms may quarantine for 10 days whilst the rest of the household should quarantine for 14 days.

Children should not return to school if they feel unwell. This is even if they have had a negative test result. If your child has a fever, they should not return to school until their temperature has been normal for 48 hours.

In the event of a positive test result, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mr Willetts or Miss Lacey as soon as you are able.

If you are unsure what to do, please call either Mrs Burnett or Miss Lacey on 0121 464 2865.

Whilst children are isolating, they are able to access work online. Please head to our school website, under 'Parents' then 'Covid 19' for guidance.

REMINDER: To report a child's absence due to Covid, please report this via the online form on our school website. There are two forms—one for reporting an absence due to displaying symptoms and awaiting a test/ test results and one for reporting an absence due to receiving a positive test result. This new system will enable parents and carers to contact school quickly. This means that you can contact us at any time with this information, including when school is closed.

When you submit a form, an alert will go to the senior leadership team who will seek advice and take the recommended actions.

School Video and Question and Answer

Sessions for Prospective Parents

As we are unable to hold our open sessions for prospective Reception parents in the usual way this year, we have made a video about the school which is now on our website and we will be hosting several virtual question and answer sessions. These sessions will be held on Zoom, the links for which are also on our website. These question and answer sessions will be an opportunity for prospective parents to ask questions of members of our Senior Leadership Team and our Early Years Phase Leader.



School PTA

We now have our own website up and running so you can keep an eye on our upcoming events and news as well as our fundraising achievements so far. You will also find our contact details in case you would like to get in touch about joining us or to share any ideas you may have. If you would like to take a look at our website, please visit the address below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cotteridgepta/>

School Christmas

Dinner

The children will be able to enjoy a school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December.



If your child would like to have a Christmas dinner, please book a dinner for this date on School Money by Wednesday 2nd December. The Christmas menu has been emailed to Parents/ Carers this week. Please note: for the children who would still like a dinner on this day but do not want a Christmas dinner, there will only be a cheese and onion lattice or sandwich option. Otherwise, children should bring a packed lunch from home.

Diversity Week

As you are aware, due to the second lockdown, we had to postpone Diversity Week. Diversity Week will now be week commencing 17th May 2021. We have left it until this time so that learning for National Assessments are not affected and also, by then, we hope that visitors will be allowed back in school.



Christmas Cards and Last Day Of Term

This year, we will have to do things a little differently with regards Christmas cards. Children can bring in Christmas cards between 1st and 15th December only for children in their Year Group. Each class will have their own small post box for the children to post their cards into. The cards will then be quarantined for 2 days and will be given out during the last day of term – Friday 18th December. You will also recall that normally we would close for the Christmas holidays at 1:30pm. However, as the children have already missed so much school this year, we felt it would not be appropriate to finish early this time so, on Friday 18th December, school will be closing at the normal time. Afterschool Club will also be available as normal on this day.



Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to say that there has been a good response for the two vacancies and there are four candidates:

- ◆ Caroline Barlow
- ◆ Catherine Hyde
- ◆ Nazneen Mahmood
- ◆ Jennie Seymour

This means we must now hold a ballot. Balloting papers will be sent out to each Parent/ Carer on Monday 30th November. You may vote for up to two candidates, but each Parent/ Carer can only submit one ballot paper. The deadline for the return of balloting papers is 7th December. The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. Good luck to those who have applied!

Parent/ Carer Contact Details

Having to close the Reception bubble last week and Year 4 this week has really highlighted the importance of us having the correct contact telephone numbers and email addresses for Parents/ Carers. There were a few Parents/ Carers who did not receive the text message to collect their child from school/ not send their child to school or the important follow-up information that was sent out by email later on in the afternoon. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that the contact details we hold for you are correct. If you know that you have changed your mobile/ home/ work number or email address, please could you ensure that you phone the school office with this information asap. Bubble closures will be communicated by text message and any follow-up information, along with all other school correspondence, will be sent by email. This week, we received news of a positive case of Covid 19 on Saturday morning, therefore, the only way of sharing this with Parents/ Carers, including information about their child's year group being closed was by email. A few children who were supposed to be self-isolating did turn up at the school gates on Monday morning because their Parents/ Carers did not receive or read the email. Therefore, having an up to date email address is just as important as having up to date telephone numbers. It would also be a good idea, if you don't already, to have notification alerts on your phones or devices of incoming emails.



Preparing for home learning

In the event of a Year group bubble closing due to a positive case of Covid-19 and to begin home learning using BGFL365, we are asking parents with an Apple device to download the BGFL365 App which includes a camera icon. Children in Years 1,2 and 3 will complete any home learning in their Home Learning Book. Once logged in with your child's details (found in the front of home learning books) parents will then be able to take a photograph which will be automatically be uploaded into your child's individual file. Parents with an Android device will need to type login.bgfl365.uk into a web browser, log in using their child's details (in the front of their home learning book). Click on My Files, Upload Files, Choose Files and camera. The photo of your child's work will appear in the My Files folder for the teacher to give feedback.

Home Learning Book

In September, all children brought home a Home Learning Book in the event of **self isolation** due to a family member or close contact testing positive or if they are **awaiting test results**.



If your child is absent for either of these reasons, please follow the link below to the Oak National Academy website. In each year group from Reception to Year 6 there are lessons that your child can complete into their Home Learning Book and bring into school to be marked by their teacher.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year>