



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 %	97%	96%	97%	97%	94%	97%	95%

From Friday 27th November to Thursday 3rd December inclusive

Whole School Attendance: 96%



Attendance Superstars For This Week: RD 98%

COVID-19 has demonstrated the importance and power of kindness. During the first lockdown we heard many stories of people who had gone out of their way to help others. Studies have shown that being kind to others, also makes us feel good. Being kind is easy. Small gestures, such as checking on a neighbour who lives alone, or ringing someone for a chat, can have a big impact. As the pandemic continues it's important for us to be kind, both to ourselves and to each other.

So from Monday I am going to be promoting 'Do Good December' with the children in school. Each day for the remaining 10 days in school I am going to email and tweet a simple act of kindness which the children could do to make our community an even better place. If they can take photos of this act of kindness and either tweet them or email them to me then I'd love to see them. Some acts won't be able to be photographed but many will.

During this week it has been lovely to hear the children practising their songs for the Christmas Showcases which are taking place during the last week of term. I do hope that you will be able to join us via Zoom for these showcases.

This week, as a Senior Leadership Team, along with Mrs Pickering Ernst, we had a look at the quality of the learning in Maths across the school. I have to say how proud I was to see the standards within the children's books. You would not know that many of the children have had significant time away from school this year. This is a credit to all of the staff and of course all of the pupils.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Jason Willetts

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.willetts@cotridge.bham.sch.uk
z.burnett@cotridge.bham.sch.uk or
k.lacey@cotridge.bham.sch.uk

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

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



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 the tier system restrictions.

Therefore as a result we will be doing Christmas Showcases where each class will perform via Zoom for 5 minutes, singing Christmas songs etc. 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.

The Zoom Meeting ID is: 5826475815. This will be the same for all of the virtual performances. No passcode required. These will also be available on the website.



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 PTA

There's lots going on with the PTA; we have a new website, we have a new fundraising initiative called Easy Fundraising, but most importantly, we have our FESTIVE BINGO night on Friday 11th December, hosted by the one and only Mr Willetts! Please email cotteridgepta@gmail.com with your name and how many tickets you would like, if you would like to get involved.

You can also view our PTA website for more information: www.pta-events.co.uk/cotteridgepta/

Additionally, please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cotteridgeprimarypta/ to see how you can help raise money for the school whilst doing your Christmas shopping!

Thank you and Merry Christmas from the PTA x

Virtual Pantomime For All Children

The PTA have kindly purchased the licence for all of our children



to watch a virtual pantomime performed by the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry. Many Thanks to the PTA for this wonderful gift, we are sure the children will really enjoy this!

Class Fundraising Purchases

Some Parents/Carers will have already received some or all of their Christmas cards and gifts that they have ordered. However, Class Fundraising have advised us that there are still some to come. They are being printed and delivered in batches. So if you haven't received any or part of your order just yet, we have been assured you will still get it in time for Christmas.

Christmas Cards and Last Day Of Term

REMINDER—SCHOOL CLOSURES ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 3:15 PM.



The last day of term will be Christmas Jumper Day! This is also when the children will have their class parties.

Usually, children would come home with a list of party food/drinks to bring in, but this year we are having to do things a little differently. Instead, they will be having their school dinners/home made packed lunches as normal then having biscuits and squash during their parties. The biscuits and squash will be provided by school.

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.

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE SPRING TERM ON MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021.



Dogs Fouling On Breedon Road



Dog fouling
Clean it up

Just to keep you informed, we have contacted our local Councillor, Mary Locke, who is going to arrange for the council to clean up the dog foul on Breedon Road. She is also going to arrange for some stickers to be placed on the lampposts reminding dog owners of their responsibilities to pick up after their dogs. If you do see anyone not picking up after their dog, please contact Mary Locke or the local council.

Bad Weather

It's that time of year when we need to think about what we would do in the event of bad weather. Obviously we will try our best not to, but if we do have to close the school due to bad weather we will no longer be contacting the local radio stations. We will be communicating the school closure by email, text message, Twitter and on our website. Please make sure your contact details are up to date and please check Twitter and our website for updates.



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>