



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%	95%	97%	95%

From Friday 4th December to Thursday 10th December inclusive

Whole School Attendance: 96%



Attendance Superstars For This Week: RD 98%

The term is coming to a close and I can't tell you how delightful it is to see the preparations for Christmas - it makes things seem a little more normal! The famous Cotteridge mobiles are now in place in the two school halls and they're adding a festive atmosphere to the buildings which is especially enjoyed when eating lunch!

The children are busy getting ready for their Christmas performances and it's lovely to hear singing in classes. They can't wait to show you their Christmas Showcases on Tuesday and Thursday via Zoom next week. The Zoom meeting ID number is on this newsletter and we will send an email with the relevant details to parents today. Individual teachers will have let children know what they should be wearing, but if there's any uncertainty please ask a member of staff on the playground and we can get back to you.

There will be some changes taking place in the operation of school next week, which the children will no doubt notice. We are moving from year group to class bubbles for one week only, to dramatically reduce the possibility that children and staff will need to isolate over the Christmas period. There's no change to drop off or pick up, but you will notice that the dreaded cones are back on the playground!

Just one final message: we will be in school for a full day next Friday 18th December. We are not having a half day and we will be in school until normal home time.

I hope everyone has a lovely final weekend of the term.

Miss Lacey

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

School closed for Elections 6th 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.willetts@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

Tuesday 15th December—EYFS & KS1 Xmas Showcase 10am. KS2 Xmas Showcase 1:45pm

Thursday 17th December—KS2 Xmas Showcase 10am. EYFS and KS1 Xmas Showcase 1:45pm

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. Please feel free to share the links with your friends and family to watch these performances. For safeguarding reasons, we will not be recording the showcases.



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.

Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to announce that we have confirmed who our two new Parent Governors are. The results were extremely close!

We are pleased to announce that Nazneen Mahmood and Caroline Barlow are our new Parent Governors. Thank you to Jennie Seymour and Catherine Hyde for submitting expressions of interest. Also, a big thank you to all those who voted.



School PTA

Tonight is our PTA Christmas Bingo! Thank you for the huge support we have had in putting this event together and to everyone who has purchased a ticket.

You should have your packs with all info, but if you don't, please contact us on the email below. Don't forget to wear your Christmas outfits and have fun!

Also, if you have any last minute Christmas shopping to do, please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cotteridgeprimarypta/ - we have already raised £15 for the school in just a few weeks with a handful of supporters. It's easy money!

Please email cotteridgepta@gmail.com if you have any queries or would like to get involved with the PTA

Thank you and Merry Christmas from the PTA x



Christmas Dinner Wednesday 16th December

Please be reminded that our Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 16th December. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please make sure you have booked this on School Money, even if they are entitled to free school meals. Please note: the **only** meal options on this day will be:

Roast Turkey served with Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes or New Potatoes, Carrots, Button Sprouts, Stuffing Balls and Gravy. Dessert—Ice Cream or Mince Pie and Custard
or
Cheese and Onion Lattice served with Roast Potatoes or New Potatoes, Carrots, Button Sprouts, Stuffing balls and Gravy.
Dessert—Ice Cream or Mince Pie and Custard
or
Cheese / Ham Sandwich

If your child does not like any of the above, please provide them with a packed lunch from home as there will not be any other meal choices on this day.

Lateness

We have noticed that some of our children are regularly arriving late to school in the mornings. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive to school on time every day. We appreciate that getting to school can take a little longer during these icy mornings, but please make sure that you account for this by leaving home a few minutes earlier.

Snacks For Break Time

Please could all parents/carers send their child in with a healthy snack for morning break time. It is quite a long time for this children between breakfast and lunch and some of the children who are not bringing in snacks are telling their teachers that they are getting hungry before lunchtime. Thank you.



School Closure WMCAM and PCC Elections

You will recall that we were originally scheduled to be closed on 7th May 2020 for WMCAM and PCC Elections. This was postponed due to the Covid Pandemic. We have now been informed that these elections have been rescheduled for **THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2021**. Therefore, as our school is a polling station, it will be **closed to all pupils on this date**.

Christmas Cards and Last Day Of Term

REMINDER—SCHOOL CLOSURES ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT NORMAL TIME.



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 to Christmas cards, children can bring in 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.



Traffic Outside School by Michael Eccles (Year 4 Parent)

You may have noticed that our local councillor, Mary Locke, was outside the school on Thursday morning. Along with Mr Willetts I invited her to come and see the traffic, as I am concerned about the safety of children crossing Breedon Road. The staff do an amazing job stopping the traffic and marshalling the children across the road but this is keeping them away from their other vital work. Mary Locke said there are some options available to the Council that could make the road safer and she is keen to hear from other parents who would support additional safety measures outside the school - please email her to show your support: mary.locke@birmingham.gov.uk. Thank you!

