



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 13

Friday 8th December 2017

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## TTENDANCE

Whole school target is 97%

|              | EYFS  | YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 | YEAR 6 |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance % | 96.3% | 95%    | 97%    | 96.4%  | 98.4%  | 96.4%  | 99%    |

Whole School Attendance  
from 28th Nov - 7th Dec

**97%**

Attendance superstars  
for this week

**2W 98% / 4B & 6G 100%**

Christmas has arrived at Cotteridge School with decorated trees now to be found in both of the school halls. Across the school the children have been enjoying making their Christmas mobiles- a longstanding Cotteridge tradition- which are now displayed in the Key Stage 2 hall. Parents will have a chance to see the finished creations during the Christmas performances at the end of term but, in the mean time, please see the photos over-leaf.

3B displayed excellent knowledge about the Stone Age during their lovely class assembly on Wednesday. Their 'rockin' song was particularly memorable and the children enjoyed educating their audiences.

On Thursday Year 6 impressed me with their art skills: they had been making clay Mayan masks using a variety of sculpting and joining skills. There were many excellent examples and a vote to determine the best. Some photographs of the masks are to be seen on the back page.

On Tuesday 28th November the Senior Leadership Team enjoyed meeting parents to discuss the proposed new Behaviour for Learning Policy. It was a productive evening and we appreciated parents taking the time to share their thoughts. A summary of the meeting was distributed in a letter from Mr Leonard earlier in the week and can be found on the school's website.

On a domestic note, the weather is due to stay cold into next week so we ask that, if possible over the coming months, children have some warm jogging bottoms to be used for PE lessons. *Miss Lacey.*

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

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| Thu 14 | EYFS Christmas show 9.30am   |
| Fri 15 | EYFS Christmas show 9.30am   |
| Tue 19 | Y1/2 Christmas show 2pm  |
| Wed 20 | Y1/2 Christmas show 9.30am<br>Christmas Dinner<br>Santa's Grotto and film night 3.30pm |
| Thu 21 | 9.30am & 2pm Junior Carol Concert  |
| Fri 22 | School finishes at 1.30pm<br>Christmas Jumper Day                                      |

*See the website for future dates*

### Term Dates 2017/18:

#### Autumn Term

Mon 30th Oct - Fri 22nd Dec

#### Spring Term

Mon 8th Jan - Fri 16th Feb

**Half Term: Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Feb**

Mon 26th Feb - Thur 29th Mar

#### Teacher Training Days

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018



Question of the week  
How do you know your perceptions are real?

### Netball

**Player of the week:** 28th Nov Neve 5T and 5th Dec Halimah 5S

**Next match:** 11th December friendly away against Colmers Farm.

**Result:** Fantastic game against West Heath last night 18-3. Well done girls! **Man of the match:** Charlotte 6G



### Right of the Week: Article 6 Chosen by Year 1

UNICEF ambassadors Akeem 1P and Jacob 1B.

*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.*



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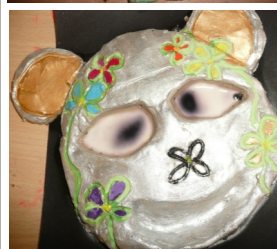
### Nursery and Reception Theatre Visit

The children had the most enjoyable visit to the MAC to see the production

'Father Christmas' by Raymond Briggs. Much fun and laughter was had by all the children and their behaviour was exemplary.



### Year 6 Clay Mayan Masks



### Christmas Mobiles



### Teacher Training Day

At last week's teacher training day, staff enjoyed refresher training on Philosophy for Children. It was a thought provoking and demanding day which emphasised the engagement of children through development of thinking skills. A parent governor joined Cotteridge staff and commented:

"I felt very privileged to be able to share with staff the CPD day on Philosophy for Children (P4C) – an initiative that is well established at our school and is having a very positive impact on our young people. The day was at times intense and Cotteridge staff willingly rose to the challenge."

*James Hawkins Parent Governor*

### Early Finish - Friday 22nd December

Don't forget that school will be finishing early on the last day of school. Please collect your child at 1.30pm.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December is also Christmas Jumper Day! We look forward to seeing you all in your festive jumper.



### Winter Weather

It is that time of year again when we sometimes experience adverse weather conditions. If it is necessary for school to be closed we have the following ways of informing you.

1. Text message to mobile phone (please make sure we have your up to date mobile phone number)
2. Message on the school website, under latest news
3. Local radio stations
4. Birmingham council website