

COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Friday 14th December 2018

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TTENDANCE

Whole school target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Attendance %	95%	97%	94%	97%	96%	94%	97%

Whole School Attendance w/c
10th December 2018

96%

Attendance superstars
for this week

1J 99% / 3B & 6G 98%

We are finally well into the swing of Christmas festivities at Cotteridge School. Last Friday, the famous Cotteridge mobiles went up in the Junior and Infant Halls, with this event marking the start of Christmas at our school. The PTA organised the Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto swiftly followed which was very well supported and attended. I would like to thank all the families who came and the many parents and staff who helped with either Santa or the stalls. All in all, a lovely end to last week. This week has seen the hall in constant use for Christmas rehearsals. Thursday and Friday saw two fantastic Early Years performances. The children in Reception and Nursery rose to the challenge of speaking in front of a big audience admirably. With such fine singing quite a few parents mentioned to me how moved they were by this important milestone in their child's life.

On a different matter, I spent some time with 5A on Monday. We do know our children are fantastic but 5A on Monday afternoon were a real credit to the school, showing excellent manners and working hard right until the bell went. It was a real pleasure working with them.

I wish all families an enjoyable weekend. Miss Lacey

Lost Property - please check lost property by Thursday 20th December, any items not claimed will be sent to the charity shop.

Diary Dates: December

- Tue 18 Y1&2 Christmas Show 2pm
- Wed 19 Y1&2 Christmas Show
9.30am
- Thu 20 Junior Carol Concert 9.30am
& 2pm
- Fri 21 Christmas Jumper Day
School closes early at 1.30pm

Term Dates 2018/19:

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th Jan - Friday 15th Feb

Teacher Training Days

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

See the website for all dates

Afternoon Tea

20 tickets were drawn from the Accelerated Reader Quiz box and the winners enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea with Miss Stalker.



Question of the week



Can kindness change the world?

Right of the Week:

Article 13 Chosen by Year 1 UNICEF ambassadors

Chloe 1P and Elizabeth 1J. Every child must be free to say what they think and to seek and receive all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.



Achieving Excellence

Inspiring Dreams

How Can You Dare To Be Your Best Self?

Just ask any Y6 pupil for the answer. They attend the Prince William Award (PWA) programme and can tell you how to be your best self. Comments include:

“The PWA helps you to be more confident”

“My favourite part of the PWA is the activities that teach life skills without even knowing”.

“The PWA helps me learn more about myself”.

“The PWA makes me feel happy because I learn how to help others”

“The PWA helps you to learn self-control and learn from your mistakes”

“The PWA helps me to be my best self all the time and encourage others to be their best”

“The PWA teaches you qualities such as resilience, teamwork and self-belief”.

“The PWA is about learning new skills that you probably don't know about”

“The PWA helps you to learn life skills for the future”

“The PWA helps you to be courageous and helps with listening skills”

Y6 are currently in the second year of participating in the PWA, following the Explorer programme. The award is delivered by an Instructor from SkillForce (Rob Ford) helping young people develop their character, courage and resilience.

You can find out more about the PWA and SkillForce by visiting www.skillforce.org



Friends of Cotteridge Park

Carols Round the Campfire



Friday 21st December
Meet at the car park entrance on Franklin Rd at **6pm**

Wrap up warm, wear wellies & bring a torch
www.cotteridgepark.org.uk

PTA Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto

It was a very successful event last Friday, raising £492. Many children were fortunate to see Santa in his Grotto and ask him questions, ably assisted by his two elves. Families also enjoyed the stalls at the fayre which included a Tombola, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Present Emporium, Sweet Stall and Magical Reindeer Food. Cotteridge School would like to extend a big thank you to all parent helpers without whom, the event would not have happened.



EYFS Christmas Show - The Greatest Snowman

Well done to Reception and Nursery children for a fantastic show. We were all very impressed and proud of their singing and performance. Thank you to all the parents and carers for coming to watch the show!



EYFS Christmas Party: As part of our Health and Safety good practice, we have the responsibility to ensure that any food that we give to children is cooked and prepared under strict standards of hygiene. Therefore at this year's parties, we will no longer be able to invite parents to send in home made sandwiches, cakes etc. If parents do want to supply party food, we would ask that it be shop bought and still within sealed packaging. A modest amount of party type snacks will be more than enough, as children will still have their normal lunch in school.

Thursday 20th December in the afternoon