



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

What we are all being asked to do at the moment is not humanly possible. There is a reason why we are either a working parent, a stay-at-home parent, or a part-time working parent.

Working, parenting and teaching are three very different jobs that cannot be done at the same time. It's not hard because you are doing it wrong. It's hard because it's too much. So just do the best you can! Try to get a routine for your children and try to get them to do at least 1 or 2 pieces of work each day to keep their skills fresh, but don't feel bad if your children can't do all that we set.

When you have to pick, because at some point you will, choose connection. Pick playing a game with your child rather than arguing about a piece of schoolwork. Pick teaching your child how to wash up rather than feeling frustrated that they aren't helping. Pick laughing, and snuggling, and reminding them that they are loved and safe.

If you are feeling stressed, lower your expectations where you can, don't beat yourselves up and where possible virtually reach out for social interaction.

We are in this together. We must stay strong, positive and well. That means mentally well too! Look after yourselves and thank you for your support!

Jason Willetts

Reception Intake September 2021

Please may we remind you that the closing date for applications for entry to Reception Class in September 2021 is this Friday, 15th January 2021 at 11:59 pm.

If you have a child born between **1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017** please apply online and on time by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Parent/carers who apply late are less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools. It is also important that parent/carers still complete an online application if they have an older child on roll at their preferred school.

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:

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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.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place as planned during the week beginning 8th February. The teachers would love to discuss your child's progress during the Autumn term.

Further details will be issued next week.

Appointments will be via your child's Microsoft Teams account.



No Screen Friday

As a school, having run a week of home learning, we are concerned about the amount of screen time the children are having. Therefore, from next Friday, there will be no screen based learning for the children every Friday. There will still be the morning and afternoon calls and the assembly but all tasks will be completed offline.



Weekly Challenge

Thank you for all those that baked a cake as part of last week's challenge.

This week the challenge is to take a photo or draw a picture of when you are doing an Act of Kindness.



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School Foodbank

Due to increasing demand in January, we are looking for donations to top up our foodbank. People have asked which products in particular we need. Here is a list of items which would be particularly welcome:

Pasta	Noodles
Spaghetti	Jelly
Long Life Milk	Squash
Tins of Peas	Chopped Tomatoes
Tinned Fruit	Shampoo
Biscuits	Baby Wipes
Sugar	Lasagne Sheets
Sanitary Products	Cooking Sauces
Shower Gel	Cereals (not oats)
Cleaning Products	Crisps
Rice Coffee	Toilet Rolls
Conditioner	Tins of Sweetcorn Pasta Sauces
Tins of Baked Beans	Plus strong carrier bags

THANK YOU!

