



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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It is lovely to hear from the teachers just how many children are logging on to the morning calls and doing some work every day.

I know that not everyone has the technology for a device per child but I appreciate the efforts which are being made by parents so that calls can be accessed and some work completed. This is great, as it means that the children are accessing work that the teachers have prepared, and are continuing with their education, even in these most difficult times. It is reassuring that so many of us have got to grips with the technology and have managed to navigate our way around Evidence Me, BGFL or Teams. Well done to you all for achieving this. It is wonderful to see.

A reminder that, if you need a new home learning book at any time, they are available from the School Office or at the Book Swap sessions for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

If you are still having difficulties with accessing the online teaching, please do get in touch, either by phone or email, and we will do our best to help you solve this.

Everyone, staff, children and their families are doing their very best at the moment and I think we should all be commended for the efforts which are being made. I believe if we work together we can succeed and thrive, even during a pandemic! A message I would like to end with, is one which applies to us all whatever the role we play within our school community:

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU
CAN BE ANYTHING,

be kind.

Stay safe, be kind and enjoy the weekend!

Jason Willetts

E Safety

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child stay safe online, and you don't need to be an expert on the internet to do so! There are lots of user-friendly websites that offer tips, advice, guides and resources to help support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively. This advice and support is frequently updated to address the expectations of online learning during this period of Covid-19 lockdown.

Please check out the e-safety page on our school website, in particular Internet Matters, which has helpful videos and advice.

As always, if you have any concerns please contact us through the school office or by email. *Zoe Burnett*



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



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Covid Symptoms IMPORTANT!



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

You should arrange for a coronavirus test for the person displaying symptoms and tell the school at your earliest opportunity. **Everyone** in your household must isolate until you have received a negative test result. **This is also the case if you have had a test without experiencing any symptoms.** Please inform the school of your test results as soon as you have received them, whether negative or positive. Even in the event of a negative test result, children should not return to school if they feel unwell. If your child has a fever, they should not return to school until their temperature has been normal for 48 hours.

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.

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Helen Couriel (one of our PTA members)

School Issue Devices

We would just like to remind Parents/Carers, who have been given a device from school for their child's home learning, of the Device Loan



Agreement that they would have signed at the time of collection. One of the points on the Loan Agreement is that children will only use the device for educational purposes and not for personal use i.e games, apps, social media etc. Please do not download any software, games or apps that are not sanctioned by school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Chinese New Year in School

This year, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in school on Thursday 11th February 2020. More details will follow soon.....



Pupils Of The Week Assemblies



Every Monday, starting on Monday 1st February, Mr Willetts will be doing a whole school assembly at 2:30pm to celebrate the Pupils Of The Week. The

children will be chosen from both home learners and those that are attending school. The Zoom link will be sent out soon.

Weekly Challenge And Nature Photograph Competition– All In One!



Birmingham Trees for Life (BTfL)

This week's challenge is to take a nature photo. It could be of:

trees,
parks,
wildlife,
your back garden,
the view outside your window,
birds,
flowers,
sky lines or
landscapes

Please tweet us your photo @CotteridgeS and tag in @BhamTrees4Life.

Alternatively, you can email us on enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk and we will tweet your photo for you.

As BTfL will exhibit the photos online, please only enter the competition if you are happy for your photo to be shown on social media and the BTfL virtual gallery. There will be a prize for the winner although we're not sure what this will be yet!

Good luck everyone!