



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 2

Friday 18th September 2020

Already two weeks into our new term and things are feeling very normal. It's wonderful! Thank you to all parents and carers for working with us to ensure that the beginning and end of the day continue to run smoothly, by dropping off and collecting your children promptly—please remember children need to be in by 9am. Please continue to maintain social distancing on the playground and wearing a facemask is appreciated.

As a senior leadership team, we have been putting into place plans for children who are absent if they, or a family member, are awaiting test results; for those self isolating or in the event of a year group bubble having to close. Please check your child's bag tonight as all children from Reception to Year 6 will be bringing home a Home Learning Book, instructions on how to log onto BGfL and how to log onto Teams. There is also a letter with information on how the children will access work if they are absent from school from Monday onwards. Nursery children will be receiving their home learning pack and accompanying letter next week.

Within school, there is a buzz in all classrooms as the children enjoy their learning. Children in Nursery and Reception are settling in well. Our Nursery children have been doing very well in learning to write their names and have enjoyed the outdoor learning space. Reception children have been learning counting songs and reading "Only One You", a book about what makes them special. In Year 1, I saw some lovely Maths work, as the children used counters and Numicon to solve maths questions. In Year 2, the children have been looking at the value of digits and comparing numbers. Forest School also began this week for some of our children in Key Stage One.

In Key Stage Two, the children in Year 3 have been experimenting with light sources, Year 4 have been learning about the Romans, Year 5 have been keeping fit in PE with fitness and athletics and Year 6 are well into their World War Two topic, using "Letters from the Lighthouse" and "Friend or Foe" as their stimulus texts.

I am sure there will be some very tired children coming home tonight so I wish you all a restful weekend. **Mrs Tucker**

### **You are not alone!**

Although the school is now partially open for some families, 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

### **Dates for your diary**

- ♦ Monday 30th Nov: Nursery photos

### **Teacher Training Days:**

- ♦ Monday 2nd November 2020
- ♦ Thursday 1st April 2021
- ♦ Friday 28th May 2021

### **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.**



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### **Food Bank**

We are now running our food bank again to support families in our community who are currently in need.

If you would like to take advantage of our food bank and our community's generosity please get in touch with Mrs Burnett or Mrs Smith and they can ensure that you are supported. Please do not feel ashamed to ask for help - these are unprecedented times and we are all here to help!

A donation box will be placed by the exit gates each day for any donations of non perishable foods and toiletries.

The food bank was a huge success before we broke up and during the summer holidays—thank you everyone!



### **Forest School**

It is lovely to see that our KS1 children are able to enjoy Forest School again.

This week's children made an acorn cafe for the squirrels, had a hot chocolate from the shed and explored dinosaur swamp just to name a few activities!



### **Guidance for families on Covid-19 and illness.**

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.

If you are unsure what to do, please call either Mrs Burnett or Miss Lacey on 0121 464 2865.

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.

We understand this is a complicated situation, please feel free to discuss any questions with us.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

If you have any safeguarding concerns you can always report the them to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) - Mr Willetts, Miss Lacey or Mrs Burnett.

The school's Safeguarding policy can be viewed on our website.



### **Parents' Consultation Meetings**

Due to current restrictions we will be unable to host our Parents' Consultation evenings in our usual manner. Instead, the meetings will take place by phone. Details for booking timeslots and the dates of the meetings will be sent to you next week.

### **Arrangements for picking up children from school**

Occasionally collection arrangements do change due to circumstances beyond your control. Should you wish someone else to collect your child(ren), please advise us by phoning the school office. Please note, if we have not had a message from you to say that someone else will be collecting your child, we will not let your child go with them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.



### **How may I help you?**

If you are unsure about any information or require more assistance about your child please contact the class teacher in the first instance. If you require further support, please contact one of our Assistant Head Teachers: Mrs Darby for Nursery to Year 2 and Mrs Tucker for Years 3 to 6.

If your query is then still not resolved please contact either Miss Lacey or Mr Willetts.



**Coronavirus COVID-19**  
Protect yourself and others



**Please wear a  
face covering**

