

# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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## TTENDANCE

Whole school target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<b>Attendance %</b>	96%	92%	97%	97%	99%	93%	97%

Whole School Attendance w/c  
18th March 2019

**96%**

Attendance superstars  
for this week

**2s 98% 4T 99.3%**

What a fantastic few weeks of learning we've had at school. Last Friday, I accompanied Year 4 to the NEC for the 'Big Bang' Science Fair and what a great day it was. We certainly heard some very big bangs when we were there, and I'm sure the children will long remember the exploding methane and hydrogen at the 'Greatest Science Experiment Ever!' stage. It's our hope that girls and boys alike were inspired to find out how things work and to become scientists of the future. Science Week has been a huge success across the school and we shall certainly be doing it again next year.

In my assembly on Monday, I shared a book with the children, which has kindly been donated to the school, called 'The Lost Words'. We discussed the beautiful illustrations and I've since been inundated by children asking to see the book for themselves. Their enthusiasm for reading is contagious and seems to be growing all the time as they engage in our wide range of reading initiatives. It is a delight to see! Many Year 3 parents have also been involved in Reading this week, as they joined their children in class workshops. These are a useful opportunity to see how we teach comprehension skills and use questions to help children gain deeper understanding of what they've read. I'd like to give a big thank you to the Year 3 teachers.

Today I have had the very difficult job of judging our annual House Bake Off! I think I say it every year... "It's a hard job but someone's got to do it!" Cooking falls within the Design & Technology section of the curriculum and includes many cross-curricular skills. Well done to all of our little bakers for their very tasty entries!

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for the overwhelming positive support that you give to me and our school. Cotteridge is a wonderful place to learn and work, and always will be due to your inspirational children. I wish all of our families a wonderful weekend.

Mr. Leonard.

### Diary Dates

#### March

**Tue 26** Reception Mother's Day  
Assembly - RB 9am / RP 10am

#### April

**Wed 3** 2CS Class Assembly  
9.05 am

**Mon 8** Parents' Evening (except 5A & 6G)

**Wed 10** 3E Class Assembly 9.05 am  
Parents' Evening (all classes)

**Thu 11** Parents' Evening (5A & 6G only)

**Tue 30** Y4 Vikings Day

**Please note change for 5A and 6G parents' evening on last week's newsletter from Tuesday 9th April to Thursday 11th April.**

#### Term Dates 2018/19:

**Spring Term 2019**  
Tuesday 26th Feb - Friday 12th April

**Summer Term 2019**  
Monday 29th Apr - Friday 24th May

**Half Term:** Mon 27th - Fri 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Friday 19th July

**Teacher Training Days**  
Monday 22nd July 2019

Question of the week



If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be?

### Right of the Week:

*Article 38 Chosen by Year 3 UNICEF ambassadors Dylan 3B and Naim 3E. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war. Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.*



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### 5H Class Assembly

On Wednesday, 5H shared a very important message during their class assembly. The children spoke passionately and confidently about the problem of plastics in our oceans and offered solutions



as to what we can do to make a difference! We hope that if everyone can make small everyday changes, we can collectively have a big impact. Thank you to everyone who came to watch.

### Foodbank

Cotteridge Primary School is always proud to say that we support the B30 Foodbank. A charity which provides food and support to people in crisis. The school is taking part in a pasta challenge where we are asking families to donate unopened bags of dry pasta. Each classes' total amount of pasta will be weighed and the winning class will win a DVD and popcorn afternoon during the last week of term. If you are also able to donate sauce to accompany the pasta, although it will not count in the pasta challenge, it would be greatly received. Please can all donations be sent into school by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.



**Football** Congratulations to our school football team for their outstanding win against St Marys 7-0 with goals from Tyrell, Taylor and Ben.



### Year 4 Big Bang Trip

Year 4 visited The Big Bang Fair on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the NEC and enjoyed hands on experiments and watched live shows, inspiring budding scientists for our future generations. The children really enjoyed the day and found it very exciting!



### Red Nose Day

All the children had a great time taking part in the red nose day activities and we raised £272.15 for Comic Relief. We had dress down day, painted on red noses, ran funny races and held the final of the joke competition. The winning joke was "What's the best birthday present ever? A broken drum because you can't beat it!" Dylan 5A.



Thank you to all those who took part and donated money to help such a worthwhile cause.

### Safeguarding Update:

Cotteridge Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children.



Jessie & Friends: online safety education for 4-7s. What is it?

*Jessie & Friends* is a three-episode animated series which aims to equip 4-7 year olds with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to help them stay safe from sexual abuse and other risks they may encounter online.

*Jessie & Friends* provides information and advice to parents and carers to support ongoing conversations with their child about the internet and online safety, as well as practical information on how they can ensure the online spaces they are accessing are as safe as possible.

Additional information for parents and carers about the *Jessie & Friends* resources can be found at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends).

Mrs Burnett

### Governor Update:

After many years of dedicated service Mrs Kaya has now stepped down as a school governor. We want to give her a big thank you for the time and support that she has given to the school during her terms of office. We are now pleased to welcome a new governor to the school, Ms Ros Alstead O.B.E. Ms Alstead has been the Director of Nursing and Clinical Standard at Oxford NHS trust and brings with her a wealth of experience.

### Netball

Netball player of the week: Fatima 6G



### Upcoming matches:

- 26<sup>th</sup> March High 5 at Welsh House Farm, Quinton
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> April away to St. Laurence
  - 10<sup>th</sup> April High 5 Tournament venue tbc
  - 10<sup>th</sup> June away to Jervois
- NOTE: 16<sup>th</sup> May & 23<sup>rd</sup> May there will be no netball.