

COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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As another academic year draws to a close, it is a time to celebrate successes and reflect upon our school vision. More than ever, I feel very proud of the staff here at Cotteridge, and the energy, commitment and dedication that they show in pursuing the best education possible for our children. I want to give them all a very genuine 'Thank you!' for their work this year.

Part of this reflection must focus upon academic standards, as it's crucial that our children have the skills required to be fully prepared for secondary school. A strong academic foundation gives children confidence as they move on to the next phase of learning. Therefore I am delighted to announce that, for the third year in a row, Cotteridge has outperformed national averages in the Year 6 SATS. This year, 74% of Cotteridge pupils achieved the age related expectation in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, compared to just 64% of their peers nationally. This is no small feat and we are incredibly proud of the effort and maturity that Year 6 displayed in the build up to the SATS tests. Well done Year 6, we wish you all the best at your new schools!

Such high standards are also reflected in exercise books across the school, and children in all year groups are working hard. The subject that we are especially trying to improve is Reading. Our children are very good, fluent readers, but we still need to improve comprehension skills to ensure that they can answer questions about what they have read. This is why we have introduced the Accelerated Reader Scheme and, next year, we shall continue to focus on Reading as a development area.

Of equal importance to us as academic performance, is that we have an enriching and holistic curriculum which stimulates curiosity and excitement. That's why throughout the year we have had activities such as Arts Week, Science Week, music festivals and sporting events. In many of these, the children have 'Achieved Excellence' and, most importantly, enjoyed taking part. Examples of this are our netball team, who won the Kings Norton Junior League; 7-A-Side and the High 5, along with our choir who performed so amazingly at the Symphony Hall. 'Achieving Excellence' indeed! Next year we shall continue to promote such exciting learning, so that creativity continues to thrive.

We know that Cotteridge is a good school but external validation is always welcome and reassuring. Therefore we are very proud of the positive Ofsted report we received earlier in the year. The report reflects a huge team effort and it has given us all great confidence and determination to continue making our school even better.

A big thank you to all of our children for a fantastic year. You are amazing and an inspiration to all of us grown-ups! Also sincere thanks to you parents, who do so much to support the children's education. Special mention to working moms and dads, who do an incredible job of raising families, supporting school and working long hours through the week.

In conclusion I wish all families a wonderful summer holiday and a well-deserved rest. For the first time in four summers, I will not be spending two weeks in a tent, so I may also get some rest! Have a lovely summer!

Mr. Leonard

Achieving Excellence

Inspiring Dreams

Summer Fair

Wow wow wow! What a fabulous fun filled afternoon at our Summer Fair. Thank you for your amazing support. A total of £1,733.08 was raised.



Leavers Production



Walking Bus is no more!

It is with sadness that the Cotteridge Park Walking Bus will no longer be in operation from September. We have had two wonderful volunteers: Mrs Sword and Miss O'Halloran who have walked with the children come rain or shine for many years. The school extends a very big thank you to these two parents. If parents are interested in volunteering in the future, please contact Miss Lacey in September.



Leavers Show

The Brilliant Club had a fantastic time at their graduation ceremony at Warwick University on Saturday 14th July. The children had time to explore the Warwick campus as well as receive their degree certificates. Miss Lacey would like to say a big thank you to all parents who were involved.



Please ensure your School Money account is fully paid up before the end of term.

EYFS & KS1 enjoyed being entertained by RAGS on

Tuesday morning. Thanks to the PTA.



Right of the Week:

Article 16. Chosen by Year 5 UNICEF ambassadors Yvette 5T & Ben 5S. Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life.



Question of the week
Should people care more about doing the right thing or doing things right?

Netball Presentation

The netball presentations were held on Tuesday to celebrate the success of winning the 7-A-Side & High 5 league.

Awards were presented to:

- Netball Player of the Year - Toni 6G
- Most Versatile - Holly 6PE
- Best Defender - Grace 6PE
- Highest Goal Scorer - Charlotte 6G
- Well done to all the Netball players on a super year!

