

COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Friday 29th September 2017

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TENDANCE

Whole school target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Attendance %	96.7%	95.6%	98.5%	97.3%	97.5%	98.1%	96.3%

Whole School Attendance
from 22nd to 28th September

97.2%

Attendance superstars
for this week

2S 99.4% / 3J & 4B 98.6%

Message from Mr Leonard.

'Caring Thinking'

It is often said that small things make a big difference, and that is certainly true of our community here at Cotteridge. Earlier this week, I walked around school with a particular focus on manners and kindness. Child after child greeted me with bright eyes and a loud "Hello Mr Leonard!" Two children made a deliberate effort to hold a door open for me, and when I held a door open for a Year 4 class, every single child thanked me as they walked through. Such things reflect the 'Caring Thinking' promoted through Philosophy for Children. Our PTA, whilst being quite a small group of parents, continue to make a big difference in enhancing our school. Today they organised the Macmillan Coffee Morning, once again exemplifying 'Caring Thinking' to our children. I want to thank these parents for caring enough to make a difference. Staff too, on a daily basis, go beyond the realms of their job descriptions because they care about our children. We are just four weeks in to the academic year, and already many children have enjoyed trips, forest schools, clubs and enrichment activities planned and organised by staff. It's a privilege to work with such dedicated, caring people.

I wish all families a lovely weekend and hope that I have an opportunity to catch up with many of you at Parents Evenings the week after next. *Mr. Leonard*

Oct Diary Dates:

Mon 2	5T Parent Reading Workshop 9.15am
Tue 3	5S Parent Reading Workshop 9.15am
Wed 4	6PE Class Assembly
Mon 9	Parents' Evening
Wed 11	Parents' Evening
Mon 16	Art Project Week
Wed 18	5T Class Assembly
Fri 20	PTA Non Uniform Day
Tue 31	Y5 Lego Mindstorm Robot Day

Parent Governor Election: Please return voting slips to the school office by Tuesday 3rd October. The result will be published in next week's newsletter.

Term Dates 2017/18:

Autumn Term

Mon 4th Sept - Fri 20th Oct
 Half Term: Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct
 Mon 30th Oct - Fri 22nd Dec
See the website for further dates
Teacher Training Days
 Thursday 30th November 2017
 Friday 1st December 2017
 Monday 23rd July 2018
 Tuesday 24th July 2018

Question of the week



How
does
gravity
work?

Right of the Week: Article 4. Chosen by Year 3 UNICEF ambassadors Mia 3J and Jasmine 3B.
 Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their right.



Netball

Netball player of the week: Emma 5T



Achieving Excellence

Inspiring Dreams

Year 3 Bishops Wood Visit

On Tuesday Year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age. We had lots of fun scavenging to survive in the wilderness. We worked in teams to build shelters, make fire, hunt for wild animals and forage in the woods for food. We are now all confident that we would have made great Stone Age people! It was a brilliant day and a fantastic start to our topic!



Year 6 Lapworth Museum Visit

On Tuesday this week Year 6 visited the Lapworth Museum of Geology at Birmingham University as part of our science unit of 'Adaptation and Evolution'. We explored the museum on a treasure hunt, locating information about time periods, fossils and rocks/minerals. We also took part in a 'Deadly Dinosaurs' workshop, where we discovered how fossils are formed, what they can tell us about the past and what we need to look for when examining

them. We really enjoyed handling real fossils and looking at impressive replicas of dinosaurs.



School Photographer



The new date for school photographs is Monday 30th October instead of Tuesday 10th October.



Flu Immunisation Session will be held on Thursday 9th November 2017 for Reception to Year 4 Pupils

Reminder: Please can all outstanding payments for Trips, lunches and Breakfast & Afterschool Club be paid on ParentPay. Please can you check your account regularly and keep your account in credit. Thank you.