



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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ATTENDANCE

Whole School Target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Attendance %	96%	99%	98%	98%	95%	99%	97%

From Friday 2nd October to Thursday 8th October inclusive

Whole School Attendance: 97%



Attendance Superstars For This Week: 1H

During Monday's assembly we announced the House and Vice House Captain positions. This is a big role for the children and the competition this year was fierce. Instead of hustings this year, the children recorded video messages with the winners were decided by a private ballot which has become a Cotteridge tradition. The results are as follows:

Shakespeare: Ruby HC and Zelia VHC

Cadbury: Tess HC and Sahal VHC

Churchill: Rozin HC and Paige VHC

Seacole: Daniel HC and Grace VHC

Best of luck to all the children and a big thank you to everyone who took part.

It's been a very exciting week at school with the film crew filming our prospectus on Wednesday and Thursday. We can't wait to show the finished product which will be a reflection of what it's like to be a pupil at Cotteridge School. The crew captured many aspects of life in our school, including the many different parts of the curriculum from sport to music!

On Friday, 'Portals to the Past' spent the day in Year 4 helping the children to explore Roman life proving that we're still striving for a broad curriculum despite the current constraints.

Finally the results of the poster competition will be announced to the children on Friday (today). We had so many entries it was very hard to choose and the standard was very high. Thank you to everyone who had go! I wish everyone a restful weekend. *Miss Lacey.*

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.

Diary Dates

October 2020

w/c 19th Parents' Evening

Fri 16th Flu Vaccinations

Wed 21st Year 1 eye tests

Mon 30th Nursery Photos

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 2nd November 2020

Thursday 1st April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

You are not 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



Follow Cotteridge Primary School on Twitter where we will share and celebrate children's achievements, successes, events and school updates.

Harvest Festival

We are unable to do our Harvest Festival in the usual way this year. However, our children will still be having a Harvest Festival assembly and we are asking for donations for our Cotteridge School Food Bank next week. This Food Bank will support families in our community who are currently in need. If you would like to make a donation, we would be grateful for any non-perishable food items or toiletries. If you would like to take advantage of our food bank and our school community's generosity, please get in touch with Mrs Burnett or Mrs Smith and they can ensure you are supported. Please do not feel ashamed to ask for help—these are unprecedented times and we are all here to help.



Guidance for families on Covid-19 and illness for children at school.

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. 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.

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

Whilst children are isolating, they are able to access work online. Please head to our school website, under 'Parents' then 'Covid 19' for guidance.

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.

Parking Outside School

We have received several complaints from our neighbours about Parents/ Carers parking inconsiderately at drop off and pick up times. Please can we remind Parents/ Carers to consider our neighbours when parking by not blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines or on the yellow zig zags. Now would also be a good time to promote walking to school. Walking to school is much healthier for everyone and can be a really good time to appreciate the things around us and have a catch up with our children whilst walking to and from school. If you live too far away to walk all of the way to school, why not leave your car in the Cotteridge Park car park and enjoy a short stroll to and from school?

The Cotteridge Code



Do you know our Cotteridge Code? The Cotteridge Code is a behaviour code which is shared with all children at our school. As indicated last week, we've had to make some adjustments to our behaviour policy in line with government guidance so here is the new code adjusted (in red) for our current circumstances.....

The Cotteridge Code

Every child has the right to learn in a positive and supportive classroom with their learning not disrupted by others.

We are always friendly and show respect to others and their property.

We always listen carefully to others and follow instructions first time.

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

We will use our own stationery packs sensibly.

We are always ready to learn, using our time wisely and working hard at all times.

We will not use bad language.

We will wash our hands regularly.

Children will respect those working in our building by walking quietly in corridors and on stairs.

We will use the one way system around school in the junior building.

Whether on the playground or in classrooms, children will line up in register order.

In Key stage 2, when invited to do so by an adult, children will take their seat in the classroom.

We will keep to our playtime playground whether that is the infant playground, junior playground or the social area.

School Money

Please can we remind Parents/ Carers to book and pay for their child's school dinners on School Money daily. You can book and pay for them a term in advance if you'd rather. Remember: in order to book a meal for the next day, you need to do this before midnight the day before. Please book your child's school dinner even if they are entitled to free school meals. This allows our kitchen to plan and prepare enough meals for each day. Please can parents log in to School Money on a regular basis to see if they have any payments overdue. If you have any difficulties logging in to School Money or have any queries, please contact the School Office who can help.

Virtual Tour for Prospective Parents

We have been filmed over the last two days for our virtual tour. This will be available online after half term. We will also publicise two Zoom meetings where prospective parents/ carers will be able to ask questions about school to Mr Willetts, other members of the Senior Leadership Team and Reception Staff.

