



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Class	RB	RD	IH	1P	2B	2S	3A	3B	4B	4T	5PE	5S	6A	6H	Whole School
Attendance %	97.6	92.6	99.1	98.7	98.3	99.2	99.2	90.8	94.7	89.7	99.2	96.3	93.3	99.1	96.3

From Monday 19th April to Thursday 22nd April inclusive

Target: 97%

A very warm welcome back to school to you all this week. I hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and that you were able to take the opportunity to meet with friends and family in open spaces and gardens. It does feel that things are edging towards a little more normality and as the weather continues to improve, the sunshine really helps to lighten the mood!

Both children and staff are enjoying Phase 2 of the full reopening of the school, where the children are in year group bubbles rather than class bubbles. No longer do we have friends who are in different classes having to be kept apart and away from each other on the playground. Also we have been able to reintroduce Maths and Phonics groups.

It seems that we are getting somewhere near to normal again but we must not get too carried away. Please always wear a mask (if you can) when on the school grounds. Please still maintain social distancing when standing waiting on the playground. Please leave the school site as quickly as you can when the children come out of school, and please continue to use the one way system.

We have come so far and gone through so much and although there is light at the end of the tunnel, sticking to the rules will get us to the end of that tunnel in the shortest amount of time.

In the coming half term there are times when school will be closed and they are listed on the right. As we are closed for the Local Elections on the 6th May, we will be sending work home on the Wednesday 5th May to be completed on the Thursday and returned on the Friday. It will be paper based and not online as it was during lockdown.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend in the sun and we look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Take care and stay safe.

Jason Willetts

Diary Dates

May 2021

- Mon 3 Bank Holiday. School Closed.
- Thurs 6 School Closed For Elections
- Mon 17 Diversity Week
- Fri 21 Non-Uniform Day. Express Yourself
- Wed 26 Year 6 Residential Trip To Malvern
- Fri 28 Teacher Training Day. School Closes For Half Term

June 2021

- Mon 7 School Re-opens for Summer Term 2
- Tues 8 Group Photos

July 2021

- Wed 21 Last Day. School Closes for Summer Holiday

School Closed:

- Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday**
- Thursday 6th May—Elections**
- Thursday 28th May—Teacher Training Day**



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

Veg Power

Veg Power have teamed up with Kid's Fruit and schools to promote the consumption of vegetables in schools. As part of Veg



Power's on-going mission to encourage the UK to eat more veg, they would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg to children's lunchboxes. Recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five children had any vegetables or salad in their packed lunch. To support parents, Veg Power has developed a '60 Second Lunchbox Hacks' PDF which has been attached with this newsletter. It features easy-to-implement ideas and serves to make this task as simple as possible.

If we could also take this moment to remind parents that children can bring a healthy snack to school to morning break time, but no crisps, chocolates or sweets please.

PTA Ramadan Campaign

As many of you know, Ramadan is a time for self-discipline, sacrifice and reflection. During this period of Ramadan, we are supporting a local charity, [Rising Girl](#), who aim to empower young girls through education in the face of many common challenges. We therefore encourage any families who would like to donate their zakat or sadaqah, or any other donation to their cause. Click on the link to support, or contact helen.couriel@risinggirl.co.uk for more information.



Internet Safety—Week 3

Chatting, being kind and making friends online

Primary-age children may not have previously had much experience with video chatting apps such as Zoom, FaceTime and Skype, but may well be using them now for education or to keep in touch with family and friends.

To make sure your child has a positive experience video chatting online, read this [guide for parents and carers](#).

The internet has many positive opportunities for children to learn and play, but it can also be used in negative and unkind ways. It's really important to speak to your child about being kind online, and how they can get help if they see or hear anything that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.

Use these [conversation starters](#) to help your child understand the importance of being kind online.

The term 'online friend' can be used to describe people you only know through the internet, or those that you also know offline. Some children make friends online by meeting new people through online platforms such as gaming sites.

To help children have positive online friendships, read this [handy guide](#).

Attendance Letter

Earlier this week, an important letter regarding Birmingham City Council's attendance policy was emailed to parents.



Please could all Parents and Carers ensure they have a read of this as it details some very important information following the Covid pandemic. A copy of this letter can also be found on our website.

Covid Advice **IMPORTANT**

If your child or **anyone** 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

You should arrange for a coronavirus test for the person displaying symptoms and tell the school at your earliest opportunity. **Everyone** in your household must isolate until the person(s) with symptoms have received a negative test result. **This is also the case if you have had a test without experiencing any symptoms.** Please inform the school of your test results as soon as you have received them, whether negative or positive. Even in the event of a negative test result, children should not return to school if they feel unwell. If your child has a fever, they should not return to school until their temperature has been normal for 48 hours.

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.



Cotteridge School Walking Bus

We are considering re-introducing the world famous Cotteridge School Walking Bus! This would depart from Cotteridge Park car park every morning at 8:30am. To be able to do this we need parent volunteers to walk with the children each day on a regular basis, daily if possible. If you are interested in being a Cotteridge Bus parent helper, please contact the School Office. Parents would have to be DBS checked. We would be looking to start this from September, Covid permitting.



Safer Routes To School Scheme

Based on the received feedback on Birmingham City Council's last proposal to introduce 'No entry' at the junction of Breedon Road with Pershore Road, the proposed Safer Route to School scheme has been amended. Please see drawing no. SRTS-SK-030 showing the amended proposals. This has been attached with this email.

The proposed scheme will now include the following works:

- Raised table with pedestrian crossing point at the junction of Breedon Road with Pershore Road.
- Pedestrian refuge in Breedon Road
- Proposed slow marking on Pershore Road.
- 20mph roundels on Breedon Road

Proposed relocation of existing advance School warning sign on Pershore Road.

Birmingham City Council would like to hear from you on your thoughts on the proposed measures to by 30th April 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the proposed measures, or require any further clarification please email Shafqat Khattak at shafqat.khattak@birmingham.gov.uk

PTA Smarties Challenge



From the PTA – thank you so much to everyone who got involved with the Smartie initiative, and returned your tubes to us today. For any that have forgotten, you can bring them on Monday, or alternatively, if you don't have any

silvers in the house but would like to make a small donation, you can do so by BACS:

Cotteridge Primary PTA
Sort code 30-91-91
Acc no: 45655660
Ref: Smarties

English Club (For Parents/Carers)

Grace Church Stirchley are holding some Informal English lessons/conversation practice sessions for adults. These are aimed at adults whose first language is not English and maybe don't get much chance to practice their English but would really want to be able to communicate better e.g. with school, to get more involved in community life or to find work. It is also a great opportunity to meet new friends. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, they are currently meeting via Zoom on Thursdays 10:00am – 11:00am.

For more information, please contact heather.cryer@googlemail.com. We have also attached a document of frequently asked questions with this newsletter.