



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Class	Nur	RB	RD	IH	1P	2B	2S	3A	3B	4B	4T	5PE	5S	6A	6H	Whole School
Attendance %	98.5	96.8	93.7	99.4	99.4	96.7	100	99.7	95.3	93.3	95.4	99.2	95.0	95.8	96.1	96.9

From Friday 23rd April to Thursday 29th April inclusive

Target: 97%

It very much feels that we are now in the swing of the summer term although it's so cold that it feels that we're back in winter! The school feels finally as though it is coming to life and it's lovely to see new sports clubs happening with Mr F after school each evening. At long last, Mrs Smith's excellent netball club has returned and the children are really beginning to develop their skills. On the horizon, Diversity Week during the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May, marks a further return to a more varied and vibrant school life. Staff are trying hard to keep the curriculum alive but we do really miss the school trips that so enrich the learning.

Last week we highlighted the council's new proposals to improve the road safety at Breedon Road and these are again attached to the newsletter. If you have any comments on this, please e-mail the council  
TODAY: [shafqat.khattak@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:shafqat.khattak@birmingham.gov.uk)

Linked to this, if anyone is interested in helping to start a new Walking Bus, starting from Cotteridge Park please let the office know. The Walking Bus is a way to reduce cars around school. Children would meet in the park and be chaperoned typically by two or three adults. The 'bus' then walks to school along a set route through the park. It's a lovely way to start the day.

Next week is a short three-day week with the bank holiday on Monday and the school being closed for voting on Thursday. All children will be provided with paper-based activities to complete at home on Thursday. These will go home with the children on Wednesday afternoon, and should please be brought back into school on Friday.

I wish all parents a relaxing bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Miss Lacey

### 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
- Mon 14 Book Fair—all week

#### 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.

## PTA Survey

Yesterday, an email was sent from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) asking parents/carers to fill out a short [survey](#) (which should take no longer than 3-4 minutes), to find out more about what you know about the PTA and what sort of events you would like to see put on.



If you did not receive the email but would like to take part in this survey, here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/59JRBD8>

All survey answers are completely anonymous, so please be honest, as it helps us to improve and your input is so important. We will also present the findings and results from the surveys back to you next month.

If you have any comments that you feel have not been covered in the survey or any other feedback, please contact us at [cotteridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:cotteridgepta@gmail.com).

Also, thank you so much for returning your filled Smarties tubes, we have had a fantastic response to this and will be sharing the grand total with you next month.

Thank you for your time and continued support. Cotteridge PTA.

## Internet Safety—Week 4—Sharing Information, Pictures and Videos

It's harder to stay connected with our friends and family right now, so you may be sharing more images and videos of your children online via social media. But before you do, there are some important things to consider.

Read [sharing pictures of your children](#) for info on how to protect your younger, or older child whilst staying social.

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a fun way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family online. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child.

Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky.

Read [your child's personal information and how to protect it online](#) for information and advice.

## School Payments Reminder

Please can we remind all parents/carers to book their child's school meals on School Money and please ensure that these are paid for at least **one week in advance** and not in arrears. This also applies for Breakfast and Afterschool Club, please make sure that payment is made at least **one week in advance**.

Repeated late payments will result in your space being withdrawn and offered to someone on our waiting list. Thank you.



## Punctuality

Some families are regularly arriving to school late. This is not only detrimental to these children, but also to the whole class whose learning is disrupted by their peers entering the classroom when the lessons have already started. So much learning has already been missed during the last year that it is absolutely vital they do not unnecessarily miss any more. It is also important to their emotional well-being to have routine and stability.

## 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.