



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 1

Friday 10th September 2021

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Attendance %	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.1	93.3	97.5	98.7	95.4	94.8	97.8	98.4	97.9	94.9	96.3	98.3	96.2

**From Monday 6th to Thursday 9th September inclusive**

**Target: 97%**

How fantastic it has been this week to have everyone back at school, enjoying themselves and their learning and no bubbles in sight! The children have come back so well. They have had smiles on their faces, looked extremely smart and have made excellent first impressions with their new teachers.

Many thanks for following the uniform policy of the school - we do appreciate it. However, can I take this opportunity to remind you that nail polish and jewellery should not be worn, that is except for one pair of studded earrings.

This week as well as welcoming many new children we also welcome several new staff to the Cotteridge Team—Mr Pritchard, Mr Harpur, Miss Cox, Miss Peet, Mrs Sohal and Miss Ball have all joined us and we hope that you will join us in making them feel valued members of the community.

It is also very exciting that clubs and educational visits can recommence this term. Some letters have been sent out regarding visits but others will follow in the coming weeks and months. Likewise we have set up around 10 clubs for after school (timetable on the website) but others will come in the next few weeks. I am hoping to get chess, dance and drama clubs established as soon as I can.

The last 18 months have been extremely challenging for us all but I am so proud of how the staff, children and parents have pulled together to try and keep everyone as safe as possible. We all know that many restrictions have now been lifted but we would still encourage parents and visitors to the school site to try and maintain a 2 metre distance and wear a face covering. We also want to maintain the one way system at the beginning and end of the day, so please bring your child in via the car park gates and leave via the pedestrian gates.

Finally if you or your family have or are exposed to a positive case of Covid please refer to the Covid section of our website to answer any questions you may have. There is a document with frequently asked questions.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, hopefully without rain!

Jason Willetts

### Diary Dates 2021

#### September 2021

- Mon 13 5S Start Swimming
- Thur 16 Y4 Trip Lunt Roman Fort
- Fri 24 Y3 Trip Bishop's Wood  
Y6 Trip Blist's Hill
- Tue 28 Individual Photos

#### October 2021

- Fri 15 Flu Vaccine
- Mon 18 Parents' Evening
- Wed 20 Parents' Evening
- Fri 22 Last Day—Half Term

#### November 2021

- Mon 1 Back To School—Autumn Term 2
- Thur 4 Open Day 9:15—Reception 2022
- Tue 23 Open Day 9:15—Reception 2022

#### Teacher Training Days:

- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 25th April 2022
- Monday 6th June 2022
- Friday 22nd July 2022 school closed for Queen's Jubilee additional bank holiday for schools



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## Out Of School Activities

We have been contacted by lots of different sports groups, playgroups and even ITV over the summer break with activities that are being held for children. Instead of trying to fit the information on here, we have attached the flyers to the email that this newsletter is attached to, for your perusal.

## Parents' Evenings

As you will see, the dates for Parents' Evening for this term have been set and are the dates section of this newsletter. At this stage, we have yet to decide whether these will be in person or virtual meetings. A decision will be made nearer the time based on the rates of Covid within the school. We trust you understand the situation.



## PE Kit

Can you please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. Thank you.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!



As we have a number of children in school with severe food allergies, please could we remind all parents that school premises are NUT FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought into school grounds. If children are bringing a packed lunch to school it is important that there are no products in the lunch box that contains nuts. Thank you.

## PTA Corner

It is lovely to be back and we welcome all the new families joining us in Reception and Nursery.



We had a fantastic year of fun and fundraising for the school last year, in spite of Covid and the lockdowns! We are really proud of what we raised and achieved as a school community, and what we were able to pay for as a result. Our aim is to enhance our children's school experience, by funding or supporting anything from equipment to gifts and encounters.

For example; last year, we contributed towards the bandstand in the infant's playground, paid for Yr 6 leaver's books and t-shirts, a virtual Christmas pantomime, teacher and class resources and welcome packs to our new Reception children. We also funded state of the art webcam and audio equipment, which has become necessary in these digital times!

We raised money through Christmas card sales, virtual photos, smarties tubes, bingo & quiz nights, uniform sales, online shopping and clothes labels sales. We raised a staggering £2113.89 in 2020/21 – not bad during a pandemic!

As parents, carers, teachers and staff, you are automatically awarded a place on our beloved PTA, but we will also give you the opportunity to join our meetings in due time, if you would like to be actively involved. You can contact us with ideas at any time at [cotteridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:cotteridgepta@gmail.com).

If you want to start supporting us straight away, you can when you shop (at no cost to you!) through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cotteridgeprimarypta/>.

You can also help us collect donations from Stikins when you order clothes labels and quote our fundraising code 5083 <https://www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels/>.

Finally, we will be holding a Teddy Bears picnic for the **new Reception families on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3:30-4:30pm**, so we would love to see as many of you as possible. More details to follow.

Thank you, the PTA.

## Birthdays

Birthdays are important to us all but they are particularly important when you are a child. Therefore, to recognise this, when it is a child's birthday they will be able to wear clothes other than their uniform for their special day.

If their birthday falls at a weekend the child can choose whether they wear their non-uniform on the Friday before or on the Monday following their birthday. If the child's birthday falls within a school holiday they can attend in non-uniform on either the day we break up before the holidays or on the day we return to school.

With regards to sweets etc. being brought into school for birthdays; if you wish to do so please ensure that anything sent in is individually wrapped so that the teacher can give them out. We will not give out anything which is not prewrapped because of possible Covid transmission.

If there are any queries about this new arrangement, please don't hesitate in contacting us.



## Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child you can report them to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) - Mr Willetts, Miss Lacey or Mrs Burnett.

The school's safeguarding policy can be viewed on our website.

## Pick Up From School

Occasionally, collection arrangements do change due to circumstances beyond your control. Should you wish for someone other than yourself to collect your child(ren), please advise us by telephoning the school office. If possible, please do this before 3:00pm as it can be difficult to pass messages to teachers when they have already left their classrooms to take the children to their collection points. Please note: if we have not had a message from you to say that someone else will be collecting your child(ren), we will not let your child(ren) go with them. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this.

## How Can I Help You?

If you are unsure about any information or require more assistance about your child, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you require further support, please contact one of our Assistant Head Teachers: Mrs Darby for Nursery to Year 2 or Mrs Tucker for Year 3 to Year 6.

If your query is then still not resolved, please contact either Miss Lacey or Mr Willetts.

## School Trips

We are really pleased that school trips are able to take place again. The first trips to be announced are for Years 3, 4 and 6 with others to follow soon. Can we remind parents to return their consent slips for these asap. Also, we wanted to make you aware that payment for trips are going to be slightly different this year. Instead of making one large payment at the beginning of the year, we are going to be asking for payment for each trip individually. This is because, due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid, there is the risk that some trips may be cancelled/postponed, so we thought it is best to only ask for payment once each trip is confirmed. You will be made aware of the amount and when the payment is due when the trip letters are sent home.

## Medicines In School

Parents should administer medicines to their child at home where possible. This may be by spacing the doses so that they are not required within school hours. However, if medicines do need to be administered during the school day, then a parent **MUST** bring it to the school office and fill in a consent form for us to do this. **MEDICATION MUST NOT BE BROUGHT IN BY THE CHILD THEMSELVES OR GIVEN TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER!** Our Administration of Medicines Policy can be found on our school website.

