



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 2

Friday 17th September 2021

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Attendance %	97.8	99.6	100	93.2	98.8	96.6	99.3	90.7	86.8	98.3	96.7	92.0	95.3	92.4	98.0	95.4

From Friday 10th to Thursday 16th September inclusive

Target: 97%

Dear Parents,

Even though we've only just finished week two of the autumn term, the summer holiday seems to be a rather distant memory! I am delighted to say however, that school feels more normal than it has done for eighteen months.

First of all, welcome Reception! Monday morning saw the first full day of all our Reception cohort and they managed the transition magnificently. I taught Turtles class on Wednesday afternoon and they impressed me mightily with their ability to enjoy the learning on offer and the quality of their speaking and listening. They're going to have a fun filled and exciting year!

Yesterday I went on a school trip to Lunt Roman Fort in Coventry with Year 4 and it was amazing to see the children enjoying school visits once more. Cotteridge Primary School has become famous for its school trips in recent years and I am so pleased that they are to resume once again. Our trip to Lunt was a resounding success and the children learnt an awful lot about being a Roman soldier. Next week Year 3 and 6 are off to Bishop's Wood and Blists Hill respectively.

Year 5 have also enjoyed the start of their swimming lessons at Northfield pool. It was an excited and tired bunch of children who returned after their first lesson on Monday afternoon.

Clubs are in full swing and it's wonderful to see the school teeming with life after 3.15pm. If you didn't manage to secure a place for your child in a club, there will be opportunities to apply again. Forest School in Cotteridge Park for Years 1 and 2 will be starting next week and if your child has received a letter inviting them to take part, please remember to bring Forest School clothes.

Year 6 responsibilities are in the process of being decided and next week sees the announcement of Head Boy and Head Girl in Monday's assembly. Next Wednesday we will be having the House Captain elections and the Year 6 staff will be deciding prefects. The process for applying for Year 6 responsibilities is an important rite of passage. Well done to all those in Year 6 taking part.

Miss Lacey

Diary Dates 2021

September 2021

- 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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School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 28th September**. Please could all children arrive to school in the **correct**



uniform and with their best smiles! :) If your child's birthday is on this day, please could they wear their own clothes either the day before or the day after. Sibling photos will be taken in school. If you do not wish to have your children photographed together, please let us know. Younger children who do not attend Cotteridge School can have their photos taken with their Cotteridge School siblings between 8:30 and 8:50am. Please queue up outside the white conservatory (After School Club).

Punctuality

Punctuality is sadly becoming an issue again. Some children are regularly arriving to school late. This is extremely detrimental to your child, who not only misses out on vital learning time but can also find it embarrassing to walk into a classroom with everyone else already learning. Being punctual is a very important skill to learn at school to prepare children for when they enter the working world as young adults. Not only this; it is extremely disruptive to the school office team who have to walk your child to their classrooms when they are busy completing the morning registers etc. We understand that sometimes, things happen that are out of your control, such as roadworks etc., but it is not acceptable to be late on a regular basis. Please can all parents ensure their child is on time to school every day.



Food bank

We are continuing with our school food bank and are always grateful for any donations of non-perishable foods, drinks and toiletries. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, it has been wonderful to witness the generosity of our school community and it has been a vital support to many of our families. If you would like to donate anything to our food bank, you are welcome to bring it to the school office.

If any parents/carers would like to take anything from the food bank, you are most welcome and please don't hesitate to ask.



PTA Corner

The PTA will be having our first planning meeting on Thursday 23rd September, and everyone who is interested is welcome to join! It is on Zoom, and you can join with the following details:



Topic: PTA Meeting

Time: Sep 23, 2021, 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86058893779>

Meeting ID: 860 5889 3779

Passcode: 768856

Also, new Reception families, don't forget we are holding a welcome teddy bears picnic on Friday 24th 3:30-4:30pm for children and parents so please come along after school!

Any questions or queries please get in touch at Cotteridgepta@gmail.com.

Thank you

Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team will be in school on **Friday 15th October** to administer the flu vaccine (nasal sniff) to all children in Reception through to Year 6.



Flu consent forms have been sent home so please can ALL forms be returned by **Friday 1st October**. PLEASE NOTE: The Immunisation Team did not give enough forms for the whole school, so we are still waiting on forms for Year 6. These will be sent out as soon as they have been delivered to us.

One Way System

Please may we remind parents/ carers that we still have a one-way system when dropping off and collecting your child from school. It is in through the double car park gates and out through the single pedestrian gate. Thank you.

Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Sienna 5S!

