



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 3

Friday 24th September 2021

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Attendance %	82.2	99.3	97.6	91.9	98.8	95.7	92.9	94.0	86.2	96.1	97.9	90.7	88.1	92.4	91.6	93.2

From Friday 17th to Thursday 23rd September inclusive

Target: 97%

This week, the children took part in the House Captain election process, experiencing one of the British Values - Democracy. The children listened to the Year 6 candidates as they presented their ideas and hopes for their house and the results of the vote will be announced in whole school assembly on Monday. Well done to all our brave Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward for the prestigious role.

Across school, children are enjoying their learning opportunities and getting to grips with school life. Nursery and Reception children are settling well, learning school routines and expectations.

In Year 1, the children are practising their counting and learning all about toys, they even got to have a look at some of the teacher's old teddy bears from when they were children. Next week a toy workshop will be coming into school which will be very exciting! Year 2 have started learning about Florence Nightingale and are very much looking forward to Florence visiting our school soon - it's so wonderful to be able to have visitors in school once again to enrich our curriculum.

The children in the Learning Den have been working really hard this week and have impressed Miss Jeffery with their mature and hardworking attitude towards their learning. Careful reading, super sentences and brilliant maths work on the value of digits!

Over in Key Stage Two, our Year 3 pupils, new to the Key Stage Two building, are finding their way around and feeling very grown up in the juniors. It is pleasing to see how well they have settled into junior life and coping well with homework expectations.

They were particularly enjoying their music lesson yesterday morning and were doing lots of clapping, stamping, jumping and wiggling when I popped in! Year 4 and 5 are working hard on their knowledge of number and are filling their English books with high quality writing linked to their class novels. Year 6 have written diaries this week, showing understanding of a character's emotions in the novel Street Child and both Heidi, star pupil in 6A and Alice, who was star pupil in 5H have really impressed their teachers with high quality vocabulary in their lessons this week.

Not only have we had lots of visitors in school, we are also planning and going on lots of school trips. Year 3 are visiting Bishop's Wood today, linked to their topic on the Stone Age and Year 6 are visiting Blists Hill, an open air Victorian town, where they will experience life as a child in the schoolroom as well as visiting the shops to see what life was like back then. A particular highlight will be changing their new money into old money and spending it at the chippy and the sweet shop!

Finally, can I also take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who attended the Key Stage Two meetings recently and if there is anything that you would like to discuss further, please contact me. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Tucker

Diary Dates 2021

September 2021

Tue 28	Individual Photos
Thur 30	Y1 Magical Toy Museum

October 2021

Fri 8	Y2 Florence Nightingale Day
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

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).



PTA Corner

The PTA had a great planning session last night so thank you to those that attended and offered their time and support.



We have some great events coming up over the next few months, such as our autumn disco, non-uniform day, our recipe book sale, Christmas cards and more winter celebrations!

We have our AGM meeting booked in for Thursday 14th October, so save the date to have your chance to apply for a position on the PTA or to vote for others.

We are looking forward to seeing Reception families at the Teddy Bears picnic after school today!

Many thanks, PTA

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be on **Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th**

October. We have made the decision that these will be virtual via Teams as before. We hope that you understand our reasons for this; we felt it is too soon to have lots of people in the school building at the same time. We believe that this is the best way to keep everyone safe. Parents' Evening slots will be available for booking on Monday 4th October—keep an eye out for your text to let you know when it is live.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

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: Consent Forms have now been sent home to all classes.

Traffic Outside School

A few parents have mentioned to us that they are becoming increasingly worried about the amount of traffic outside school.

Not only is this a concern for the environment, but also for safety – lots of vehicles along the road makes it very difficult for families to cross safely. Sadly, there are also some parents who park on the double yellow lines or the zig zags directly outside the school gates, particularly when dropping off at or collecting from breakfast/after school club. Please be aware: THIS IS ILLEGAL! Please do not park on double yellow lines or the zig zags at any time! It is important that everyone parks legally and considerately to keep everyone safe.



Play Equipment After School



Please could we ask that parents/carers do not allow their children to play on any of the play equipment in the playgrounds when dropping off or collecting their children. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



REMINDER!! Applications for secondary school places for September 2022 must be submitted online via Birmingham City Council **no later than 31st October 2021**. Any applications submitted after this date will not be

processed until after the offer of places on 1st March 2022. Late applications are less likely to be offered a place at their preferred schools. If you need any support with submitting your application, please speak with Mrs Burnett.

It has also been mentioned that a lot of people leave their engines idling when waiting for children outside school and this is likely to increase as the weather gets colder. They feel that the pollution from idling engines disproportionately affects small children and babies as they are low down, which is where the worst of the pollution is. Please consider switching off your engines when waiting in your cars. Thank you.

Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Romilly 6A!



Head Boy and Head Girl

This week, we are excited to have appointed our new Head Boy and Head Girl for 2021/2022! We had 23 applications from children in Year 6. After completing an application form and attending an interview, Erin was selected as Head Girl and Robert as Head Boy. Well done to both of you, you should be really proud of your achievement! We would also like to say well done to the other children who applied - they were all really impressive and you all deserve praise!

