



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 4

Friday 1st October 2021

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Attendance %	87.4	94.3	88.4	95.1	98.8	93.2	93.1	91.7	97.0	95.2	98.3	90.7	90.9	91.0	97.3	93.6

From Friday 24th to Thursday 30th September inclusive

Target: 97%

School has been as busy as ever this week and the children haven't let the wet weather dampen their spirits. It has been so lovely to see all the extra-curricular activities throughout school such as German and Dodgeball clubs and all of the trips and visits going on too. On Thursday, Yr1 enjoyed their 'Magical Toys' workshop, where they learnt all about toys from the past and Yr2 are very much looking forward to their Florence Nightingale visit to school next Friday.

This week, the Reception children have been hard at work learning their letter sounds in phonics. It is super to see the children begin to use their sounds to build words and we hope to see many Reception parents at the Virtual 'Phonics and Early Reading' meetings on Tuesday (9:30am and 5pm) which will give you lots more information about how we teach reading at Cotteridge. Nursery children too will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities in the coming weeks, which helps to lay the foundations for phonics for the children as they move through the Early Years. They are also trying hard to learn to write their names!

In KS2, the children have all been engaging in some fantastic writing activities linked to their topics and class novels. Yr5 have been writing some imaginative Greek Myths and Yr4 have been writing letters based on their class novel 'The Firework Makers Daughter'. Yr3 and Yr6 have been enjoying their follow up activities based on their trips to Bishops Wood and Blists Hill last week.

The children in the learning den have been doing some super reading and writing excellent sentences using the conjunctions 'and' or 'because', linked to their shared book and also learning times tables in maths, using a range of resources.

We are all looking forward to seeing you on Parents' Evening on either the 18th or 20th October to share your child's progress with you so far this term.

Have a lovely weekend everybody and let's hope the rain holds off!

Mrs Darby.

Diary Dates 2021

October 2021

- Fri 8 Y2 Florence Nightingale Day
- 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

December 2021

- Tue 7 Reception Trip—MAC Theatre
- Wed 8 Nursery Trip—MAC Theatre
- Fri 17 Last Day—Christmas Holidays

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 Photograph Orders

Please could all parents who wish to order their photographs through school return their order forms in their sealed envelopes by Friday 8th October 2021. Thank you.



Coats

As we have now entered October the weather certainly has become more autumnal. The rain is more persistent, the wind has strengthened and it has become colder.



Please can you therefore ensure that your child, whatever their age, has a coat every day. We are trying to get everyone outside as much as possible so your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Covid Symptoms

We just want to politely remind parents that if their child displays any of the three main symptoms of



Covid (a new persistent cough, and/or a loss of/ change in sense of taste, and/or a high temperature), they should keep their child off school, book a PCR test and inform school at their earliest opportunity. The child with symptoms should remain at home until they have either completed their 10 days isolation or have received a negative PCR test result (**NOT** Lateral Flow). Please do not send them in to school following a negative test result until you have informed us of such.

Siblings do not need to remain at home unless they develop symptoms or the person who has symptoms receives a positive test result.

We would also like to ask that, if anyone within your household receives positive test result, please could you keep your child (ren) off school until they have completed a 10 day isolation, even if they do not have symptoms. If they go on to develop symptoms they will need to have a PCR test and extend their isolation should their result come back positive.

Lastly, please note that if any children go on to develop any of the symptoms mentions above during the school day, we will contact you to ask you to collect your child and keep them at home until they have received a negative PCR test result or have completed their 10 day isolation.

We really do not enjoy having to put these measures in place. Not only do we understand the inconvenience to you, but it is also an incredibly difficult task to keep on top of it all! But this is all very necessary to keep our whole school community safe.

Flu Vaccinations

The Schools' Immunisation Team has advised us that they have unfortunately had to postpone our date for the children receiving their nasal flu vaccine. This is because the team has been pulled to administer the covid vaccine in secondary schools. As soon as we have been give a new date we will update you. In the meantime, please continue to return your consent



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Cotteridge Church will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on Tuesday 5th October from 10:00am onwards in the church coffee shop. There's a free coffee with every cake purchased and lucky tickets being handed out too! All are welcome!



Parents' Evening Going Live

Parents' Evening will be on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th October via Teams.

Nursery Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th via telephone call. Parents' Evening slots will be available for booking on Monday 4th October at 1:30pm—keep an eye out for your text to let you know that it is live.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Pippa 5H!

