



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 5

Friday 8th October 2021

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|--------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| Attendance % | 90.5 | 96.9 | 93.3  | 95.7 | 97.6 | 95.9 | 95.1 | 95.0 | 92.2 | 97.1 | 97.2 | 91.7 | 94.6 | 93.4 | 95.4 | 94.9         |

From Friday 1st to Thursday 7th October inclusive

Target: 97%

Dear Parents,

Well thankfully it has been a slightly quieter week in school this week after all the flurry of recent trips and visitors. During Monday's assembly, I spoke to the children about the importance of Black History Month, and why we need to mark the occasion annually. In the coming weeks, the teachers will be ensuring Black History is woven into some lessons to ensure the children understand its importance.

Our new Reception and Nursery intake settled remarkably well into school life with the children getting used to eating their lunch in the hall and daily lessons. On Wednesday afternoon, I worked with the children in Turtles Class to finish their self portraits. The children had a good understanding of their eye and hair colour and worked really hard at their pictures.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays music takes place across the classrooms in Key Stage 2, led by professionals from the Music Service and in the past two weeks this has really managed to get going with echoes of the xylophone and clarinet heard around the school. Children in Years 2, 5 and 6 have also started choir in the Key Stage 1 hall on Thursday lunchtimes and it's a delight to hear children singing again.

On Thursday afternoon I popped into Year 6. They're learning about the Victorians and I was impressed with the historical skills they were developing. In particular they are using evidence based analysis to draw conclusions about life in Victorian times and how hard it could be for some children.

I wish all families a restful weekend.

Miss Lacey.

## Diary Dates 2021

### October 2021

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| Wed 13 | Parents' Evening Nursery |
| Mon 18 | Parents' Evening R-Yr6   |
| Wed 20 | Parents' Evening All     |
| Fri 22 | Last Day—Half Term       |

### November 2021

|        |                              |
|--------|------------------------------|
| Mon 1  | Back To School—Autumn Term 2 |
| Thur 4 | Open Day 9:15—Reception 2022 |
| Mon 15 | 5S Final Swimming Lesson     |
| Mon 22 | 5H Start Swimming Lessons    |
| 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 Holiday |

### 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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## Home School Agreements, Local Area Visits and Acceptable Use Agreements

Your child(ren) will be coming home with an Acceptable Use Agreement, Home School Agreement and Local Area Visits form this week. Please could all parents and their child(ren) sign and return these to their class teachers by



the end of next week. Please note: Nursery, Reception and children who are new to the school this academic year do not need to sign them as we already have ones signed for those. Thank you everyone!

## School Payments

There are a few parents/carers who still owe payment for school dinners, school clubs, breakfast and afterschool club etc. It is extremely time consuming for the office staff to chase these. Please could **all** parents/carers log in to School Money over the weekend to see if they have any payments outstanding and if they do, please ensure this is paid full by Monday. If you spot anything on there that you think shouldn't be, please contact the school office so they can rectify it. If you are experiencing any difficulties with logging in to School Money, again, please contact the school office who will be able to assist. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



## 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.

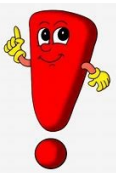
We would also like to ask that, if anyone within your household receives positive test result, please could you keep your child (ren) off school until they have completed a 10 day isolation, even if they do not have symptoms. If they go on to develop symptoms they will need to have a PCR test and extend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

## 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.



## Primary School Applications

Applications for primary school places for September 2022 must be submitted online via Birmingham City Council **no later than 15th January 2022**. If any of our existing parents know any families who will be looking for a Reception place 2022, please could you tell them about Cotteridge School? Thank you!

## Year 6 Residential Trip 25th—27th May 2022



We still have a few spaces remaining for the Year 6 Residential Trip, so if your child does wish to go, please pay the first instalment on School Money over the weekend. Anyone who has not made the first instalment, we will assume your child does not wish to go.

## Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Martha 6A!



## Harvest

Over the last few weeks the children have been talking about Harvest. Being as we can't do a harvest festival in its usual form we are asking for donations for the food bank. Examples of the things you can donate include:



- Non perishable food items such as cakes, biscuits, tinned goods, cereals, breakfast bars, jams, custard, rice pudding, quick hot snacks, cooking ingredients etc.
- Toiletries
- Drinks i.e. tea, coffee, soft drinks etc.

## Parent Governor Election

You all should have received an email from us on Wednesday advertising our Parent Governor vacancy. Nominations can only be accepted from parents or carers who have children registered at Cotteridge School on the day that nominations close. If you are interested in applying for this vacancy please read the information attached to your email and return your completed application to us by 15th October 2021.

If you would like a printed version, please telephone the school office on 0121 464 2865 who can give a printed version to your child to bring home.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot on 19th October 2021. If a ballot is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

## Open Days Reception September 2022—New Parents Only

This year, our open days for any parents who are considering applying for a Reception place for their child at our school in September 2022 are on the following dates:

- Thursday 4th November 2021 at 9:15am
- Tuesday 23rd November 2021 at 9:15am

Any prospective parents who will be attending, please could only one parent per family attend and please wear a face covering when on school grounds unless you are exempt for medical reasons.

Please may we ask that parents of children currently attending Cotteridge School do not attend these so that we don't have too many visitors on the school site at one time. Please see the segment below for information on when existing parents can attend....

## Open Days For Existing Parents

For any parents who already have children attending the school and will be applying for a Reception place for their younger child can attend one of the below sessions:

- Monday 8th November 2021 at 4:00pm
- Thursday 11th November 2021 at 4:00pm
- Friday 12th November 2021 at 4:00pm
- Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 4:00pm
- Thursday 18th November 2021 at 4:00pm

We would also like to extend this welcome to parents whose children are currently in Reception to one of these sessions. This is because you may not have had to opportunity to view the school this time last year due to the Covid restrictions in place at the time.

In order to keep our school community safe we are only going to allow 12 parents to attend each session. Therefore, please could you contact the school office on 0121 464 2865 to book on to one of the sessions. Please could only one parent per family attend and please wear a face covering when on school grounds unless you are exempt for medical reasons.