



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 6

Friday 15th October 2021

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Attendance %	95.3	95.8	86.9	92.2	95.0	95.8	94.9	90.8	95.8	97.1	93.8	88.8	90.0	97.0	93.5

**From Friday 8th to Thursday 14th October inclusive**

**Target: 97%**

What a challenging week it has been for us all!

I don't think I could cope with many more like this one. High staff absences due to illness, 3 positive Covid cases and an ongoing problem with our electricity supply which resulted in us having to close at short notice yesterday.

When the power went off yesterday and we could smell the burning I did fear far worse, so I suppose I should be grateful that it didn't lead to a fire which would have had major repercussions for us all for months and possibly years to come!

Next week, we have our Parents' Evenings. As you will be aware these will be done remotely on Teams and all children should come home today with their log in Details. After logging in, click on the Year Group Parents' Evening tile and you should be able to navigate yourself to speak to your child's teacher. You will be placed in the waiting room until the teacher is ready to speak with you.

Children in Nursery, Turtles, Dolphins and The Learning Den will have appointments on the telephone and the teachers will call you at the allocated times. If 10 minutes does not prove long enough to chat about how your child has settled in this year, then we are happy to make additional appointments at a later stage but we will need to stick quite rigidly to the 10 minute appointments on the evening to be fair to everyone.

Next Friday, we will be breaking up for half term. As you will see elsewhere on this newsletter it will be a non-uniform day and during the day all children will have the opportunity to be involved in a disco and receive a small surprise gift. Children can come dressed up for Halloween if they so wish, or if like me you aren't a fan of Halloween, you can just simply come in non-uniform—I will!

Have a great weekend and see you all next week!

Jason Willetts

## Diary Dates 2021

### October 2021

Mon 18	Parents' Evening R-Yr6
Tue 19	Yr 5 Cross Country
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 10	Christmas Fayre 4:00-6:30pm
Tue 14	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Showcase 9:30am and 2:00pm
Thur 16	Yr 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Showcase 9:30am and 2:00pm
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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## End of Half term Disco/Halloween Celebrations

On Friday 22nd October, our final day before half term, our PTA are organising a non-uniform and disco day with a Halloween theme. The children can attend school that day in non-uniform or Halloween attire, whichever they would prefer. In the afternoon, from 2:00—2:30pm all infant children (Reception, Yr 1 and Yr2) will have their disco in the hall. From 2:30—3:15pm Yrs 3 and 4 will have their disco. From 3:15—4:00pm Yrs 5 and 6 will have their disco. The children will also receive a small surprise gift. Please can Yr 5 and 6 parents make arrangements to collect their children at 4:00pm on this day. For this day, a suggested donation of £2.00 per head will be collected as the children enter school on that morning.



## Christmas Plays/Showcases



Christmas performances will happen remotely on Zoom, just as last year. Performances will NOT be recorded. We are once again looking forward to audiences from around the world!

Mr Willetts will send out the Zoom link and password closer to the performance dates.

The EYFS and KS1 performances will now be combined. The EYFS performance on the 10<sup>th</sup> December has been cancelled and will now take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Performance dates:

Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and 2pm.

## Parents Evening

Don't forget parents evening!

Children in Years 1 to 6 will have received a copy of their BGFL logins today, which is needed to access parents' evenings next week. Can parents please log on to BGFL Launch using their child's log in at their allotted time. Parents will see a tile entitled Year... Parents Evening. Please click on this tile and it will allow you to choose the right meeting. If you do not have the Teams app choose the middle option to open the meeting in the browser.

Children in Nursery, Reception and the Learning Den will receive a telephone call from their Teacher at the allotted time.

If you have any problems please call the school office on 0121 464 2865.

## Football

On Tuesday, 7 of our Year 6 pupils represented the school at a 5-a-side football tournament at King's Heath Boys'



School. They played superbly, as a team, with energy, skill and determination. They reached the final, where sadly they were beaten on penalties. However, we were very proud of them and their achievements.

## Christmas Fayre



This year's Christmas Fayre will be held outside on Friday 10th December 4:00pm to 6:30pm. At this stage, all are welcome and we are not looking to limit this to one parent per family, but this may change depending on the Covid situation at the time.

To make our Santa's Grotto unforgettable, we have been able to acquire a number of animatronics. However, we do not have the means to get them from Perry Barr to school. Is there anyone with a van who would be willing to transport them for us?

We are also looking for willing volunteers to manage stalls on the evening. It will all be set up for you, you'll just need to run them.

As well as having our own stalls, we are inviting people and businesses to run their own stalls at a cost of £10.00. Please note, if you are planning on doing this you will need your own facilities such as a gazebo for cover.

Finally, we are also on the lookout for anyone who would be able to source some outdoor floodlights for us for this event.

If you can help with any of these things please email the PTA at [cotteridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:cotteridgepta@gmail.com).