



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 7

Friday 22nd October

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Attendance %	94.6	96.0	87.5	95.7	98.0	92.3	94.3	88.5	94.2	97.0	92.0	87.7	90.6	86.8	92.5

From Friday 15th to Thursday 21st October inclusive

Target: 97%

Today has certainly been a freaky Friday with ghosts, ghouls and zombies in all corners of the school-what a fun and exciting way to end our first half term. A huge thank you to the PTA for putting together the end of school disco and thank you to our school community for supporting the event and for your generous donations.

Alongside the Hallowe'en half term finale, children in Years 3 and 4 have been developing their cycling skills, while others have learned to ride a bike this week-amazing! All children who completed their Level 1 training are now able to glide, pedal and control their bike while being aware of their surroundings-well done to everyone. In the first week after half term, the children in Year 6 will be taking part in their Level 1 training with most hopefully progressing onto Level 2 where they will be cycling on the roads around school. Please ensure the Bikeability consent form is completed and returned by Monday 1st November in order for your child to participate. Due to high numbers in Year 5, we have booked an additional week at the end of November for the children to take part in Level 1 and 2. All children who returned the initial interest form will bring home a Bikeability letter to complete in the first week back after half term which will contain further details about the week.

Amongst all the excitement, learning still continues. In Nursery, the children have been reading the Gingerbread Man and today have been decorating their biscuits. Elsewhere in the Key stage One building, the children have been practising their writing and working hard with their sentence structure and number work-it's wonderful to see the children using counters, cubes and objects to help them with their learning. I have had the pleasure of teaching in Year 4 this week and the children were impressing me with their expanded noun phrases-Thomas literally knocked me off my feet when he told me that we were using prepositional phrases! I have also been teaching Year 3 in which the characters in their stories were caught in a storm-they were very exciting to read and the children enjoyed reading them to their partner and taking advice on how to improve their work. In Year 6 we are continuing to enjoy our class novel and have created some lovely writing in the role of one of the characters-it's a book that is certainly keeping us gripped and we can't wait to finish it. Year 5 have been continuing with their science topic and have been separating materials-how to separate a staples, rice, sand and salt mixture certainly caused some debate!

As we break up for the week, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and hope you all have a good rest before the return to what is always a busy festive season.

Mrs Tucker

Diary Dates 2021

October 2021

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 PTA 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



Follow Cotteridge Primary School on Twitter where we will share and celebrate children's achievements, successes, events and school updates.

Poppy Appeal

During the first week back after half term there will be poppies and other poppy themed merchandise for sale. All proceeds will be going to The Royal British Legion. If your child would like to buy something, please send them in with a small amount of money. The items will be brought around classrooms for children to look at and buy. Please see the below picture of the poppy themed merchandise that will be for sale and suggested donations:



Meet The Staff

- Name: Mrs Widdicombe
- Role in School: Receptionist/
Administrative Assistant
- Years at Cotteridge: Four
- Hobbies: Crocheting, reading,
walking, pilates
- Favourite Book: The Catcher
in the Rye and the Harry Potter series
- Any Pets?: One Dog (Toby) and One Cat (Poppy)
- Favourite Place Ever Visited: Harry Potter Studio Tour in
London and Florida!



**Happy Half Term! We are
looking forward to seeing
you all back by 9:00am on
Monday 1st November!**

Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11th
November we will be
having a
Remembrance Day
Ceremony across the
school.



In the week after half term all of the children will be making poppies for a whole school display. However, if your child would like to make an additional poppy during half term and bring it in to school, we would love to receive and display them.

Services For Education Area Ensembles

Registration is now open for FREE SFE Area Ensembles. Rehearsals take place on a weekly basis during term time with exciting performance opportunities in March at the Elgar Hall (University of Birmingham) and July at Symphony Hall, Birmingham and is open to players of all instruments from beginner to approximately Grade 3 standard.

The ensemble closest to you is:

Mondays 4:30-5:30pm University of Birmingham School,
12 Weoley Park Rd, Birmingham B29 6QU.

Young musicians are not required to audition, but pre-registration is essential.

Follow these easy steps to register for a FREE place today:

1. Sign into the portal
ensembles.servicesforeducation.co.uk
 2. Click 'View' next to your child's name
 3. Click 'join an area ensemble'
 4. Fill in the required information and select the group you would like your young musician to attend from the drop down menu.
 5. Once you have successfully registered, you will receive a welcome pack with full details of what to expect.
- If you have any questions, please speak to your instrumental teacher, or contact SFE at ensembles@servicesforeducation.co.uk

Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Ebony 4T!

