



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 11

Friday 26th November 2021

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Attendance %	91.7	91.9	98.7	92.7	98.6	93.0	98.3	98.3	92.7	94.7	88.7	94.5	91.9	94.0	94.2

From Friday 19th to Thursday 25th November inclusive

Target: 97%

Even though the temperature has taken a dip, spirits are high across school. Mr Willetts celebrated his big 5...0 yesterday with a special assembly and Christmas songs can now be heard echoing down the corridors. There is definitely a buzz in the air and it's not even December yet!

However, although we are beginning to prepare for the Christmas Performances, there is plenty more to enjoy before we get there. Reception and Nursery have been practising their writing and Nursery have tried Cosmic Yoga for the first time. Bikeability starts on Monday for Year 5 children who returned their consent forms. I will be on the gate directing children with bikes, so look out for me and then I can check you all have what you need. Please ensure the children have a warm coat and gloves are also recommended.

Elsewhere in school, I have observed lots of quality Maths lessons where the children have been using hands on manipulatives to support their understanding of the concepts being taught. Year 2 were working out change in Maths using counters and in Year 3 and Year 6 the children have been using fraction cubes and fraction walls to help with their understanding. Year 4 have been coding using Scratch and are becoming very competent in creating their own interactive animations and working cooperatively in pairs. Year 1 have enjoyed reading Dogger and are now writing a report about a lost teddy and the Learning Den completed a character description this week of Flat Stanley working hard using their grammar skills.

To round up this week, well done to Year 5 who will be putting on the very first of our year group learning shares today. 5S and 5H have been enjoying their topic on Ancient Greece this term and are thrilled to be able to show their family and visitors their impressive writing and models of their frightening beasts, which inspired their writing. Additionally, the children have designed and made Greek bread for everyone to try and welcome their evaluations as the concluding part of their Design and Technology project. We thank everyone who is coming today to support the children and we hope you enjoy being able to come into school to see what's been going on. The next Learning Share is on Thursday 9th December for Year 1-we look forward to seeing you there!

I wish you all a lovely weekend-Mrs Tucker

Diary Dates 2021

December 2021

Fri 3	Flu Vaccine—Reception to Yr6
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
Wed 15	School Christmas Dinner
Thur 16	Yr 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Showcase 9:30am and 2:00pm
Fri 17	Last Day—Christmas Holiday

January 2022

Tue 4	Teacher Training Day
Wed 5	All Children Return To School— Spring Term 1

February 2022

Mon 7	Final 5H Swimming Lesson
Mon 14	4T Start Swimming Lessons
Fri 18	Last Day—Half Term
Mon 28	All Children Return to School— Spring Term 2

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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Chance To Win A Goodies Bundle

The GBNFC Children's Centre have asked If you could take a few moments to fill out the below Parents' Consultation. By completing the form and inputting your contact details, you will automatically be included in their prize drawer where you have a chance to win a goodies bundle!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EP8S6LrGZUukKNS3zhkefEihi68VLWVIqqz2ARA8yEUBUOFJFVvk02ODJGRzFVUjhiVIFFMU82S0VNQy4u>



Entries will be drawn after
10/12/21. Good Luck!



Children In Need

We are pleased to announce that we raised a huge £693.21 for Children In Need! The non-school uniform donations totalled £476.26 and the Pennies For Pudsey totalled £217.05. Well done everyone!



School Christmas Dinner

We will be having our School Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 15th December. The School Cook has informed us that she needs to know final numbers on Tuesday 30th November to order the food in time. Therefore, if your child would like a Christmas Dinner, please make sure you book it on School Money no later than 9am on 30th November, even if your child is entitled to free school meals. Please note: if your child is not entitled to free school meals, you must pay for the Christmas Dinner in advance. There are some parents who are in arrears for school dinners. Please could those parents make sure they have cleared their dinner arrears before booking a Christmas Dinner. Thank you.



Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Mr N Patchett
- **Role in School:** Teaching Assistant
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 24
- **Hobbies:** DIY, camping and walking
- **Favourite Book:** Danny The Champion Of The World by Roald Dahl
- **Any Pets?:** A Bedlington Terrier dog named Lupin
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** Amsterdam - it was very interesting!



Message From Mrs Smart

Mrs Smart, our School Business Manager, has been helping out in the kitchen this week. She has had the very important job of serving children from the salad bar! She wanted to say how impressed she was with the children's excellent manners; always saying "Please" and "Thank You". Well done to our wonderful children, you are all a credit to your families!



Late Arrivals And Early Leavers

IMPORTANT! Please may we remind Parents/ Carers to attend the office to sign their child in on the screen when arriving late, even if a Teacher intercepts them at the school doors. The office staff have no other way of knowing children have arrived late and if they have not received their mark on the register, the office staff will presume they are not here unless signed in on the screen. Not only that, in the event of a fire, we use that list to account for any children who were not present to get their marks on the morning registers. Please could you also use the screen to sign your child out when leaving early, for the same reasons. One final reminder—if your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office on every day of their absence (except when you have advised us they are isolating due to Covid) before 9am and leave a message on the absence line (Option 1). Thank you.



PTA Corner

As you know, our Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday 10th December 4pm-6.30pm.



We will be selling tickets for Santa's Grotto for £3 from Monday 29th Nov, in the playground at pick up time. We will also be selling raffle tickets at the same time.

Dont forget to download Easyfundraising to raise money for our school while you shop:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/AR7F8H/>.

Thank you from the PTA.