



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 8

Friday 5th November 2021

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Attendance %	94.2	95.7	93.8	95.1	98.3	98.3	98.7	94.2	94.6	97.5	94.4	96.6	97.9	97.9	96.2

From Monday 1st to Thursday 4th November inclusive

Target: 97%

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week after a well-earned autumn half term break.

The leaves are well and truly descending, telling us that it is time for Bonfire Night and Diwali. Fireworks are exciting for everyone, not just children and I would like to draw your attention to the firework safety poster attached with this newsletter. We have shared the poster with all children at school.

On Tuesday, some Year 4 children experienced a Roman theatre workshop, to fit in with their autumn term topic. The children really enjoyed the immersive experience of life on a Roman archaeological dig, which furthered their knowledge of Roman Britain.

Wednesday saw the start of Musical Theatre club, which was an exciting mid-week event for 60, yes 60 children! The school was humming with singing, acting and dance all evening.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome new parents to our school who are thinking of sending their children into September's Reception classes. Our Year 6 Ambassadors did a brilliant job of showing the families around and showcasing our school. Everyone was very impressed with their encyclopaedic knowledge of Cotteridge Primary as well as their good manners and demeanour. Well done Year 6.

Next week sees the start of the WOW initiative, which is all about walking to school. If possible, please try to walk, scoot or cycle to school. This helps improve congestion around school as well as encouraging healthy behaviour. For families who need to drive, we suggest a 'park and stride' approach where the car is parked about a 10-minute walk away. If children are using the power of their body to regularly commute to school, they will be able to earn a reward badge.

I wish all families a relaxing weekend. *Miss Lacey.*

Diary Dates 2021

November 2021

- 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

January 2022

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

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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Teachers 2 Parents / School Money App

There is now an app called Teachers 2 Parents that you can download from the app store on your phones/devices. This will allow you to access School Money in a more user-friendly way than the website. Once you have downloaded the app, select School Money and log in using the same details that you would use for the School Money website. Make sure you enter the mobile number and email address for the person you have given to us as your child's priority contact. In addition, when entering your child's first name it must be in CAPITAL LETTERS. Unlike the website, once you have signed in once, you should not have to sign in every time you want to access it. Hopefully, this should make accessing your School Money account much easier. We will contact you again once more features have been added to this app.



Winter PE Kit

As it has started to get colder, the children are allowed to bring in additional clothing to keep them warm during outdoor PE lessons.



These can include:

- Black/dark leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Black/dark jumper or hoodie, which is a plain design without a large logo
- Appropriate outdoor trainers

Additions To Our Cotteridge Family

Miss O'Brien

As you will doubt have noticed, Miss O'Brien, our School SENDCo, is expecting her second child later this month. She plans to work right up to her due date of 24th November, but obviously, Mother Nature may have other ideas! In her absence, Mrs Darby will become acting SENDCo. We wish Miss O'Brien, her partner and their son, all the very best with their new addition.



Miss Bloomer

We are pleased to announce that Miss Bloomer, Year 1 Teacher, is expecting her first child in the spring of 2022. Congratulations to Miss Bloomer and her partner, Andy. Details of when she plans to start her maternity leave and cover arrangements will be issued in the new year.

Retirement

When we break up for Christmas, Mrs Jones who currently works in our Nursery will be retiring after 21 years of service to our school. She will be missed and we wish her all the very best for the future.



Remembrance Day

On Thursday, the whole school will be marking Remembrance Day with a short service and 2 minute silence at 11:00am.



Meet The Staff

- Name: Miss M Ball
- Role in School: Reading Teacher
- Years at Cotteridge: I have recently moved to the U.K from Canada so I have been part of the Cotteridge team for 3 months now.
- Hobbies: I am an avid Crossfitter and love going for walks in the countryside or arduous hikes.
- Favourite Book: Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand because I enjoy reading about extraordinary people's lives. In addition, a childhood favourite is The Paperbag Princess by Robert Munsch.
- Any Pets?: No, although I spend a lot of time with my relative's dogs named Bryn and Max.
- Favourite Place Ever Visited: My favourite place I have ever visited is Petra, Jordan. It was remarkable to see how it hasn't changed for thousands of years.



Open Days For Existing Parents

For any parents who already have children attending the school and will be applying for a Reception place can attend one of the following sessions - Monday 8th November, Thursday 11th November, Friday 12th November, Tuesday 16th November or Thursday 18th November, all at 4:00pm. These are also for parents whose children are currently in Reception. 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. Please could only one parent per family attend and please wear a face covering when on school grounds.

PTA Corner

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and amazing outfits for our non-uniform day and disco! The kids had so much fun; it was great to see them enjoying themselves.

Another couple of dates for your diary:

> We are having our Christmas Fayre on Friday 10th December 4pm-6:30pm - more details to follow.

> We will be holding our annual AGM meeting in school on Monday 10th January 2022, which will take place in school – times to be confirmed.

Thank you, from The PTA.