



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 9

Friday 12th November 2021

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Attendance %	98.6	95.7	98.3	97.7	95.3	97.7	96.7	96.0	94.0	98.3	89.3	97.9	98.7	97.7	96.5

From Friday 5th to Thursday 11th November inclusive

Target: 97%

It has been a very good week in school and I was proud of the children when we remembered all those who have lost their lives in the World Wars and subsequent battles throughout the world, fighting for our country. The 2 minutes silence was observed so well and the Head Boy and Head Girl laid wreaths at our school memorial. The respect shown from children of all ages was impressive—you would have been very proud too!

Next week, we have both Anti Bullying Week and Children In Need Day. Further details about both of these things can be found elsewhere on the newsletter.

I am delighted that our attendance figures, printed above, have started to rise, after several positive cases of Covid and a nasty Cold going around. It is fantastic to see 8 classes hitting our target of 97%. If a class hits the target, they get £1 in their class bank accounts, which they can then spend at the end of the year. If they manage to score a magical 100% it is worth £5 to the class. The children are loving accumulating their money.

This week we also started our walk to school initiative. Children will be encouraged to walk to school each day and as a reward they receive various badges. I realise that for some children walking to school is not an option as they live too far away. If this is the case for you and your child, why not park in an area a little further away from the school, to relieve some congestion, and walk a short distance? An ideal place to park and stride to school would be the car park at the other side of Cotteridge Park.

Finally, I am getting concerned with the number of children coming to school wearing nail polish. Nail polish is not part of the school uniform and should be kept for home. Please ensure your child does not attend school wearing any. We will be clamping down on this, from next week and contacting parents directly if their child arrives at school wearing any nail polish of any kind.

Many thanks for your continued support, I hope that you and your family have a great weekend! Jason Willetts

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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Christmas Card Orders

If you would like to place an order for your child's Christmas card designs, please return your order forms in the envelopes provided, along with payment no later than 19th November 2021! If paying by cash, please put the exact amount in the envelope. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Cotteridge Primary PTA and place that in the envelope with your order. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please send payment to: Account Number 45655660 Sort Code 30-91-91. Even if paying by bank transfer, your envelope containing your order must be completed and returned to school. Thank you!



Absence From School

Please could we remind ALL parents/ carers that they MUST contact the school if their child is going to be late to or absent from school by 9:15am at the latest. If the office is closed or they are on another call, you can leave a voicemail message on the absence line (option 1). You can also contact us by email at enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk. However, voicemail is the preferred method as we receive those immediately, whereas there can sometimes be a delay with email messages so you may still get an 'investigatory' phone call from school asking the reason for absence. Please could we also ask that you call us every day that your child is absent to keep us updated. Thank you!



Anti Bullying Week

Next week will be Anti Bullying Week in school (w/c 15th November). We will be having a whole school assembly on Monday where we will be discussing the different forms of bullying and how we can all report and tackle it. We are encouraging the children to wear a pair of odd socks to school on Monday to show our understanding of the need to respect individuality and diversity.



Children in Need

It is going to be Children In Need next Friday (19th November). The children can come to school in their own clothes, preferably wearing something spotty. We are asking for a £1 donation for this very worthy cause.

The children will also be taking part in Pennies for Pudsey.

Eliza from Year 6 will be giving every class an A3 Pudsey poster. The children will then cover Pudsey with coins/odd change and all monies raised from this will also go to Children In Need along with our non-school uniform collection. Therefore, please could parents/carers provide their children with any odd change from home for this activity. We are sure the children will really enjoy doing this challenge!



Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Mrs K Berry
- **Role in School:** Teaching Assistant
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 5
- **Hobbies:** Sport, namely football. I like watching football and support Aston Villa. I also enjoy watching my son play football.
- **Favourite Book:** The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
- **Any Pets?:** Not now, but I did have a dog and hamsters when I was a child.
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** East Coast of USA, when I spent 9 months there coaching football with children. I also love Kefalonia.



Thank You To Morrisons, Stirchley



We would like to say a HUGE THANKYOU to Morrisons, Stirchley for their very generous donation of cereals, biscuits and sanitary products for our school and food bank. They have also informed us that they are giving a free piece of fruit to any children who are shopping with their parents!! Just grab a piece of fruit from the basket by the doors. What a generous gesture!