



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 12

Friday 3rd December 2021

Class	Turt	Dolph	1EB	1SB	2JP	2PE	3A	3B	4C	4T	5H	5S	6A	6P	Whole School
Attendance %	94.7	85.2	95.3	89.8	92.5	89.3	96.0	96.0	90.9	93.2	86.6	95.9	90.5	89.5	91.8

From Friday 26th November to Thursday 2nd December inclusive

Target: 97%

It certainly feels like Christmas has arrived in school now with the arrival of our enormous Christmas Tree on Tuesday! Thank you to all families who have contributed a decoration so far, it is really starting to look beautiful!

Across the school, the children have also been busy making their Christmas mobiles, in true Cotteridge tradition, and the sound of Christmas songs echoing around the halls is really lovely to hear. We are all really looking forward to the upcoming Christmas events over the next two weeks.

It has been another busy week in school with the children enjoying various activities and engaging whole-heartedly in their fantastic learning experiences. It was great to see Year 5 learning to ride a bike competently and safely during their Bikeability sessions on the playground and Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their computing sessions, learning to use the program JIT5 to follow simple algorithms and make a route (sounds very technical!) Forest School comes to an end for this term next week for Key Stage One and the children will enjoy a campfire and hot chocolate as part of their final session. Forest School will re-commence next term.

Looking ahead, please don't forget our Christmas Fair next Friday where you will have the opportunity to hear your child sing their Christmas Showcase song live!

Have a lovely weekend everybody,

Mrs Darby

Diary Dates 2021

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
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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Names In Clothes

We'd like to remind parents/carers that it is far easier to identify lost items of school uniform if you clearly name your child's clothing. Much of the school uniform our children wear to school looks exactly the same, so it is really important that you name your child's clothes. That way, if children lose anything we can easily return it to the right child.

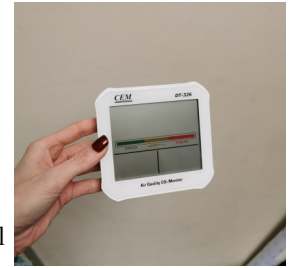
Christmas showcases

A Zoom link will be sent out by email next week. Please feel free to share the link with your friends and family but do not post details on social media sites. Thank you.



Monitoring Clean Air

You may have seen or heard in national media that schools are receiving CO2 monitors in order to measure the amount of Carbon Dioxide in classrooms. More CO2 will mean that ventilation in the room isn't



as good as it should be in our efforts to minimise the chances of COVID-19 germs hanging around in the air. If the monitors start to show an increase in CO2 then the ventilation in the room will be increased, meaning more fresh, clean air for each classroom.



Clubs After Christmas

Look out for an email early next week outlining Spring term clubs. Bookings will be from Wednesday 10th December.

Christmas Fair / Non-uniform

Next Friday is the PTA Christmas Fair. Children can come to school in their own clothes for donations of a bottle for the bottle tombola, please. Bottles can be of anything—wine, beer, vinegar, ketchup, shampoo, pop, squash, gin, perfume, etc.



Christmas Fair Performances

Throughout the fair, the children will be singing the songs that they will be performing for their Christmas Showcases the following week. Please see below the times that each class will be singing:

- 4:00pm - Nursery
- 4:10pm - Turtles
- 4:20pm - Dolphins
- 4:30pm - 1EB
- 4:40pm - 1SB
- 4:50pm - 2JP
- 5:00pm - 2PE
- 5:10pm - 3A
- 5:20pm - 3B
- 5:30pm - 4C
- 5:40pm - 4T
- 5:50pm - 5H
- 6:00pm - 5S
- 6:10pm - 6A
- 6:20pm - 6P



It is not compulsory for the children to return for their singing time, but it would be lovely to have as many here as possible. Children may wear their own clothes. As it will be outside, please remember to bring a coat.



Be Follower 400

A big welcome to all of our new Twitter followers, who are able to keep up-to-date with the events and learning at Cotteridge as it happens. We are now reaching 396 followers, so are very close to 400, which is an amazing increase over the last year. Can you be our follower number 400/ Head to Twitter and search @CotteridgeS

Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Miss E Bashford
- **Role in School:** Teacher and Art and Design Lead
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 6
- **Hobbies:** Reading, 40s and 50s fashion and knitting
- **Favourite Book:** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
- **Any Pets?:** A Guinea Pig named Fuzzy McFuzzface
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** Harry Potter Studio Tour—it was incredible and I now need to rewatch all the films!



Flu Vaccine

The children whose parents had consented had their flu vaccines today. We are happy to say that in total, 288 children were vaccinated. That is 69% of the children that were eligible. The School Nurses Team commented on how brilliant the children were. They said it was a really lovely session! Thank you to Mrs Burnett and Mrs Smith for helping out and ensuring that the morning ran like a well oiled machine! The children will be coming home with a leaflet to explain what they have had and any possible side effects. Please contact Mrs Burnett if you have any questions.

