



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Issue 13

Friday 10th December 2021

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Attendance %	95.4	94.3	98.3	96.1	92.5	96.7	96.3	95.0	94.0	87.5	87.6	95.3	90.8	88.0	93.4

**From Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th December inclusive**

**Target: 97%**

We are fast approaching Christmas and the end of term. As staff, we are doing all we can in school to make the festive period as 'normal' as possible despite the current situation we all find ourselves in. However due to the rising number of Covid cases we did have to postpone the Year 1 Learning Share this week and we won't be having any adults into school next week for our Showcases. This is disappointing but we need to try and ensure that everyone is as healthy as they can be over the holidays.

We will still be having our Christmas Fair this evening, as it is being held outside and we do hope that you will be able to come and support the children and the PTA. If you are coming along please wrap up warm and please wear a mask if you are able.

The wearing of masks also applies when dropping off and collecting your children. As we enter 'Plan B' I think it would be beneficial if we all tried even harder to stick to the rules that have been put into place, despite what we might think about those that have made the decisions!

Can I take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support during these challenging times. I have head teacher colleagues in other schools who have been verbally abused, on several occasions, by their parents because of the need to put restrictions into place in and around school and the need to stop parents entering the school building for things such as carol concerts and nativity plays. I have not received any of this abuse and I am so grateful that you see that we are only doing what we feel we need do to keep everyone; children, parents and staff, as safe as possible. It is a big responsibility but I feel you are right behind us and I am so grateful for your support.

Next week we do have the Christmas showcases—times are within the diary dates. You should have received the zoom details for these showcases and we hope you can join us for them. Each class will perform for about 5 minutes so showcases should last about 45 minutes in total. Please feel free to share the zoom details with family and friends. Last year we went global and even had people watching the children from Mauritius and Australia. All we ask is that you do not put any details on social media - we don't want any unwanted guests! Have a lovely weekend—Jason Willetts

## Diary Dates 2021

### December 2021

- 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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## Christmas Showcases

Christmas performances will happen remotely on Zoom, just as last year.

Performances will NOT be recorded. We are once again looking forward to audiences from around the world!



Mr Willetts has already sent out the Zoom link and password. Please feel free to share the Zoom details with family and friends. Last year we went global and even had people watching the children from Mauritius and Australia. All we ask is that you do not put any details on social media - we don't want any unwanted guests!

- ◆ Tuesday 14th December 9:30am and 2:00 pm = EYFS and KS1
- ◆ Thursday 16th December 9:30am and 2:00pm = Years 3,4,5 and 6

## Food Bank

This year, we will not be delivering any food parcels in the way that we did last year. However, we have plenty of stock in our food bank so if you would like any support over Christmas from our food bank, please contact Mrs Burnett on 0121 464 2865 and we will be more than happy to put something together for you.



**Reminder: We break up for the Christmas Holidays at 3:15pm on Friday 17th December 2021 and the children return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

## Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Miss K Lacey
- **Role in School:** Deputy Headteacher
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 6
- **Hobbies:** Reading, walking, drinking a cappuccino
- **Favourite Book:** Diary of the Killer Cat by Anne Fine
- **Any Pets?:** No—but I do like cats
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** The Taj Mahal... wow! It was amazing!



## A Very Big Thank You

Last week, he had a MASSIVE donation of food and other supplies for our Food Bank from the Burn family. It was probably the biggest single donation we've ever received and we really are so grateful for their kindness. This will be very gratefully received by some of our families over Christmas.

## Christmas Jokes!

Some festive jokes to get us in the spirit:



- **What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?** The elf-abet!
- **What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?** A Christmas Quacker!
- **Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?** He was picking his nose!
- **Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?** A mince spy!
- **How do snowmen get around?** They ride an icicle!
- **What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?** Tinsilitis!
- **What's green, covered in tinsel and goes ribbet ribbet?** A mistle-toad!
- **Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?** They always drop their needles!
- **What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?** Santa Clues!
- **Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party?** Because he had no body to go with!
- **What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?** A rebel without a Claus!
- **What do you get if you cross a bell with a skunk?** Jingle Smells!

**Merry Christmas  
From All The Staff  
At Cotteridge  
Primary School!**