



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 15

Friday 7th January 2022

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Attendance %	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

Not applicable this week

Target: 97%

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you have had some kind of break over the last two weeks and you managed to enjoy the festive period.

On a personal level I was gutted not to be able to return to Cotteridge this week, having tested positive for Covid on Monday. I have really missed seeing the children and hearing all about what they were up to over Christmas. Hopefully, I will be back next week to catch up on their various stories.

It is, without doubt, that 2022 is going to be another challenging year due to the pandemic but I do think we need to tackle it, acknowledging that whilst it will be difficult we have a lot to look forward to. Positivity will help us through it!

On a sporting front, all being well, we should have the Winter Olympics, the Commonwealth Games here in our home city and the football World Cup to enjoy. Will England bring it home from Qatar? Hopefully more of us might be able to take holidays this year once things calm down and the TV lovers amongst you, like me, have new series such as The Apprentice, Bridgerton, Killing Eve and Stranger Things to look forward to. We should also get a new Bond and a new Dr Who! Hopefully the pandemic may be over too. Fingers crossed; touch wood and all that.....

Thank you to the all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire recently. We received 133 responses which is representative of 176 children. I will send out further details about the results next week, but the headlines are fantastic and really demonstrate how staff, children and parents work hard together to make Cotteridge Primary School as good as it can be.

January is never an easy month, 2022 is not going to be an easy year but we do have a lot to look forward to and to celebrate within our community. Let's try to help each other to stay strong, stay positive and support each other! We are always here to help if you need us! Take care and stay safe.

Jason Willetts

Diary Dates 2022

February 2022

- Mon 7 Final 5H Swimming Lesson and Parents' Evening
- Wed 9 Parents' Evening
- Fri 11 Reception and Yr6 Height and Weight—School Nurses
- Mon 14 4T Start Swimming Lessons
- Fri 18 Last Day—Half Term
- Mon 28 All Children Return to School—Spring Term 2

March 2022

- Thur 3 Yr4 Trip Botanical Gardens
- Wed 9 Yr5 Trip Commandery
- Thur 10 Yr2 Trip Twycross Zoo
- Mon 18 Yr5 Trip Open Centre

April 2022

- Mon 4 Yr3 Trip Open Centre and Yr1 Trip West Midlands' Safari Park
- Fri 8 Last Day—Easter Holiday
- Tue 26 All Children Return to School—Summer Term 1

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 25th April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022 school closed for Queen's Jubilee additional bank holiday for schools



Follow Cotteridge Primary School on Twitter where we will share and celebrate children's achievements, successes, events and school updates.

Bad Weather

It's that time of year when we need to think about what we would do in the event of bad weather.

Obviously we will try our best not to, but if we do have to close the school due to bad weather we will no longer be contacting the local radio stations. We will be communicating the school closure by email, text message, Twitter and on our website. Please make sure your contact details are up to date and please check Twitter and our website for updates.



Primary School

Applications



If anyone has any younger children who are due to start Reception in September, a reminder that the deadline for applications is **Saturday 15th January**. Applications need to be completed via the Birmingham City Council website. This also applies to the children who currently attend our Nursery. All children, whether they attend our Nursery or not have to apply for a Reception place.

Thank You

On behalf of all staff, a huge thank you to the children and parents who bought Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term. We all really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, especially at such a busy and costly time of year.



Covid

As you will no doubt be aware, the Covid Guidance has recently changed. Please see the email sent to you on 4th January for full details.



Parents' Evening

Advance warning that Parents' Evening will be on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th February. More details will be going out next week via email.

PTA Corner

Date for your diaries:

PTA Annual General Meeting: 20th January 2022

Time TBC, either in school or via Zoom

Further details will be sent out next week

All are welcome



Save your Christmas jumpers!

Next Christmas the PTA hope to organise a Christmas jumper swap, so save your jumpers from 2021 and swap it for a new jumper for 2022.

Thank you to all the staff and families who supported our Christmas Fair; a great time was had by all & we raised a fantastic £1085.69!!

Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Cheryl Sweeney
- **Role in School:** Breakfast and Afterschool Club Manager, Lunchtime Supervisor and Office Assistant
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 29
- **Hobbies:** Walking, socialising and spending time with my family
- **Favourite Book:** Matilda by Roald Dahl
- **Any Pets?:** Two Cats named Zulu and Zola
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** Florida

