



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 14th January 2022

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Attendance %	93.6	97.3	96.0	94.2	89.0	91.3	84.3	95.3	88.3	92.0	87.3	83.0	95.6	95.0	91.5

From Friday 7th to Thursday 13th January 2022 inclusive

Target: 97%

The children have settled well into their spring curriculum and around the school, there is a real learning buzz. This week I have been teaching in Year 4 and Reception. Monday afternoon in Year 4 was a delight, as we started a new yoga PE unit. I certainly felt much calmer after trying elephant pose! In Reception, we were learning that food comes from all over the world and often travels in lorries, aeroplanes and big ships. The children in both these year groups were an absolute delight. Teaching is always the best part of my day.

It is great to see clubs starting up again both before and after school. This week I have seen chess, boxercise, gymnastics, musical theatre, lego, German and netball club to name but a few. Thank you to the parents for collecting their children on time from these clubs.

Next week I am really looking forward to Science Day, which we have brought forward a few weeks so that it happens before Miss Bloomer goes on maternity leave. Without wishing to spoil the fun, the children will be completing a school wide investigation which will develop their working scientifically skills. I am sure they will enjoy both the investigation and the 'awe and wonder' activities planned for the afternoon. A big thank you goes out to Miss Bloomer for organising this and working with the teachers.

I wish all families a restful weekend.

Miss Lacey

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 Centre, Worcestershire
- Thur 10 Yr2 Trip Twycross Zoo
- Mon 18 Yr5 Trip Open Centre, Derby

April 2022

- Mon 4 Yr3 Trip Open Centre, Derby 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



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New Covid Isolation/Testing Guidance (AGAIN!)



Yesterday, the government announced that the isolation rules will be changing. From Monday 17th January, anyone who tests positive for Covid will only have to isolate for 5 full days instead of the current 7. For example, if you test positive on a Lateral Flow Test (LFD) on Monday 17th January, day 1 is counted from Tuesday 18th. On day 5 (Saturday 22nd) and day 6 (Sunday 23rd) you should take LFDs 24 hours apart, and if both of those are negative, you can immediately end your isolation following the second negative LFD on Sunday 23rd. It is important to remember that day 1 is always the day after you test positive or begin symptoms. The guidelines for if you have Covid symptoms are still the same as before: you should book a PCR test (not a LFD) and isolate until you receive your results. If your results are negative, your isolation ends. If your results are positive, you count day 1 of isolation from the day after you developed symptoms and then take LFDs on days 5 and 6, with your isolation ending on day 6 providing both of those LFDs are negative. If either of your day 5 and/or day 6 LFDs are still positive, you continue to isolate and test every 24 hours until you receive two days of negative LFDs or have completed 10 days of isolation.

There is no longer any requirement for children to stay away from school if a household member tests positive; they only need to isolate if they themselves test positive on a PCR/ LFD or develop symptoms of Covid. Instead, they should continue to attend school, but, if aged over 5 years, take LFDs every morning before school for 7 days. This also counts if they have been identified as a close contact of a positive case, either at school or anywhere else. These rules are the same for people over the age of 18 who are fully vaccinated (had the first AND second jabs). If you are over 18 and are a close contact of a positive case and not fully vaccinated, you should isolate immediately for 10 days, regardless of any LFD results.

Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Lois 6P!



Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Mrs L Smith
- **Role in School:** Learning Mentor and Netball Coach
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 20
- **Hobbies:** Walking, netball, cooking, holidays abroad
- **Favourite Book:** Damaged by Cathy Glass
- **Any Pets?:** None
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** Cape Verde



PTA Corner

PTA Annual General Meeting

Thursday 20th

January, 6:30pm via

Zoom. Please email cotteridgepta@gmail.com for the link.

All are welcome. The meeting will reflect on the last 12 months and look forward to 2022.

Committee members also need to be voted in. We have a couple of vacancies on the Committee; if anyone is interested in taking on a role please come along or email to find out more.

The PTA has a vacancy for the role of Secretary. The role is not too onerous, main duties are: to attend regular meetings and write the minutes, liaise with the committee and PTA via WhatsApp and support fundraising events throughout the year.

