



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 17

Friday 21st January 2022

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Attendance %	86.9	94.1	83.9	77.8	61.0	76.8	59.9	57.0	80.5	85.0	81.7	73.3	86.9	73.3	77.0

From Friday 14th to Thursday 20th January 2022 inclusive

Target: 97%

As we complete the end of a very challenging week, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for their support in continuing to wear masks on site and for supporting us in our efforts to curb the virus by testing their children daily with lateral flow tests and taking their child for a PCR if Covid-19 symptoms have developed. To give you an idea of the attendance figures this week, our whole school attendance has ranged from 68% to 76% (around 110-120 absences across school), so if we can please ask you to continue to follow the guidance for the foreseeable future, we would be most grateful.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our amazing team of staff who have pulled together, filling gaps at short notice due to numerous absences. Our children have also demonstrated their resilience and flexibility by working hard and showing their Cotteridge spirit for the teachers and staff they have worked with this week.

Today is Science day in Key Stage Two and yesterday in Key stage One. The children took part in a whole school pattern seeking investigation to answer the question: Can people with larger hands pick up more beads? The children had lots of fun planning and carrying out their investigation, using scientific language and Maths skills to record their results. EYFS enjoyed making handprints in the sand and with paint then comparing their sizes, while Year 1 were using both hands to pick up beads and comparing the results. To ensure progression in their learning, Year 2 were investigating using different parts of their hand such as: closed fist, scoop into the palm of the hand, scoop onto the back of the hand. In Key stage Two, the children were looking at the scientific idea of repeatability, fair tests, labelling diagrams and writing conclusions. To finish, the day, this afternoon, there have been lots of fun science activities which I am sure your child will tell you about when they get home.

As both Miss Cox and Mrs Taylor are absent, Year 4 will have their Science day on their return so they don't miss out.

Thinking ahead, Parents' Evening is on the horizon so please look out for information about how to book your appointment.

Have a lovely weekend-Mrs Tucker

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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Parents' Evening

This term's Parents' Evenings are on:
Monday 7th February and
Wednesday 9th February



This time, we have decided to do it by telephone rather than on Teams as we think this is easier for most parents. You will still need to book your slots on Teacher2Parents as usual and then the teacher will call you at your allotted time. Learning Den children are to book their slot with Miss Jeffery only and not their class teacher. When booking your slot, please state in the comments the telephone number you would like the teacher to call you on. If you do not put a number in the comments box, they will try the telephone number for the priority 1 contact on our school contact system. If there is no answer, they will then try the next priority contact. If there is still no reply they will keep trying these 2 numbers, but please note that they will only try for the duration of your time slot (10 minutes). The 10 minute 'clock' starts from when the teachers starts dialling the number and not from when the call is answered. This is to try to keep to schedule as much as possible.

A TEXT MESSAGE TO BOOK YOUR SLOTS WILL BE SENT ON TUESDAY EVENING!

Catering Assistant Vacancy

The catering company who provide our school meals, Coombs Catering Partnership, have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant at our school! If you are interested in applying, here are the details:

20 hours per week
£8.91 per hour
Term time only
Experience preferred
but not essential



If you are interested, please email your details to Lorraine Daniels, Area Manager, at: lorraine@ccpltd.biz

Roblox

The Birmingham Education Safeguarding Team have received several reports from parents and school staff recently about harmful content on Roblox including worrying accounts of young children being sent 'friend requests' from strangers and in-game characters imitating sex. Their Online Safety partners have conducted further research and created the Roblox Parents Guide to help you understand how to keep children and young people safe on Roblox. <https://ineqe.com/2022/01/19/roblox-parents-guide-and-age->



Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Libby Rose 4T!



Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Miss S Peet
- **Role in School:** Teaching Assistant
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 5 months
- **Hobbies:** Exploring new places and watching true crime
- **Favourite Book:** All Julia Donaldson books, particularly Stickman
- **Any Pets?:** None now, but I used to have a beautiful staffie, until she passed away 5 years ago
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** Australia



Too Good To Go App

Every day, delicious, fresh food goes to waste at cafes, hotels, restaurants, shops, and manufacturers – just because it hasn't sold in time. The Too Good To Go app let's you buy and collect this food – at a vastly reduced price – so it gets eaten instead of thrown away. You won't know exactly what's in your order until you pick it up – it's all part of the surprise. Download the app to have a look at which places are participating and to get started! The app is available on both the Apple store and Google Play.



Food Bank

We are still running our Food Bank to support our families. With so many families isolating this week, more parcels than ever have recently gone out. As a result, we are now running a bit low on stock. Please could we ask for any donations of non perishable food items, drinks, toiletries and household goods, so we can continue to support our families as much as possible. Thank You!

