



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 18

Friday 28th January 2022

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Attendance %	89.7	92.9	86.9	68.6	84.7	87.5	79.9	81.3	66.4	71.4	78.7	77.7	89.3	59.7	79.6

From Friday 21st to Thursday 27th January 2022 inclusive

Target: 97%

It's hard to believe that we are already over half way through this half term. Time is certainly flying by here at Cotteridge!

As always, lots has been happening this week at school, despite the pressures we have faced with staff shortages due to Covid. Year 6 had a visit from the Head of Science at Kings' Norton Boy's School this week to observe a science lesson all about 'Blood'. These important links help to ease the transition between primary and secondary school and showcase our fabulous teachers demonstrating their outstanding practise.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers with their understanding and support this week whilst we have needed a short period of remote learning in 6P. Well done to all of the children in 6P who are engaging so well in their virtual lessons.

In other areas of the school, Year 2 have been writing super reports about their own imaginary island as part of their 'Islands' topic, using lots of fantastic vocabulary to engage the reader. Year 5 have been working hard to learn the alphabet in French as part of their Modern Foreign Language learning. Year 4 have enjoyed making captivating posters about an imaginary creature. Well done to everybody for lots of amazing learning.

Across school, the children have enjoyed various PE sessions delivered by our expert coaches this week. Physical Education is very important to us here at Cotteridge and the children really look forward to their lessons. Please could you ensure that children have the correct PE kit kept in school at all times. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Have a lovely weekend everybody,

Mrs Darby.

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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E Safety

With so many children isolating and the temporary closure of 6P, yet again, many children find themselves using home computers and going online for their learning. Therefore, we felt it was a good time to remind you about E Safety.

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child stay safe online, and you don't need to be an expert on the internet to do so! There are lots of user-friendly websites that offer tips, advice, guides and resources to help support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively. This advice and support is frequently updated to address the expectations of online learning during this period of Covid cases.

Please check out the e-safety page on our school website, in particular Internet Matters, which has helpful videos and advice.

As always, if you have any concerns please contact us through the school office or by email.



School Issue Devices

We would just like to remind Parents/Carers, who have been given a device from school for their child's home learning, of the Device



Loan Agreement that they would have signed at the time of collection. One of the points on the Loan Agreement is that children will only use the device for educational purposes and not for personal use i.e games, apps, social media etc. Please do not download any software, games or apps that are not sanctioned by school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Year 6 and Reception Height and Weight Measurements

This is a reminder that the School Nurse Team are planning on attending school on Friday 11th February to measure the heights and weights of the children in Reception and Year 6. If you do not want your child's height and weight measured, please contact us in the office so we can give a list of 'opt outs' to the nurses when they arrive. Thank You.



Netball

Netball Player of the Week: Ebony 4T!



Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Jason Willetts
- **Role in School:** Head Teacher
- **Years at Cotteridge:** 2
- **Hobbies:** Going to the theatre, watching sport, eating out, supporting West Bromwich Albion
- **Favourite Book:** Silent Scream by Angela Marsons (Black Country author)
- **Any Pets?:** Two cats—Polly and Ivy
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** Rome



PLEASE KEEP YOUR MASKS ON!



Food Bank

We are still running our Food Bank to support our families. With so many families isolating this week and last, more parcels than ever have gone out. As a result, we are now running very 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 very much to those who have sent something in already, as always, we have been amazed by your generosity !

