



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 21

Friday 18th February 2022

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Attendance %	93.2	98.0	94.3	95.4	96.0	98.3	97.7	98.7	93.0	98.6	89.8	92.7	92.7	93.0	95.1

From Friday 11th to Thursday 17th February 2022 inclusive

Target: 97%

Half term is here at last! The children are exhausted from all their hard work this half term and it's clear to see they are ready for a break- time to recharge their batteries. It might be the last week of this half term, but the children have been writing high quality texts such as non-chronological reports in Year 3, Year 6 have been writing discussion texts about the role of women in World War Two and Year 5 have been writing poetry using similes and metaphors. In Year 4, the children have been learning about the digestive system and making poo. Yesterday, I had a wonderful afternoon in 3B learning and presenting poetry, very aptly about the wind.

Today in our Star pupil assembly, we celebrated the reading achievements of Wren in 5S, who has read 1 million words and Scarlett in 4T who has read 2 million words! We also did the afternoon tea raffle, for children who achieve more than 70% in their reading quizzes, which will take place with Miss Stalker on the first Wednesday after half term- well done to all our winners. The winning house this half term is Seacole with a whopping 2293 points!

To finish off the half term, we have a wonderful last day in school with it being Music Day, organised by Mrs Andrews. Across school, the children have been studying a piece of music by Florence Price, an African American woman who combines classical music with African rhythm. The children have also been creating Juba dances, using body parts to create a sound such as stomping, patting and slapping, also known as body percussion, leading up to a final creation. It has been a very noisy but an impressively creative day- well done to all our children for having a go and trying their best. We have also been extremely lucky to have a visit from the CBSO (City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra) who are performing to the children in Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2 this afternoon.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our families for their incredibly generous contributions to our foodbank this half term. Additionally, I would like to congratulate Freda in 6P for her jewellery-making venture, which has seen her raise £254.60, with all proceeds donated to the foodbank. Well done to Freda and her team.

Finally, we send Miss Bloomer our best wishes as she leaves us to have her first baby, due on 3rd March. We wish her lots of luck and not too many sleepless nights and we will keep you updated when her bundle of joy arrives.

I wish you all a restful holiday and happy times with your family over the half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 28th February.

Mrs Tucker

Diary Dates 2022

February 2022

Fri 18	Last Day Before Half Term
	Holiday
Mon 28	All Children Return to School— Spring Term 2

March 2022

Thur 3	Yr4 Trip Botanical Gardens
Fri 4	World Book Day at Cotteridge
Wed 9	Yr5 Trip Commandery Centre, Worcestershire
Thur 10	Yr2 Trip Twycross Zoo
Mon 18	Yr5 Trip Open Centre, Derby and Red Nose Day—Non-School Uniform and Funny Hair
Fri 25	Yr6 Trip Holdenby House

April 2022

Mon 4	Yr3 Trip Open Centre, Derby and Yr1 Trip West Midlands' Safari Park
Fri 8	Last Day Before 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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Achieving Excellence

Inspiring Dreams

Poem by Isaac and Henry—5H

Here is a lovely poem written by two boys in Year 5 following a poetry lesson using similes, metaphors and personification.

The Beach

By Isaac and Henry 5H

The beach is a sunbed,
It relaxes and yawns,
It shines like gold,
As the new day dawns.

The beach is a building site,
It builds but demolishes,
It shines new every day,
As the water polishes.

The beach is a sauna,
A sleeping titan,
Like an open mouth,
It waits to bite 'em.

The beach is a monster,
It flicks and licks,
It hurls down rocks,
Until a spine clicks.

The beach is a beast,
It eats and devours,
It destroys buildings,
In a matter of hours.

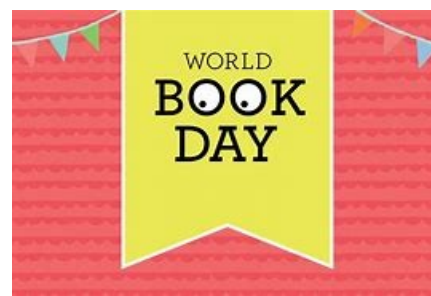
The beach is a paradise,
It shines like a diamond,
It's heavenly water,
Covers every island.



World Book Day

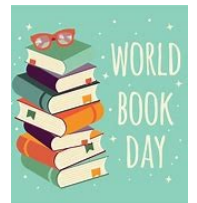
Reminder

Cotteridge Primary School will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 4th March 2022**. Children and staff can come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. This means we have half term to plan our amazing outfits!



World Book Day Special Menu

Our school kitchen will be putting on a themed menu on Thursday 3rd March. If your child would like a dinner on this day, please book it via the Teachers 2 Parents app / School Money website. The menu is attached to the email with this newsletter.



Red Nose Day

We will be having a non-school uniform and funny hair day on Monday 18th March for Red Nose Day. More details to follow closer to the time.



Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Mrs R Andrews
- **Role in School:** Year 6 Teacher
- **Time at Cotteridge:** 19 years
- **Hobbies:** Baking and days out with my children.
- **Favourite Book:** Bridget Jones's Diary—an oldie but a goodie!
- **Any Pets?:** No—I did have a hamster until he went to hamster heaven
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** Kefalonia—simply beautiful!



Discover Materials Think Tank



One of our parents, Dr Hamlett, who is the Discover Materials Ambassador based at

Birmingham University will be at the Think Tank Museum with his Discover Materials team on Wednesday 23rd February. For more details see here: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/whats-on/meet-the-expert-discover-materials

There is an entry fee to the Think Tank Museum but there is no additional charge for this event.