



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Friday 11th March 2022

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Attendance %	89.4	97.7	90.0	98.2	93.7	97.3	97.0	97.3	95.0	99.7	89.0	91.7	95.0	98.7	94.9

From Friday 4th to Thursday 10th March 2022 inclusive

Target: 97%

The recent news has been dominated with awful stories and images of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This is probably something that many of your children are asking questions about. The DfE have published the following about talking to children about this. It is worth a read and may help you discuss the situation and answer your children's questions.

Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

We have seen an increasing number of children arriving late for school in the mornings. This is incredibly unsettling for the children and does not allow them to enjoy a smooth start to the school day with their peers. It also means that the reception area can become very congested and unnecessarily busy first thing in the morning. Please be aware that teachers often focus on some of the most important things for children early in the morning because research shows this is when they are at their most receptive. If your child is regularly late for school s/he will consistently miss this important part of their learning.

I understand that at the moment, with increasing petrol prices, spiralling fuel bills and the prices of food jumping that times are hard for us all. However, we are finding that there are a lot of parents currently owing money for various things. Please can you ensure that you keep up to date with any payments for clubs and lunches so that we aren't in the embarrassing position of asking you for money or refusing to let your child stay for a club or have a hot meal. Whilst we can't help families financially, please remember that we have the Foodbank in school, which we can support you with. You just need to ask and then you can come in and choose items which are suitable for your family and hopefully it will save some money from your weekly shopping bill.

Jason Willetts

## Diary Dates 2022

### March 2022

Mon 14	CBSO Myths & Legends Music Workshop Yr3
Tue 15	CBSO Myths & Legends Music Workshop Yr3
Thur 17	CBSO Myths & Legends Music Workshop
Fri 18	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
Mon 25	Teacher Training Day
Tue 26	All Children Return to School— Summer Term 1

### May 2022

Thur 5	Scheduled Election—School Closed For All Children
Wed 25	Yr6 Residential Trip Depart
Fri 27	Yr6 Residential Trip Return

### 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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## CBSO Myths and Legends Workshop



After a really special visit from Birmingham Symphony Orchestra a couple of weeks ago, we are now really lucky to be hosting them again!

This time, they are coming in for three days next week to deliver musical workshops with Year 3. The workshop will be based around the theme Myths and Legends and the Year 3s will develop their musical skills and will create a new musical work with the CBSO musicians. The new musical works will be audio recorded by the CBSO. One of the days will also feature an Arts day which will develop their artistic skills and create pieces of art, again based around the Myths and Legends Theme. This sounds very exciting indeed for the children!



## Sponsored Walk



On 7th and 8th April we will be taking part in a sponsored walk around the grounds of Cotteridge School to raise money for our school fund. Here is when the different year groups will be taking part:

### Thursday 7th April

Morning: EYFS

Afternoon: Years 5 and 6

### Friday 8th April

Morning: Years 1 and 2

Afternoon: Years 3 and 4

More information on how to raise sponsorship will be coming closer to the time.

## SAVE THE DATE

### PTA Quiz



On Friday 29th April at 7:00pm our PTA will be hosting a Quiz night at school for everyone to attend!

These have been really successful and great fun in the past so it would be lovely to see lots of our school community there!

More details will be coming out soon, but at least this gives you chance to gather your best quiz whizzes for your team and think of your team name!

## Red Nose Day

For Red Nose Day, we will be asking the children and staff to come to school on **Friday 18th March** in non-school uniform and wearing funny hair—this could be anything from bright pink to spiky hair! Please could we ask for a suggested donation of £1.00.



## Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Jane Stalker
- **Role in School:** Year 5 Teacher and Reading Lead
- **Time at Cotteridge:** 9 years
- **Hobbies:** Reading, swimming and baking
- **Favourite Book:** The 1000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford
- **Any Pets?:** None
- **Favourite Place Ever Visited:** The Great Barrier Reef, Australia



## Teachers2Parents App



We would like to remind you that we have signed up to Teachers2Parents so that you can download their app. It allows you to access School Money and school messages/emails easier and in one place. It is free to download from your App store on your devices. Feedback is that it is more user friendly than the School Money website. PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR NOTIFICATIONS TURNED ON so that you are alerted when a message has been sent from school as they will not come as a traditional text message once you have downloaded the app.

## Netball

Netball Player of The Week: Natalia 4C!  
Upcoming matches:



- Tue 22nd March—High 5 Netball Tournament, Kings Heath Boys' School
- Wed 30th March—Friendly Cotteridge vs St. Laurence at Cotteridge