



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Friday 1st April 2022

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Attendance %	95.3	92.0	96.3	88.6	89.0	96.3	92.0	98.0	91.7	94.3	89.3	95.4	89.7	95.0	93.0

From Friday 25th to Thursday 31st March 2022 inclusive

Target: 97%

As always, lots has been happening this week in school. Although it has turned a little colder, we are all looking forward to Spring. The children in Reception were in for a real treat earlier on in the week when some eggs arrived, ready to hatch into live chicks! We have eight that have hatched so far and the children have delighted in watching the chicks' progress. I have also spent lots of time in Reception this week seeing some superb phonics learning. The children are busy recapping all of the sounds they have learnt so far and are really applying them now in their reading and writing. It really is a joy to see!

There have been, of course, many other exciting events going on across school. On Tuesday, the Learning Den had a super time practising their agility skills in PE with a trip out to a 'Multiskills' event at Billesley Tennis Centre and Year 6 welcomed parents in to school on Thursday for their 'Learning Share' as part of their World War 2 Topic. I heard those biscuits on offer were delicious! Year 5 have also enjoyed making dragon eyes out of clay and I saw some fabulous creations on display.

The netball team have also wowed us all this week with a wonderful victory over St Laurence School. The score in the end was 8 - 3! Well done to Mrs Smith and all of the team.

It has been Assessment Week this week and the children across school are demonstrating how much progress they have made so far this year. They have shown a real growth mind-set so well done to everybody on your superb efforts, you should be very proud of yourselves.

Next week, we are really looking forward to seeing the children's Easter Bonnets in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2. Please send them in with your child on Friday 8th April ready for our Easter Bonnet Parade in the afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend everybody and let's hope the weather gets a bit warmer!

Mrs Darby.

## Diary Dates 2022

### April 2022

Mon 4	Yr3 Trip Open Centre, Derby
Tue 5	Learning Den Workshop
Thur 7	Sponsored Walk—EYFS, Yr5, Yr6
Fri 8	Sponsored Walk—Yrs 1,2,3 and 4. Last Day Before Easter Holiday
Mon 25	Teacher Training Day
Tue 26	All Children Return to School - Summer Term 1
Fri 29	PTA Quiz Night

### May 2022

Mon 2	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 9	Final 4T Swimming Lesson
Fri 13	3B Lapworth Museum Trip
Mon 16	Diversity Week—All Week. 4C Start Swimming. 3A Lapworth Museum Trip
Wed 25	Yr6 Residential Trip Depart
Fri 27	Yr6 Residential Trip Return. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. Last Day Before Half Term.

### 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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## School Dinners Price Increase

### School Dinners



From 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 we will be increasing the price of our school dinners from £2.30 to £2.40 per day.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly, but our

suppliers have increased their costs to us and unfortunately, this means that we also need to increase ours.

The daily cost of school dinners remains heavily subsidised by school and until now, we have managed to avoid increasing our prices for over three years.

School dinners will continue to be free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for children who are entitled to free school meals. If you are unsure if your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office who will be able to advise you on how to apply.

We appreciate that this comes at a time when prices are rising in many areas of our lives, but we hope you understand our decision.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Learning Den Workshop



Miss Jeffery would like to invite the Parents/Carers of the children in the Learning Den in to school for a fun and informative workshop where you will be able to work with your child on developing questioning within reading

using a shared text.

This workshop will take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9:10am** and will last for approximately 50 minutes.

Due to the very limited space in the Learning Den, please could we ask that only one Parent/Carer attends per Learning Den child and that you don't bring any younger siblings. Thank you for your understanding with this.

We look forward to seeing you then and hope that both you and your child enjoy the morning.

## REMINDER: PTA Quiz



~ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm

~ Teams of 6

~ Bring your own drinks and snacks

~ Please Email [cotteridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:cotteridgepta@gmail.com) to reserve your place

~ Pay as you feel, suggested donation is £5 per person.

~ Payment details will be sent once your place is reserved.

## Cancelled Elections Date

You may have noticed on previous newsletters that we were closed on

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022** to be used as

a polling station, **THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED**. The council have advised us that we are no longer being used as a polling station on elections day, so we are now able to open to all students as normal on this day.



## Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Mrs Jo Jacobs
- **Role in School:** Finance Administrator
- **Time at Cotteridge:** 8 years
- **Hobbies:** Shopping, socialising, running, exercising, chatting
- **Favourite Food:** Haribo sweets and an Indian take-away
- **Any Pets?:** A house rabbit called Honey Bunny
- **Piece of Advice:** Just be nice!



## PTA Uniform Sale

- We are resuming the PTA used uniform sales!
- Let's keep costs down for parents and carers, and In turn, minimise what goes into landfill.
- The first sales will be in the bandstand on the Infant playground next week.
- Monday afternoon 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- Thursday morning 8:30am -10:00am
- We will be able to take cash or card.
- Please do come if you can!



## Netball

Netball Player of The Week: Anna 6P

Netball match against St Laurence results: 8-3 to Cotteridge! An amazing performance by the girls! Photos are on Twitter.

Upcoming Tournament: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June - TBC



## Sponsored Walk / Walk-A-Thon

As you will no doubt be aware, next week we are holding our sponsored walk / walk-a-thon. Each child will have 45 minutes to do as many laps of the school grounds as they can. For these days, children can wear trainers with their school uniform to walk in. We hope that all children will be able to get some sponsorship in the coming days. Children have been reminded to only ask family and friends for sponsors and not to go to strangers.



## Teacher Training Days 2022 - 2023

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result



It is no longer recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults are.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal..

## Mural Competition

An email was sent regarding this competition. Closing date for entries was today, however, it has now been extended to Tuesday 5th April. Designs should be based on the theme “Proud-To-Be-A-Brummie” and can be from any member of the school community, including parents and staff.

## Early Retirements

We are sad to announce that two of our experienced members of staff have decided to take early retirement at the end of this academic year. Mrs McMullan, our Teacher in charge of Nursery, has decided to join Mrs Jones as a lady of leisure and Miss Lacey, our Deputy Head Teacher, is looking forward to more time enjoying walks and visits to various places around the country. Both staff will be sadly missed and we are currently in the process of replacing them.



## Reception's Chicks!

