



# COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Friday 6th May 2022

| Class        | Turt | Dolph | 1EB  | 1SB  | 2JP  | 2PE  | 3A   | 3B   | 4C   | 4T   | 5H   | 5S   | 6A   | 6P   | Whole School |
|--------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| Attendance % | 95.0 | 98.3  | 96.7 | 97.3 | 97.9 | 99.2 | 98.3 | 97.5 | 95.0 | 94.2 | 86.3 | 99.2 | 94.2 | 97.5 | 96.1         |

From Friday 29th April to Thursday 5th May 2022 inclusive

Target: 97%

Spring has finally arrived and has brought with it the end of Ramadan. Many families celebrated Eid in Birmingham on Monday and we wish them Eid Mubarak. Tuesday afternoon saw our Eid assembly with Governor Mrs Mahmood and the children enjoyed hearing about how families in the Muslim community celebrate this important time of year.

Although it has been a short week, it has still felt quite busy in school so perhaps we're trying to cram five days of activities into four! Years 1, 2 and 3 all went to a multi skills activity session at Billesley Tennis Centre and a good time was had by all! The children completed a variety of fitness activities and it was lovely to see this happening in an out of school location. Both children and teachers were buzzing on their return to school and can't wait until next year.

We have started a new Guided Reading system in school aiming to improve even further the good quality teaching of reading that takes place. With this in mind will all parents in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 please remember to bring back the Oxford book with the black dot on Mondays.

We announced the famous Cotteridge School House Bake Off last week. The closing date for applications is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The house captains, whilst not part of the baking teams will interview the candidates before making their team selection. This year will be a Platinum Jubilee Pudding Bake Off and it will take place on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Burnett is busy researching recipes!

Finally and very importantly, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Pickering-Ernst will be joining the Senior Leadership Team as an Assistant Headteacher in September. Mrs Pickering-Ernst has a wealth of teaching and learning expertise and the Leadership Team will be appreciably stronger as a result. Congratulations Mrs Pickering-Ernst!

Have a relaxing weekend everyone! **Miss Lacey**

## Diary Dates 2022

### May 2022

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

### June 2022

- Mon 6 Teacher Training Day
- Tue 7 All Children Return To School - Summer Term 2
- Thur 9 Yr2 Trip Weston-Super-Mare
- Tue 14 Class Photos
- Wed 15 Yr5 Trip Space Centre. Reception Children Paediatric Eye Tests - School Nurses
- Fri 17 Yr3 Trip Cadbury World
- Thur 23 Yr6 Trip Drayton Manor
- Thur 30 Yr4 Trip Tamworth Castle

### July 2022

- Wed 6 Reports Go Home

### 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

## Achievements outside of school



We always love to hear about children's learning and achievements outside school. We know that we have some very talented children who do well in a variety of things ranging from dance to rugby, to football, to gymnastics.

If your child would like to share what they have achieved with Mr Willetts he would love to know about it via his email, [j.willetts@cottridge.bham.sch.uk](mailto:j.willetts@cottridge.bham.sch.uk). He can then share it with others, via the newsletters, the twitter page etc.

Achieving and learning is certainly not limited to school and lots of children participate in many, many things and achieve a great deal.

## Thank you to St Mary's Hospice

Yesterday, the team from St Mary's Hospice came into school and led some workshops with all of our Key Stage 2 classes around bereavement and grief. This was part of the National "Dying Matters" week. The children learned a great deal from the sessions and were commended for their attitude, behaviour and listening skills. A huge thank you to St Mary's for coming in and sharing their expertise with us at Cotteridge.



## Walkathon / Sponsored Walk



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Walkathon and have sent their sponsor money in. We are still getting some trickling in but when we last counted, on Wednesday, we had raised a staggering £4.400! This is a truly amazing amount for our school and I am so grateful for everyone's wonderful support. Further details of how we plan to spend some of this money will follow in the coming weeks. A huge thank you once again!

## Afternoon Tea At The Shed

The Crockery are hosting an afternoon tea at The Shed on Sunday 15th May. 15% of the money from ticket sales will go to Friends of Cotteridge Park. If you are interested and to purchase tickets, please go to <https://mailchi.mp/e4b0263f0130/afternoonteaattheshed> or the Cotteridge Park



## Diversity Week

Last year we held a hugely popular Diversity week, which we plan to replicate every couple of years. This year for Diversity week, which is the week beginning 16th May, each class will learn more about a country from within the Commonwealth. As part of this they will also learn a dance which originates from that country, taught to them by an outside dance teacher. All classes will be videoed dancing and links to their performances will be sent out for you to view and enjoy.



## Meet The Staff

- **Name:** Mrs Zoe Burnett
- **Role in School:** Pastoral Manager
- **Time at Cotteridge:** 23 years
- **Hobbies:** Decoupage, gardening, wildlife watching and spending time with my grandchildren
- **Favourite Food:** Bread and butter pudding
- **Any Pets?:** No but I do have lots and lots of wildlife visit my garden!
- **Piece of Advice:** Never judge a book by its cover.



## Netball

Netball Player of The Week: Emilia 4T!

Match: Fri 13th May, friendly vs St Laurence - away (Change of date from 18th May)

Upcoming Tournament: Mon 27th June - TBC

