

# Cotherstone Primary School

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Number 1  
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**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

*We would like to wish all of our readers a happy and healthy 2017! We would also like to say a very warm welcome to Elsa and George and their families who have joined us this term.*

## Sports Centre

This term children from Classes 2 and 3 will be attending the Sports Centre on a Monday afternoon. Those individual children who will be continuing with their swimming should have brought a note home on Wednesday. If you are unsure please contact us. Those children not swimming will be using the dry side for PE activities.

## Class 1 PE

On Monday afternoon the children will need their indoor PE kit (shorts and t shirt) and on Tuesday afternoon providing the weather is reasonable we will be going outside so ideally some 'jogging bottoms' will be helpful.

## School Lunch

If you would like to pay in advance for this half term's lunches, please send in a cheque made payable to Durham County Council for £66. Contact Alison if you would like to know the current balance on your child's lunch account.

## Friday Snack

If you would like your child to have

a healthy snack on Friday mornings please send in payment of £2. This takes into account the first week of next half term.

## Contact details in case of closure

As we enter the weather window when there is a greater risk of snow which may affect our opening times, please ensure that we have the correct mobile phone number as any information will be given via the text messaging service. We will send out a test text on Monday morning which will simply read 'School text test'. If you don't receive the message it may be worth checking with Alison that we have the right number on our system.

## School Uniform Supplier

Susan Littlefair, who has been our uniform supplier, has decided not to continue. We have been informed that any outstanding orders will be fulfilled. We are in the process of consultation with other potential suppliers. At the moment, Tesco is proving to be the most likely however, they do not supply the emerald green polo shirt so negotiations are continuing. We will let you know asap when the situation is resolved.

## Milk

If you would like your child to have school milk each day please contact [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

## Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

**13th Jan - Celebration Assembly**

**18th Jan - Swimming Festival Competition TBC**

**27th Jan - Celebration Assembly**

**10th Feb - Celebration Assembly**

**17th Feb - School closes**

**27th Feb - School re-opens**

*Don't forget to book your child's place at Cool Kids!*

*Contact Claire on 0751 2917262*

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## Police Dogs Visit

### By Class 2

On the last day of school before Christmas Claire, the police lady came in to visit us with her two police dogs Ben and Jet. Classes 2 & 3 went into the hall. She showed us a Powerpoint presentation about what type of police dogs there are, what jobs suit a specific breed for example German Shepherds were used to track down and find robbers etc. Springer Spaniels were used to track down drugs, weapons, bombs and cash.

Jet was used for finding drugs, cash and weapons but now he just comes into schools. Police dogs tend to retire around the age of 7, but the oldest was 10.

'It was very interesting,' said William. 'I enjoyed talking about what the dogs were used for,' commented Alice and Emily liked stroking the dog.

### Staff Offsite

None expected.

### Homework

No homework

### Cool Kids Cotherstone

A warm welcome back after Christmas. I hope you had a lovely break.

This half term we are offering the following activities:

Tuesdays: To be confirmed

Wednesdays: STEM Club (science, technology, engineering & Maths) Come along and explore fun activities. Use your engineering skills to build a rocket using food!

Thursday: Badminton

With the start of a new term can I again remind parents to let us know of any new regular sessions or changes to existing ones.

Thank you, Claire.

## News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

### Numbers Board

Thank you to everyone who purchased a number. The winning number was 26 and the winner of the £20 prize was Claire Robinson. Overall we raised £89. Thank you for your support.

Please look out for the date of our first fundraising meeting of 2017 in next weeks newsletter. New members always welcome.