

# Cotherstone Primary School

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Number 6  
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## Phone

We have been informed by BT that our phone line is likely to be out of action between 09:00am and 10:00am on Monday morning.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

All parents of children at the school are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- ⇒ Parents of children attending nursery, either full-time or part-time
- ⇒ Any person who is not a natural parent but has parental responsibility for him or her, or who has care of the child (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

Parents who are employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year are NOT eligible to stand for election as Parent Governors.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please contact the school for a nomination form.

Nominees must be proposed by a parent of a pupil registered at the school.

A parent may nominate his/her partner.

Where the number of nominations is equal to or fewer than the places available, no ballot will be necessary and any remaining vacancies will be appointed by the Governing Body.

The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to the school by Friday 8th March 2019. NB No later than 7 days after

the date of circulation.

Should a ballot be required, the school will send each parent a voting form.

When the process has been finalised, the school will inform the parent body via the governors newsletter, and the School and Governor Support Service will write formally to the candidates with the outcome.

## Parents Questionnaire

As part of our commitment to ensuring we provide the best education that we can, the Governing Body would like to hear your views. This year the survey can be done online at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8TX2CBN> The survey will be available until Friday 8th March. The pupils in school have recently been surveyed for their views and we will publish the results for both shortly after the closure of the survey.

## Parents' Evening

This term we will be holding our Parents' Evening on Thursday 14th March. If you would like an appointment to see your child's teacher please complete the appointment form indicating which times **are not** convenient. If you are unable to attend on that evening but wish for a meeting, please contact us directly so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

## Payment Agreement

Each family will receive a copy of our Payment Agreement today, which needs to be signed and re-

## Dates for your diary

**Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter**

7th Mar - World Book Day

8th Mar - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

**14th Mar - Parents' Evening**

15th Mar - Red Nose Day

18th Mar - Chess Tournament

22nd Mar - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

**27th Mar - Class 1 - Football competition**

**28th Mar - Class 2 - Multi-skills festival**

**29th Mar - KS2 Band workshop**

**4th Apr - Parents' Open activity afternoon**

**5th Apr - Music performance afternoon**

**5th Apr - School closes for Easter break**

**23rd Apr - School re-opens**

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

Contact Claire on 0751 2917262

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turned to school by **Friday 8th March**. Along with the agreement is an Eligibility for Free School Meals form which we would also like you to complete.

Parents of children in Class 1 - please note that although your child currently receives free school meals we do still need these forms completed and returned as soon as possible.

### **Road Safety Talk**

On Wednesday 5th March the Neighbourhood Police are coming to work with the children on road safety awareness which will include the children going out of school around the village undertaking road safety training.

### **Online Safety**

Just a reminder to please ensure you closely monitor your child when they access the internet. Please follow the links in the email attached to this newsletter. For further advice please see Dr Jellis.

### **Parents' Afternoon**

On Thursday 4th April we will be holding a parents' activity afternoon. During the afternoon you will be welcome to come and work alongside your child(ren) in their classrooms. Exact times are to be confirmed but will most likely be between 2pm and 3pm.

### **Music Celebration Afternoon**

For your delight, on the last Friday afternoon of the term (5th April), the children will be performing a collection of songs and instrument playing. Times to be confirmed.

### **Space Camp**

Our Space Camp was a huge success which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We will look forward to sharing all the details with you in our next celebration assembly.

### **Class 1 Multi-skills**

#### **Festival Report**

**By Reuben**

We went on a minibus. I liked playing the games outside. The ladder jumping was good. I loved all the games.

**By Billy**

I liked wearing the team bibs for the catch

game. The football was good.

### **Class 1 Visitors from Africa**

**By Summer, Scarlett, Sennen & Thomas**

On Tuesday afternoon, Katherine and AB came into school to teach us about life in Africa. They told us about the animals. Miss Lee and Katherine went to school together here at Cotherstone a long, long time ago and Katherine wanted to visit her old school and tell us about her new life. AB told us that giraffes can have different patterns on their skin, only male lions have manes and we learnt about the 'Big 5' and that the mosquito is the deadliest insect in Africa as it passes on disease and illness. We enjoyed looking at the pictures and AB makes sure there are no deadly animals inside the resort where they live. Katherine looks after the guests in the resort.

### **Swimming**

Swimmers in Louise's group (i.e. the deep-end based group) will need to bring a pair of pyjamas for the life-saving swimming session on 18th March.

### **Labels**

Please do ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name.

### **World Book Day and Red Nose Day**

#### **School Council**

For this year's Red Nose Day the School Council have decided that children can wear something red for the day and bring something red to school for 'Show and Tell', and donate a pound to the charity. Each class will also be making a red cake during the school day.

For World Book Day children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character - you don't have to bring in the book if you don't want to.

#### **Staff Offsite**

Thurs - Mr Batchelor

#### **Homework**

No homework

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### **Chess Championships**

Durham County Junior Chess Championships will be held in Coxhoe on Saturday 23rd March. If you would like more information please contact Alison in the office.

### **School Lunch**

Please send in payment of £61.50 for this half term's school lunches; cheque to be made payable to Durham County Council.

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On Thursday 7th March, Barbara will serve the following lunch for World Book Day:

Burger in a bun

Or

Cheese and Tomato Melt

Served with Chips, peas, baked beans and a salad selection

Followed by

Chocolate Sponge and custard

Or

Fruit or yogurt

On Thursday 15th March, we will celebrate Red Nose Day and lunch will be as follows:

Fish Fingers and chips

Margherita Pizza

Served with peas, baked beans and a salad selection

Followed by:

Red Nose Day biscuit

Or

Fruit or yogurt