

Cotherstone Primary School

Autumn Term
Number 1
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Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to our new families.

Entry Forms

Reception children are issued with a set of forms today that we would like you to complete as soon as possible please.

For Year 1 to Year 6 children - if you have any changes in circumstances in respect of the forms you completed when your child started school then please call at the office to make necessary amendments.

Please do ensure you indicate whether you do or do not consent to the various options.

Sports Centre

Starting from this Monday, Classes 2 and 3 will be visiting the Sports Centre. Class 3 will swim while Class 2 children will use the dry-side facilities. Children leave school at 12:30pm, arriving back at approximately 2:30pm.

Lunch Money

If you would like to pay for the entire half term, please send in a cheque, made payable to 'Durham County Council', for £67.65 per child. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please provide us with your full name, national insurance number and date of birth and we will process an application on your behalf.

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We really like to see children tucking into a nutritious lunch and don't encourage chocolate bars and crisps. Healthy packed lunch ideas can be found at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

Friday Snack

The School Council requested that children are offered a healthy snack on Fridays at morning break.

Healthy snacks are priced at 25p each. If you would like your child to have a healthy snack this term please send in £3.50 in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'Healthy Snack'. Thank you.

Text Messaging Service

We will continue to use the text messaging service for reminders etc. For this reason, it is vital that we have your up to date contact details. The company we use for this service is currently upgrading the system. We will let you know via text when the new system is in place.

School Website

Please note that lots of information about school (including copies of the newsletter) can be found on our website at:

www.cotherstone.durham.sch.uk

Drop-Off Time

Please ensure your child does not arrive at school before 8:40am as the playground is unsupervised until this time.

Taxis

If, for whatever reason, your child is not to go home on the taxi could you please let the school know as well as the taxi. There was the odd occasion last year when there was confusion as to whether a child should be on the taxi or not.

Car Park

During dropping off and collection times please do not walk or drive through the school car park. This is for safety reasons linked to the children who travel by taxi.

Clothing Labels

To help us deal with lost property, please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled. Please check occasionally that their name can be easily read and that it has not washed off. Please remove any out of date labels.

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

11th Sep - Sports Centre sessions begin. Class 3 swimming, Class 2 dryside

21st Sep - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

12th Oct - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

19th Oct - School closes for half term break

29th Oct - School re-opens

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

Contact Claire on 0751 2917262

Celebration Assembly

On alternate Friday afternoons, we will be holding our Celebration Assembly where we share some of the work that has been happening in class and present children with certificates. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Assembly starts at 2:45pm until the end of the school day. Our first assembly of this half term will be Friday 21st September.

Class Parent Information Leaflet

Next week we will be sending out an information leaflet relevant to your child's class. If you would like any further information please arrange to speak to the class teacher.

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play the violin or cello having lessons with the Durham Music Service, then please give your child's name in to the office and you will receive a letter and form to register.

Scholastic Books

Please find attached the latest copy of Scholastic's brochure. If you wish to place an order please send your order to the school office by Monday 17th September. Thank you.

Staff Offsite

None expected

Homework

No homework

After School Club

A very warm welcome back. We have some great activities this term, so hopefully something for everyone. Thank you to those parents who completed the questionnaire we issued last term. If you haven't filled one in yet please do, this will help us to develop the club and activities offered.

Activities starting W/C 10th Sept

Mon - Games Night
Tues - Coding workshop
Wed - Crazy Science
Thurs - Film Club
Fri - All Things Crafty

Could all parents please confirm when their child will be using the club please, it really helps us planning and avoids wastage.

Also, a reminder that club runs from 3:15pm to 5:15pm

Many thanks

Claire