



Cotherstone School Governing Body

Newsletter – May 2018

We've reached the end of another half term and would like to update you on what we've been doing in school.

**SATS:**

Governors were in school earlier this month to help with the Year 6 SATs. The children worked brilliantly through what was a demanding week for them. A big thank you to Mr Batchelor for creating and maintaining a calm environment throughout the week. A special mention to Year 5 who were so respectful and responsible while the SATs were taking place. Year 2 children have also been busy with their end of Key Stage 1 SATs which once again ran smoothly - many thanks to Miss Lee, Mrs Hogg and Key Stage 1 staff. The children enjoyed a water fight, film and picnic as a reward for all of their hard work.

**Friends of Cotherstone School:**

The Governors would like to extend their thanks to Tracy Williams for her work as Chair of FOCS this year. Unfortunately, Tracy is unable to continue in her role and as the constitution of FOCS does not allow the group to be active without a Chair all fundraising plans are now on hold until a new Chair is found. The position would lend itself to joint Chairs which would be a way of sharing the responsibility. Please pop into the office and see Alison if you feel you are able to offer support.

FOCS do a fantastic job of supplementing the school's increasingly stretched finances. Within the last few months alone they have donated several thousands of pounds to enable the children in Class 3 to benefit from a new interactive whiteboard and have also financed the new screen in the hall. After such large expenditure, fundraising needs to begin again to ensure that funds are available for future donations to the school. The school would soon feel the impact were FOCS unable to offer their support. Your support of FOCS is vital and makes a real difference to the opportunities children in our school have.

**The Royal Wedding:**

Children enjoyed their very own royal wedding reception last Friday and it was just as tasty as the real thing by all accounts. Thank you so much to Carol who worked incredibly hard to provide such a wonderful lunch. Thanks also to the children who made some lovely bunting to decorate the hall.

**Classroom Arrangements:**

September will see some changes in the arrangement of classrooms in school. Cotherstone Pre-school is moving to a new venue within the village to allow Class 2 to move into the demountable building. I'm sure you will join us in sending good wishes to Pre-school in their new home. We look forward to Pre-school and Reception children enjoying opportunities to work together to maintain the excellent transition for children starting school. No staffing changes are planned for the next academic year.

**Wishing you all an enjoyable half-term break!**

If you have any issue that you would like to raise with the Governing Body please contact Rachel at [rachelgoldsborough@gmail.com](mailto:rachelgoldsborough@gmail.com) or 650041.

