



Cotherstone School Governing Body

Newsletter – December 2018

Christmas is just around the corner and, as usual, it's been a busy term at Cotherstone Primary School. Our Reception children have made a great start to their school life and the pupils have settled into their new year-groups. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working team of staff at Cotherstone Primary School and the Governors would like to extend their sincere thanks for everything they do for our pupils and families.

Christmas Celebrations

Our school is an integral part of our community and our celebrations in the run up to Christmas have demonstrated this with pupils being involved in the Cantata at The Methodist Chapel and the Christingle Service in Church. It's wonderful to share the school's Christmas celebrations with so many family members and friends. Congratulations to the children in Classes 2 and 3 for their superb singing, clear readings and impressive musical performances and a special thank you to Class 1 for sharing the nativity story so beautifully. Many thanks also to Mrs Owen who accompanied the children on the piano.

The Reverend Bev Hollins said at the Cantata, "I am staggered by what small schools can do!" adding that, "In large schools, each class might do one song but at Cotherstone all the pupils do everything. They sing, read, act, play an instrument and they do it all with confidence, it's wonderful!"

The Governors couldn't agree more. Our school staff nurture and encourage each child, the pupils support each other and demonstrate respect, tolerance, consideration and a positive attitude. Small schools are amazing places and we are extremely proud of Cotherstone Primary and all that our pupils achieve.

Our school cook, Barbara, produced a lovely Christmas lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, parents and staff, and the Friends of Cotherstone School treated the pupils to a visit to The Georgian Theatre, Richmond, for a performance of Sleeping Beauty.

Thanks to Dr Jellis, the staff and volunteers for making these events possible and making the run up to Christmas so enjoyable.

Friends of Cotherstone School

The Governors would like to thank FOCS for their continued commitment to raising funds for the pupils of our school. It's been a busy term with Christmas card sales, the Christmas Fayre, carol singing and the introduction of the *100 Club*. We look forward to supporting their fundraising events in the New Year.

All that remains is for the Governors to wish pupils, staff, families and friends a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. School reopens on 8th January 2019.

