

Cotherstone Primary School

Governors Newsletter - April 2019



As ever, it has been a busy term at Cotherstone School, packed with learning experiences, opportunities to get active, community engagement and exciting events. From Space Camp to music performances, sports festivals to SAT preparation, our team of dedicated staff provide an engaging, safe and happy environment in which our pupils are encouraged to achieve their best, enjoy learning together and respect the views and differences of others.

School Attendance Target

We have been set an attendance target of 97% with 0% of children with an attendance below 90%.

Attendances so far this year are as follows:

Half term attendance averages	Attendance Key
Autumn 1 st half term 95.36% (22 children had attendance lower than 95%)	96 - 100% Well done 91-95% - risk of children underachieving their potential
Autumn 2 nd half term 96.36% (8 children had attendance lower than 95%)	85 - 90% Serious risk of underachievement
Spring term 1 st half 96.31% (16 children had attendance lower than 95%)	Below 85% - serious cause for concern and underachievement. At risk of Fast-track by the Local Authority
Spring term 2 nd half 97.30% (5 children had attendance lower than 95%)	Since September our overall attendance is currently 96.38%

As you can see we have reached our target this half term. Thanks to parents, carers and pupils for their efforts to reach this improved attendance.

Parent and Pupil Questionnaire

This term, pupils and parents were invited to complete a short questionnaire to share their experiences and thoughts about our school in order for staff and governors to evaluate the school's effectiveness and identify areas for development.

The results were very positive and are attached to this newsletter along with a word tree of comments from the parents' and pupils' responses.

If you would like to discuss the results of the questionnaire further or have any concerns regarding your child's progress in school, please contact a member of staff, governor or arrange an appointment via the school office.

Thank you

The Governors would like to thank the Friends of Cotherstone School for their continued work in supporting our school. In particular, for the always popular pancake making and egg rolling which the pupils thoroughly enjoy.

Thanks also to those who give their time to volunteer in school either regularly or occasionally - your help is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Happy Easter



The Governors wish pupils, parents, staff, friends and families a very happy Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the beginning of the Summer Term on Tuesday 23rd April.

Cotherstone Primary School Parent Questionnaire Results Feb 2019	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Unsure	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree
1. My child feels happy and safe at this school.	96%	4%	0
2. My child is well looked after at this school.	100%	0	0
3. My child is taught well and makes good progress at this school.	100%	0	0
4. My child receives appropriate homework.	88%	8%	4%
5. My child has access to a range of experiences and opportunities.	100%	0	0
6. The school is led and managed effectively and links well with the community.	100%	0	0
7. The school communicates well with parents & carers.	96%	4%	0
8. The school expects high standards of behaviour and deals appropriately with bullying.	96%	0	4%
9. I am kept informed about my child's progress and am able to meet with staff to discuss this.	96%	4%	0
10. I would recommend this school to others.	100%	0	0




Pupil Questionnaire Results Feb 2019




I enjoy school			
	95%	5%	0

Teachers help me to do my best			
	95%	5%	0

My teachers give me work that challenges me			
	90%	10%	0




I enjoy learning in this school			
	95%	5%	0




Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons			
	92%	8%	0




There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me			
	94%	6%	0




The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good			
	80%	20%	0




Is bullying a problem in our school?	It doesn't happen	It happens occasionally and teachers are really good at resolving it	It happened and teachers are good at resolving it	It happens and teachers are not good at resolving it	It happened and teachers do nothing about it
	59%	33%	8%	0	0

I feel safe when I am at school			
	95%	5%	0

My school encourages me to look after my physical health			
	96%	4%	0

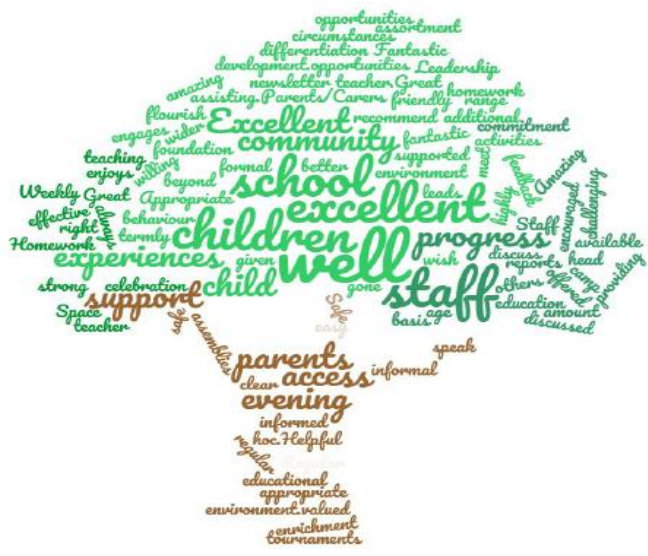
My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health			
	92%	8%	0

My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities			
	92%	8%	0

My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally			
	96%	4%	0

My school provides me with information about how I can improve my work (next steps)	Yes, but it was too much information and was not helpful	Yes, I received the right amount of information that was helpful	Yes, but there wasn't enough information that was helpful	No, I haven't received any information
	7%	89%	4%	0

I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area	Yes	Maybe	No
	92%	8%	0



Parent word tree



Pupil word tree