

Cotherstone Primary School

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Miss Thomas

Lovely news! Miss Thomas is expecting her first baby. She will go on maternity leave in April and currently expects to return to work after the baby is born.

Can we please request that all parents are mindful of ailments which could potentially affect Miss Thomas and her baby, such as German measles, rubella etc. If you have any concerns at all, please call at the office. Thank you.

Job Vacancies

We have a temporary vacancy for a Teaching Assistant for 4-6 weeks - possibly longer. Applicants will need a minimum of English and Maths GCSEs.

We also have a temporary vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor, again for 4-6 weeks.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The Governing Body is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff and volunteers to demonstrate this commitment in every aspect of their work. Successful applicants will be subject to the necessary DBS checks.

Please contact the office if you are interested in either of these vacancies.

Before and after school care

If you haven't already done so, we would really appreciate it if you would complete our online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KGB7BW3>

Swimming

Key stage 2 children will continue to visit the sports centre for the next two Mondays. The final session being on Monday 18th November.

Louise's group need to bring a long sleeved t-shirt and jogging bottoms in addition to swimming costumes next week please.

Multi-Skills Report

By Kitty & Bella N

On Thursday, before we broke up we took part in a multi-skills event. We played netball, speedgate, treasure chest, obstacle course and ball tig. Most of us got covered in mud!

Tag Rugby Report

By Josie and Thomas H

Before the half term break, Class 2 went to a tag rugby event at Staindrop Academy. We split into two equal groups with a substitute. We didn't win unfortunately, but we did come second and third and we were proud of ourselves and our school. We did win some games and also drew some. One of our teams was in the final and were 1-1 until the very last minute. One of the pitches was very muddy!

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

9th Nov - Matinee performance of Mother Goose 2pm @ Village Hall - FOCS serving refreshments

13th Nov - FOCS meeting @ 7:30pm

15th Nov - Children in Need

19th Nov - C3 trip to Jorvik (8am departure)

24th Nov - FOCS Wreath making

Thank you for your support. Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Primary School Team

School Council
Non-Uniform Day Report

The School Council decided to raise money for our school and the RSPCA with a non-uniform day. We raised £47.

Monty said, 'Class 3 had a film and we each had a biscuit.' Indi commented 'Class 2 watched a movie with nibbles.' Penny said that Class 1 had eaten their spooky biscuits while watching scary Toy Story!

Altogether Sammy thought it was a successful day.

Children in Need

Next Friday we will celebrate Children in Need Day by holding an 'Horrendous Hair Day!' We ask that children bring their donation of £1 in and that they wear their school uniform. Thank you.

PE Kit

Now that the weather has turned chilly it would be useful for the children, especially Class 1, to have some warm jogging bottoms for outdoor PE sessions.

Scholastic Books

If you would like to order from the Scholastic brochure which was issued yesterday, please send your order into school by Friday 15th November. Thank you.

Homework

Class 1 - See homework book

Class 2 - Numeracy: Times tables practise.
Literacy: Book review & spellings

Class 3 - Numeracy: Year 5 - short multiplication practise. Year 6 - long multiplication practise. Literacy: Rhyming words & spellings

**News from The Friends of
Cotherstone School**

All of the children should have by now come home with their individually designed Christmas cards, with attached order form. Could parents please make sure all orders, along with full payment are returned to the school office by 15th November so that we can place the order in good time.

Also, FOCS are providing refreshments and a raffle at the Teesdale Players, Mother Goose matinee performance tomorrow, starting at 2.00pm. Please come along and support both FOCS and your local amateur dramatics group.

Finally, we are having our next meeting on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm; which Rachel Atkinson is kindly hosting at her house. Again, all welcome.

Many thanks for your continued support once again.
FOCS.