Cotherstone Primary School

**Spring Term
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Happy new year to all of our families and friends.

Welcome

We welcome Ryan and his family to the school; we hope you enjoy your time here at Cotherstone Primary.

Uniform

Thank you to all those parents who are sending their children to school in smart school uniform. The school colours are navy blue and emerald green and there is often quality, pre-loved uniform in school if you are missing any items. Wherever possible, please send your child to school in their uniform. We would like the children to wear their uniform with pride. Thank you.

School Lunch

If you would like to pay in advance for this half term's lunches, please send in a cheque made payable to Durham County Council for £59.45. Contact Alison if you would like to know the current balance on your child's lunch account.

Music Lessons

Parents of children in class 2 should have received a leaflet on Tuesday with regard to flute and recorder lessons. If you are interested in your child learning to play, please let a member of staff know.

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Miss Unwin now comes into school on Tuesdays to deliver flute lessons and Miss Diment visits on Wednesdays for strings.

Bug Busting Friday

Please continue to bust those bugs each Friday!

Class 1

Spellings for Year 1 & 2 will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday morning. Homework books will be given out for all children on a Friday and to be returned by the following Thursday.

Swimming

We will be taking all of the Class 1 children swimming on a Monday afternoon for 10 weeks. Please can you ensure your child has their own swimming costume, towel, goggles, hair bands if needed and please try to avoid tights that day.

PE Kits

Please do ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. In addition to their indoor kit, children in Classes 1 and 3 will be having outdoor PE lessons from next week so tracksuit bottoms will be beneficial.

Reading Records

Please ensure your child brings their reading record to school each day.

Class 2 Teacher

We are seeking to appoint a key stage two class teacher for a mixed age class maternity cover commencing April 2020.

The successful applicant will have high expectations and be committed to providing a welcoming, stimulating learning experience for all the children.

Please email the school secretary at cotherstone@durhamlearning.net

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

13th Jan - Class 1 swimming starts

12th Feb - Class 3 netball competition

13th Feb - Class 1 multi-skills festival

14th Feb - School closes for half term

24th Feb - School re-opens

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

or phone 01833 650491 for an application pack if you are interested in this role.

After School Club Staff

We are seeking to recruit staff to run afterschool clubs which would involve an activity club followed by after school care as necessary. If you feel you can offer a service, please contact Mrs Matthewman at the school to discuss options. We are hoping to offer activity clubs on a half-termly basis with flexible childcare so if you are able to provide something, even if it is not on a full-time basis, please get in touch. The school and 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.
We are an equal opportunities employer.

Induction Days

Although it's a long way off, dates for year 6 parents to pencil in are this year's induction days at Teesdale Academy which are Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July.

Homework

Class 1 - See homework book

Class 2 - Spellings: Week 1. Numeracy: Multiplication.

Class 3 - History: Research facts about Winston Churchill. Numeracy: Year 6 - long multiplication. Year 5 - multiplication problems.