



Cotherstone Primary School

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A message from the Governing Body

The Governing Body wishes to reassure all parents, pupils and those with links to our school that there are no plans for Cotherstone School to become part of a federation of small schools. Despite the reporting in this week's Teesdale Mercury, there is no meeting scheduled to discuss this possibility and Durham County Council has made no approaches or communication to the school regarding any form of amalgamation or federation in the future.

Representatives from the Governing Body will be attending an information briefing next week regarding the recent Government White Paper "Educational Excellence Everywhere" and will feedback the key points in the next Governor's Newsletter.

Rocket Science

You may already know that we are taking part in this very exciting project.

On 2nd September 2015, 2kg of rocket seed travelled from Kazakhstan to the International Space Station. The seeds were then stored in microgravity by Tim Peake, before their return to Earth in the spring of 2016.

We have now received our seeds, a red pack and a blue pack, each containing 100 seeds. One pack contains seeds that have travelled to space and the other contains seeds that have remained here on Earth. The

red and blue seeds were sown on 20th April and will be grown side by side for a period of 35 days on a classroom windowsill. The experiment will be completed on 24th May.

The children will measure and record similarities and differences between the packs and record growth on a measurement chart. When the experiment is complete our results will be entered on a national database.

Predictions anyone??

Class 1 Library Books

Please can all library books be returned on Monday.

Whole School Sports Day Report

By Nathan

Yesterday we all went to Teesdale School to take part in Sports Day, along with lots of other primary schools. We did lots of different games like obstacle course and dodge ball. The weather was really hot. We all took packed lunches



and ate them on the grass. Everyone had a great day. Alicia liked the bean bags in the hoops and doing parachuting. Sammy's favourite was 'the obstacle course because it

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

25th Apr - Class 1 library books to be returned today please

27th - 29th Apr - Robinwood trip

29th Apr - School closed

2nd May - School closed

5th May - FOCS meeting

6th May - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

9th - 12th May - SATS

14th May - 50/60 Spring Fayre 2pm

20th May - Class Photos

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27th May - FOCS Great North Air Ambulance bag collection

27th May - School closes

6th Jun - School re-opens

Don't forget to book your child's place at Cool Kids!

Contact Claire on 0751
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had all different parts, it was fun!. Kitty said 'It was great! There were really nice sports to do. I was with other schools in a group, we did great!'

We would like to say a big thank you to Teesdale School for a great day!

Staff Offsite

Mon pm - Dr Jellis

Wed - Dr Jellis & Mr B @ Robinwood

Thur - Dr Jellis & Mr B @ Robinwood

Homework

Class 1 - Yrs 1 & 2 - Maths activities.

Class 2 - Spellings & maths sheet

Class 3 - Spellings. Yr 5 - Geography Assignment. Year 6 - Reading comprehension test paper

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

Great North Air Ambulance

The Great North Air Ambulance have scheduled a collection at 9:30am on Friday 27th May. A bag is attached and more are available from the school office.

FOCS Meeting

The next FOCS meeting will take place in Thursday 5th May at 3:30pm. Please attend and show your support for our school. Thank you.