



Cotherstone Primary School

Spring Term
Number 5
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Governor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

All parents of children at the school are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

Parents of children attending nursery, either full-time or part-time.

Any person who is not a natural parent but has parental responsibility for him or her, or who has care of the child (Education Act 1996, Section 576).

Parents who are employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year are **NOT** eligible to stand for election as Parent Governors.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please contact the school for a nomination form.

Nominees must be proposed by a parent of a pupil registered at the school.

A parent may nominate his/her partner.

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available no ballot will be necessary and any remaining vacancies will be appointed by the Governing Body.

The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to the school by **Friday 2nd March**. NB. No later than 7 days after the date of circulation.

Should a ballot be required the school will send each parent a voting form.

When the process has been finalised, the school will inform the parent body via the governors newsletter, and the School and Governor Support Service will write formally to the candidates with the outcome.

Lunch money

If you would like to pay for your child's lunch for the entire half term please send in payment of £56. Cheques to be made payable to Durham County Council.

Scholastic Books

Please find attached the latest brochure from Scholastic Books. Please send your order into school by **Wednesday 7th March**. Thank you.

£10 note

After the introduction of the new £10, note please be aware that we will no longer accept the old note after **28th February**.

Cross Country Event

On Monday morning, Key Stage 2 children will take part in the annual cross country event at Green Lane Primary School. Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor running kit as the forecast predicts the weather to be very chilly. We will return to school in time for lunch.

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character that day. We will be organising a number of book related activities for the day.

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

26th Feb - Cross Country at Green Lane

1st Mar - World Book Day

2nd Mar - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

8th Mar - FOCS disco

16th Mar - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

23rd Mar - Sport Relief

House Certificates have been awarded to **Ashton, Callum & Joseph**

Class certificates have been awarded to **Charlie, Alesha and Jasmine**

WELL DONE!

School of Rock Report

By Robert

On Wednesday 21st February, Class 3 went to Teesdale School to see their new play 'School of Rock'. The play had some great music in it and the main character was extremely funny. It was good to see several former pupils from our school take part in the play. We all enjoyed watching School of Rock.

COOL KIDS

Sadly, we have our last baking session next week but in it's place - starting from the 6th March - we will be running a Science Club. Join us for some fun experiments starting with egg-shell geodes!

Look out for all activities on school windows.

Starting from next week we will be having a 'Cool Kid' of the week. Get your name in the frame, wear the crazy cap of cool and munch on a sweet or two!

Staff Offsite

Wed - Mr Batchelor

Thur - Dr Jellis

Homework

Class 1 - Please see homework book

Class 2 - Numeracy - addition and subtraction.
Literacy - character description and spellings

Class 3 - Year 6 - SAT Busters: Arithmetic - pages 40-47. Spelling - pages 2-10. Year 5 - Numeracy: Fraction addition. Literacy: Writing flashbacks.

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

Spring Disco

We are holding a spring disco after school on **8th March 5:30-6:30pm**. For no other reason other than it's been a long, cold winter and I think the kids could do with something to look forward to! It would be great if we could have plenty of volunteers to help out on the night please. Could you let me know asap if you are able to help. Tickets are on sale from the school office and cost £2 each which includes a drink and snack.

Smarties

Deadline to return the silver smarties tubes to school is **Wednesday 28th February**. I'm hoping the children have enjoyed lending a hand to earn their 20p's.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone who has helped raise a massive £600.95 for the school through the online shopping portal easyfundraising. Every time you shop online via easyfundraising at one of 3,300 retailers including Amazon, Next, and holiday firms such as Tui and Thomas Cook, a donation will be made to Friends of Cotherstone School, and it won't cost you a penny.

It's really simple to get started:

Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcotherstoneschool/>

- Sign up for free

Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Friends of Cotherstone School. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Cotherstone School will be really grateful for your donations.

Co-op

We are also raising funds through the Co-op. If you have a Co-op card please select Friends of Cotherstone School as your charity of choice through the membership area of the co-op website. When you shop at the Co-op and use your Co-op card we will get 1% of what you spend and you can earn 5% money back on all co-op branded goods you buy. So far, we have raised £183.51 so thank you to everyone who is shopping using their Co-op cards. If you don't have a card you can register online at www.coop.co.uk or pick up a registration form in store.

Emails

I've started sending out emails with FOCS information in. If you have not received any emails and would like to be included in the mailing list, please email me at tracywilliams007@outlook.com

Thank you for your support.