



# Cotherstone Primary School

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## Community Garden

We have noticed that children have started to use the trellising in the community garden at the front of school as a climbing frame, particularly at the end of school. May we please ask that you do not allow your child to climb the trellis, as it is not weight-bearing.

## Communication

If you did not receive the test message that we sent out on Monday afternoon please let Alison know. Also, please be aware that while messages are picked up daily from the text messaging system, if you wish to get a message to staff as soon as possible, the best route is via the main school telephone number, if nobody answers please do leave a message on the answerphone and we will respond as soon as possible. On a similar note, we are having a new telephone system installed on Monday. There should be little disruption as the phones are expected to be down for approximately ten minutes only.

## Staff Offsite

Fri - Dr Jellis

## Homework

Class 1 - Please see homework book

Class 2 - Numeracy: Money. Literacy: Spellings

Class 3 - Literacy: Spellings (issued on Monday). Modal verbs. Numeracy: Yr 5 - Adding and subtracting decimals. Yr 6 - BODMAS challenge.

## News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

We would like to announce this year's big fundraising target. We hope to achieve a whopping £5000!!! With this money we hope to match fund with School and to purchase three new whiteboards for use in all three classes. Our current whiteboards have been here for a while, are quite out of date and ready for a peaceful retirement! We hope to purchase new ones that will be able to stand up to our ever increasing technical needs. We would like to provide all the children (and adults!) with some new technology that can withstand the demands of our very clever children whilst being reliable and trustworthy so we know they will last into the years to come. Whiteboards are an amazing learning and development tool and they are invaluable for Staff in the classrooms. The software that comes with them helps in the creation and delivery of interactive lessons in which the children are able to take part in. We hope you can join us during the events and all the other things we have planned this year to raise funds for the school and our children. Our first fundraising scheme is the 'Silver Smarties', please see the information which will come with your child's tube of Smarties to find out more. Good luck everyone!! Let's do this!!!

We will be holding a Bake Sale next Friday immediately after celebration assembly. All homemade donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

26th Jan - Celebration Assembly

**26th Jan - FOCS Bake Sale**

**26th Jan - FOCS Burns Night @ Village Hall**

5th Feb pm - Class 3 Netball Festival

6th Feb pm - Yrs 1/2 Multi-skills Sports Festival

9th Feb - School closes for half term

19th Feb - School re-opens

**December's whole school attendance - 94.67% (Target is 97%)**

*The Friends of Cotherstone School are part of the Co-op fund and you can support us at [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership) to help raise vital funds for school*

