



# Cotherstone Primary School

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## Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to Charlotte and her family who have joined the school this week.

## World Book Day Report

By Lydia & Callum

On Friday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day (it is meant to be celebrated on the 2nd but we were busy). We could come in as characters from books and could make a shoebox of a scene from the book. The dressing up and shoeboxes were competitions. There were lots of good entries but not everyone could win. In the end the winners for the shoebox competition were Josie, Libby, Bethy, Alice, Hatty and Tiggy. In the dressing up competition the winners were Sen-nen, Isabella, Libby, Merry, Freddie, Billy and Rebecca. The whole school really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day.

## Jay's Animal Encounters Report

By Morgan and Lauren

Last Friday, Jay's Animals came in with: meerkats, a blood python, scorpions, a bullfrog, a tarantula, a skunk and a skink (a snake with tiny legs). First we got to see the skink which licked our noses with its' blue tongue. There was a meerkat called Merlin. He would put his nose in your ear to find bugs! We got to hold the furry tarantula. Some of us got to hold the scorpions and when we did it would go on our arms in case it pinched us. We stroked the

skunk. The blood python slid across our legs.



We held a baby skink. As an adult its full length would be the width of the hall. The hummingbird's eggs were the size of a tictac while the size of the ostrich egg we saw was about the size an Easter egg! The skink would eat snails so it liked licking the floor, looking for snail slime. The meerkat's instinct was to peak in small holes for bugs and the bullfrog's back was poisonous so Jay would hold it by it's sides. There was also a reptile from Chi-na.

## School Office

A reminder that Alison does not work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Emails sent after 1pm on those days will not be picked up until the next morning. If you need to get a message to school, please leave a message on the school answerphone on these days.

## Cool Kids Bookings

Can we please remind parents to book children into club either via the office or with Claire. You can

## Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

24th Mar - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

29th Mar - Parents' evening

**1st Apr - FOCS 'Afternoon tea at the Fox & Hounds'**

6th May - 50/60 Club Spring Fair

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

*Contact Claire on 0751 2917262*

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also email, phone or see us in person. Although we try to be as flexible as possible some activities are limited by numbers. Others need numbers in advance for the purchase of materials and ingredients. For those activities can we ask to please book in advance where possible. Thank you.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

Nomination forms are available from the school office and need to be returned no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

If you are interested in this post and would like more information on the roles and responsibilities of the governing body, please contact the Head Teacher for a discussion.

### **Staff Offsite**

None expected

### **Homework**

Class 1 - Diary entry in homework book. Needs to be completed by Tuesday.

Class 2 - Tables and spellings

Class 3 - Year 5: Maths - Long multiplication.  
Literacy - Spellings and homophones. Year 6:  
Maths - Long division. Literacy - Spellings.  
Grammar and punctuation SATS practice books.

## **News from The Friends of Cotherstone School**

### **Afternoon Tea**

Come and join us for afternoon tea at The Fox and Hounds on Saturday 1st April between 3-5pm. You can enjoy sweet and savoury treats with tea, coffee or a soft drink. Places are priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children. To book your places, please send money in an envelope clearly labelled 'Afternoon Tea' with your name and amount of adult or child places required by Friday 24th March.