



Cotherstone Primary School

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Public Consultation

The Government has launched two separate public consultation exercises which you might be interested in engaging with. One is looking at the future of primary assessment and a parallel consultation is asking for views on the recommendations of the Rochford Review which focuses on statutory assessment arrangements for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2. The consultation is open until 22nd June 2017. Information can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/primary-assessment-in-england> and follow the appropriate links.

Request for Child Absence

Under new guidelines, if when requesting time out of school for your child under the exceptional circumstances' category, there is a sibling at another school, we will have to consult with that school before a decision is made whether or not to grant the absence request.

Class 2 Tennis Festival Report

By Joseph

On Monday 27th March we got changed to go to the Teesdale Tennis tournament. When we were changed we set off to the bus. When we got there, the schools competing were Middleton, Gainford, Ingleton, St Mary's, Bowes, Green Lane and Cotherstone.

There were six mini games that eve-

ry school played and there was a tennis tournament where every school competed in.

The first game I really enjoyed where you hit a ball from a cone with a racket. If it hit another cone, you went to collect that cone. If it hit two cones you got the first.

Then we did the other 5 activities, and finished the tournament before heading to the sport centre.

Overall I really enjoyed it.

Blue Bots Report

By Robyn and Poppy

This morning, Nigel and Christine came into Class 3 to see how the Blue Bots they had kindly paid for worked.



They came to every group and even had a go at trying to programme them (they were very good!) We have had lots of fun using the different controls and maps.

We thank them for the Blue Bots as we love programming them.

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

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

7th Apr - FOCS egg rolling competition

7th Apr - Class 1 Parent Easter Workshop

7th Apr - School closes for Easter break

24th Apr - School re-opens

26th - 28th Apr - Robin-wood trip

6th May - 50/60 Club Spring Fair

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

Contact Claire on 0751 2917262

Class 1 Parent Easter Workshop

Friday 7th April

We would like to invite one parent or family member to come into Class 1 on Friday 7th April at 1:30pm to work with their child on some fun Easter activities. Due to space being limited we have to request only one family member and no siblings please. The activities should take us up to the end of the school day and we would ask you to complete a short questionnaire on how you felt the afternoon went prior to leaving.

We hope you can join us.

Many thanks.

Miss Lee

Swimming

Next term Class 1 children will be going to Teesdale Sports Centre for swimming lessons on Monday afternoon, the first session being on Monday 2nd May. They will need swimming costume, a towel and goggles. We do not have time to shower afterwards so shower gel etc is not necessary. There will be a member of staff in the pool with the children to help support them. If you have any concerns please contact Dr Jellis. Key Stage 2 children will stay at school.

Staff Offsite

None expected

Homework

Class 1 - No homework set

Class 2 - Spellings, tables & write a book review

Class 3 - Year 5 - Numeracy: Percentages. Literacy: Apostrophe Catastrophes & Spellings.
Year 6 - Numeracy: 4-quadrant reflection. Literacy: English SAT book pages 12-13 & pages 14-15 & Spellings

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

Egg Rolling

We will be doing our annual Easter egg rolling competition on Friday morning. Please ensure your child brings in a hard boiled hen egg. Prizes will be awarded by the Friends of the School