



# Cotherstone Primary School

Autumn Term  
Number 7  
2nd Nov '18

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## Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who came along to the harvest festival before the half term holiday.

## School Photos

Please send your photo orders into school by next Wednesday 7th November. Thank you.

## Lunch Money

If you wish to pay for this half term's lunches please send in a cheque made payable to Durham County Council for £82.00.

## Swimming

We have been informed by the Sports Centre that, as part of a countrywide initiative, all customers will have to remove their shoes before entering the poolside changing rooms and will not be able to put them on again until after they have left the changing rooms. We have a number of concerns regarding this policy in respect of school swimming visits. Whilst we are in negotiations with the Sports Centre we suggest that children do not wear tights on swimming days as we will need to take off and put on our shoes and socks in the corridor outside the changing room area.

## Time to Read

As part of the Book Trust initiative, children in Reception will be bringing home a book called Little Monkey for them to read and keep.

Time to Read is a campaign which champions the value of shared reading and the importance of children's reading for pleasure. Research

shows that reading frequency and enjoyment often drops off once children start to read independently and the regular bedtime story stops. That is why the Book Trust is calling on parents and carers to keep making time to read with their children.

For those children in Reception who are receiving Little Monkey the Book Trust would like to know what you think about Time to Read which can be done by completing a survey where you might be in with the chance to win a selection of books for your child. If you wish to take part in the survey it can be found at: [bit.ly/Time2Read](http://bit.ly/Time2Read)

## Children in Need

We will be holding our Children In Need activities on Thursday. Children are welcome to dress up or wear non-uniform. In the afternoon the children will decorate a biscuit in a Pudsey style. Providing the weather is fine we will then go for a Children In Need Ramble around the village. If anyone would like to join us you will be very welcome, we expect to begin our ramble just after 2pm. We welcome a donation of £1 towards the Children in Need Appeal.

## Class 2 Jumpers

In Class 2 there are a number of unclaimed jumpers which do not have any name written inside. If you feel your child may have lost a jumper then please see Miss Thomas or Mrs Batchelor.

*Please do endeavour to clearly*

## Dates for your diary

**Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter**

7th Nov - C3 Beamish Trip

8th Nov - Children in Need

8th Nov - Parents' evening

**9th Nov - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm**

**16th Nov - KS2 Music workshop at Teesdale School**

**22nd Nov - Class 3 to Locomotion Museum**

**23rd Nov - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm**

23rd Nov - FOCS - Great North Air Ambulance collection

30th Nov - FOCS Christmas Fayre

**7th Dec - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm**

**October's whole school attendance - 93.37% (Target is 97%)  
Please see recently published factsheet attached**

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

*Contact Claire on 0751 2917262*

label your child's uniform.

### **Class 2 Tag Rugby Festival Report**

**By Indi, Ashton and Aaron**

On Wednesday 17th October, Class 2 went to Staindrop Academy to take part in a Tag Rugby Tournament. We played six games, but we only won one. There were four other schools there, they were Gainford, Woodland, Bowes and Ingleton. We had to spread out in a line so no-one could get past us. After the tournament we were very tired.

### **Class 3 Multi-skills Festival Report**

**By James and Alice**

On Thursday 18th October, Class 3 went to Staindrop School to take part in a Multi-Skills Festival. There was football, ball tag, rugby,



stuck in the mud and bulldogs. Everyone had a good time. We would like to thank Mr Batchelor and Mrs Sabey for organising the trip.

### **Pantomime!**

Hopefully you are aware that we have arranged for all of the children to visit Richmond Georgian Theatre in December to enjoy their performance of Sleeping Beauty. We would have been unable to contemplate this treat without a very generous donation from our Friends of the School, in order to purchase the tickets. We do however need to request a £5 contribution towards the cost of the transport. Please complete and return the attached slip to school along with your donation. Thank you.

### **Scholastic Books**

If you would like to order from the attached Scholastic brochure, please send your order form along with payment into the school office by next Friday 9th November.

### **Staff Offsite**

Mon - Mr Batchelor

### **Homework**

No homework

### **Cool Kids**

Starting from next week our craft sessions on a Thursday take on a festive theme. We will be making our own decorations: wrapping paper, cards and gifts, something different every week so come and give it a go.

To ensure I have sufficient resources and ingredients available for Wednesday and Thursday's sessions it is very helpful to know how many children plan to attend. Please make sure you book your child's session with Alison in the office or myself.

Activities next week are as follows:

Monday - Film Club 'Cinderella'

Tuesday - Coding - back by popular demand!

Wednesday - Baking cheese straws

Thursday - Festive Craft - printing wrapping paper

Friday - Games night

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

### **Hallowe'en Party**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Hallowe'en Party on Tuesday. We raised a fab £125 in total.

### **Air Ambulance Collection**

Don't forget we have a collection on 23rd November. If you need any more donation bags please pop into the school office for more.