



Cotherstone Primary School

Autumn Term
Number 7
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Welcome

We would like to say a very warm welcome to Mr Ray Sparkes, our new caretaker.

Photos

Final call for photo orders! Our order will be collected on Monday.

Lunch Money

To pay for your child's school lunch for this half term please send in payment of £78. Please make cheques payable to Durham County Council. Thank you.

Scholastic Books

If you would like to order from the attached brochure, please send your order in to the school office by Wednesday 15th November.

Class 1 PE

Can year 1 and 2 children please bring in long jogging bottoms for our PE session on Wednesday afternoons.

Class 2 Rugby Festival Report

By Chad and Toby

On Monday 16th October, Class 2 went to a Tag Rugby Festival at Staindrop Academy. The schools that took part were Bowes, Ingleton, Gainford, Butterknowle and Evenwood.

It was so dark because of the Saharan sand! The people that went were Sammy, Bethy, James, Kitty, Toby, Archie, Merry and Chad. The

teachers were Miss Thomas and Mr B. We won all 5 games! The positions were Chad, Archie, James were strikers and right/left wing. Merry, Bethy and Kitty were defence. Toby left mid, Sammy right mid. Archie scored a backwards try! The scores were: Cotherstone v Bowes 7-0, Cotherstone v Ingleton 5-4, Cotherstone v Gainford 5-2, Cotherstone v Bowes 7-4 and Cotherstone v Evenwood 5-1. Everyone did really well! We got a trophy!

Fire Safety Assembly

By Aaron, Josie, James, Freya and Thomas

On Tuesday morning we had a visit from the police and firefighters. They were telling us how to keep safe on Bonfire Night. We learned that you shouldn't go near fireworks or a bonfire because you may get burnt. You can only go near a big bonfire with an adult.



Mr B got chosen by the children to get dressed up as a firefighter. 'It was really funny!' said Aaron.

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

10th Nov - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

12th Nov - FOCS Xmas decoration making 1pm

14th Nov - Class 2 to see Corky Paul

17th Nov - Children in Need

24th Nov - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

1st Dec - FOCS Village Xmas light switch on and carols around the tree 6pm

8th Dec - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

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September's whole school attendance - 97.11%
October's whole school attendance - 91.29%
(Target is 97%)

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

Contact Claire on 0751 2917262

Safety Carousel Report

By Hatty, Penny and Jasmine

On Wednesday 1st November, Class 3 went to a 'Safety Carousel' in Newton Aycliffe. We did six activities on safety, which were: Road Safety, Fire Safety, Internet Safety, Electricity Safety, Home Safety and Water Safety. All of Class 3 learned how important it is to keep yourself safe indoors and outdoors and we all enjoyed the trip. Jasmine said: 'I think it was fun because we learnt how to keep ourselves safe.' Ruben said: 'I liked that they told us how many volts were in a house in the Electricity Safety session.'

Jorvik Trip Report

By William and Robert

On Thursday 2nd November, Class 3 went to York to visit the Jorvik Centre and the archaeological dig site. When we got to the Jorvik Centre we went on a ride showing us different parts of the Viking's life. After that we saw how a small toy was made. Shortly after, we went to the archaeological dig site to have lunch. We then listened to an amazing story teller tell us a great story about 'Egin the Viking.'

Children in Need 2017

On Friday 17th November, the children will be taking part in a sponsored ramble around the village. This will involve pyjamas and all things yellow! More details will follow in a letter from Mr B next week.

Christmas Events

Here is a provisional list of the Christmas related events leading up to the end of term.

13th December pm - Whole School Cantata, Cotherstone Methodist Church

15th December - Christmas Lunch

19th December pm/early evening - KS2 Recorder/flute performance Teesdale School

20th December pm - Whole school Holly and

Ivy event Witham Hall

21st December pm—Christingle Service St Cuthbert's, Cotherstone.

A whole school play performance will be in the summer term.

Staff Offsite

Fri - Mr B

Homework

No homework

Cool Kids

Due to popular demand we have a change to Thursdays sport session. We will now have multi-sports instead of gymnastics. Come and try your hand at tennis, golf, ball skills, dodgeball, to name a few.

Can we also remind parents to notify school immediately of any change to plans regarding pick up arrangements and bookings.

Thank you.

Claire

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

Upcoming FOCS events

Christmas Sparkle

Sunday 12th November 1-4pm

Upcycle broken or sentimental jewellery into a beautiful Christmas decoration under the guidance of creative queen, Jules Deehan. Rummage through the thousands of beads that Jules provides to create your own bejewelled masterpiece.

There has been a lot of interest in this but we do need a deposit to secure a place.

The overall cost is £15 and deposits of £10 can be paid to Rachel Goldsborough or Kelly Green by Tuesday 7th November.

Prosecco and Pamper Evening

Friday 8th December 7-9.30pm

A relaxing night at East Briscoe Farm Cottages Pool House. Enjoy a glass of prosecco on arrival, use of the hot tub and pool and choose from a facial or hand or foot treatments. Appointments are already getting booked up for what looks set to be a great evening. If you would like join us then please contact Rachel Goldsborough on 07990687636 or rachelgoldsborough@gmail.com Tickets are £10.