

# Cotherstone Primary School

Autumn Term  
Number 1  
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## Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to our new families, we hope you enjoy your time here at Cotherstone.

## Entry Forms

Thank you for returning forms so promptly.

For Year 1 to Year 6 children - if you have any changes in circumstances in respect of the forms you completed when your child started school then please call at the office to make necessary amendments.

*Please do ensure you indicate whether you do or do not consent to the various options.*

## Sports Centre

Starting from Monday, Classes 2 and 3 will be visiting the Sports Centre to swim. Children will need their swimming costume, goggles and towel. Please do not send shower gel etc. Children leave school at 12:30pm and arrive back at approximately 2:30pm.

## Lunch Money

If you would like to pay for the entire half term, please send in a cheque, made payable to 'Durham County Council', for £77.90 per child. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please provide us with your full name, national insurance number and date of birth and we will process an application on your behalf.

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We really like to see children tucking into a nutritious lunch and don't encourage chocolate bars and

crisps. Healthy packed lunch ideas can be found at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

## Text Messaging Service

We will continue to use the text messaging service for reminders etc. For this reason, it is vital that we have your up to date contact details.

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Newsletters are distributed electronically via email unless otherwise requested. Future newsletters will be emailed.

## School Website

Please note that lots of information about school (including copies of the newsletter) can be found on our website at:

[www.cotherstone.durham.sch.uk](http://www.cotherstone.durham.sch.uk)

## Drop-Off Time

Please ensure your child does not arrive at school before 8:40am as the playground is unsupervised until this time.

## Taxis

If, for whatever reason, your child is not to go home on the taxi could you please let the school know as well as the taxi.

## Car Park

During dropping off and collection times please do not walk or drive through the school car park. This is for safety reasons linked to the children who travel by taxi.

## Clothing Labels

To help us deal with lost property,

## Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

**19th Sep - FOCS meeting @ Fox & Hounds 8pm**

**16th Oct - Individual school photos**

**18th Oct - Celebration assembly 2:45pm**

**24th Oct - Flu immunisation**

**25th Oct - School closes for half term break**

**4th Nov - School re-opens**

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please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled. Please check occasionally that their name can be easily read and that it has not washed off. Please remove any out of date labels.

### **Book Bags**

All children need to have a school book bag. Unfortunately we don't have space in school for rucksacks.

Please find below the link for ordering school uniform:

<https://www.motif8.co.uk/schoolwear/primary-schools/cotherstone-primary-school.html>

### **Celebration Assembly**

Once every half term we will be holding our Celebration Assembly where we share some of the work that has been happening in class and present children with certificates. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Assembly starts at 2:45pm until the end of the school day. Celebration Assembly for this half term will be held on Friday 18th October.

### **Class Parent Information Leaflet**

Next week we will be sending out an information leaflet relevant to your child's class. If you would like any further information, please arrange to speak to the class teacher.

### **Music Lessons**

Flute lessons will now take place on Tuesday afternoons and string lessons will continue to take place on Thursday mornings.

### **Scholastic Books**

Please the latest copy of Scholastic's brochure in your child's bookbag. If you wish to place an order please send your order to the school office by Monday 18th September. Thank you.

### **Flu Immunisation Programme**

We will issue a letter on Monday with more information about this year's immunisation programme which will be delivered here in school on Thursday 24th October.

### **Reception Shoe Boxes**

Please can Reception children bring in their special shoe box on Monday if they haven't already done so. Thank you.

### **Friday Footy**

If children wish to take part in the Friday Footy sessions that Mick runs during lunchbreak, please ensure they have a spare set of clothes and trainers (no football boots please) to play in, the field is inclined to be muddy during the winter months. Thank you.

### **Staff Offsite**

Wed - Fri - Mr Batchelor

### **Homework**

No homework

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

We are holding our first meeting of this academic year at The Fox & Hounds on Thursday 19th September at 8pm. For anyone wishing to become involved in the Friends of the School, please come along, it would be lovely to see new faces!

The Fun Weekend Quiz and BBQ raised a massive £613 after expenses. Thank you to all involved and especially Deb Newman, Stuart Singleton and all who supported in some way.