

# Cotherstone Primary School

Autumn Term  
Number 1  
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## Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to our new families.

## Annual Forms

Reception children are issued with a set of forms today that we would like you to complete as soon as possible please.

All children are issued with a copy of the 'End of School Day Arrangements Form', which we would like you to complete if there are changes to last year's arrangements. If you do not return the form we will assume that your end of day arrangements remain the same.

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

## Caretaker Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a school caretaker. If you are interested in the post please contact Dr Jellis or Alison in the school office for more information.

## 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 22nd September 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.

## Sports Centre

Starting from this Monday Classes 2 and 3 will be visiting the Sports Centre. Class 3 will swim while Class 2 children will use the dry-side facilities. Children leave school at 12:30pm, arriving 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 £68 per child.

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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>

## Friday Snack

Last year the School Council requested that children are offered a healthy snack on Fridays at morning break. Healthy snacks are priced at 25p each. If you would like your child to have a healthy snack this term please send in £3.50 in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'Healthy Snack'. Thank you.

## 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.

## Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

**11th Sep - Sports Centre sessions begin. Class 3 swimming, Class 2 dryside**

**15th Sep - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm**

**29th Sep - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm**

**3rd Oct - FOCS meeting 3:30pm**

**13th Oct - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm**

**20th Oct - School closes for half term break**

**30th Oct - School re-opens**

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### **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. There was the odd occasion last year when there was confusion as to whether a child should be on the taxi or not.

### **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, 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.

### **Celebration Assembly**

On alternate Friday afternoons, 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. Our first assembly of this half term will be Friday 15th September.

### **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.

### **Scholastic Books**

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

### **Staff Offsite**

None expected

### **Homework**

No homework

### **After School Club**

This half term's activities at Cool Kids are as follows:

Monday - Yoga Bunnies

Tuesday - Fun and games

Wednesday - Gardening Club

Thursday - Football Club

Friday - Chill out Friday

Please do ensure you inform Claire or Alison if you wish your child to After School Club.

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

We hope you all had a super summer holiday and are enjoying being back at school.

Our first meeting this term will take place on Tuesday 3rd October, straight after school at 3:30pm. We welcome new parents or family members to this informal meeting and hope to discuss some new and exciting fundraising ideas.

Thank you.

Jennie Lee

Chair