



Cotherstone School Governing Body

Newsletter – March 2018

Here we are at the end of the Spring Term with Easter just around the corner. It seems difficult to believe our next term is actually summer when we seem to be still in the grip of winter. As usual our pupils have had a busy term full of interesting activities and exciting opportunities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and hardworking team of staff at Cotherstone School who provide a stimulating, safe and engaging learning environment. The Governors would like to extend their sincere thanks to Dr Jellis and the staff for their commitment to providing an outstanding education for the pupils of Cotherstone School.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to new parent governor Louise Whitburn who has become a member of our school governing body – thank you for supporting our school, we very much look forward to working with you.

Governor Training

Governors have had the opportunity to access quality training at local schools this term. Three sessions were held covering a range of aspects relating to the role of a School Governor.

The sessions were;

24th January – E-safety at Montalbo School

6th February – Governor Monitoring and School Visits at Middleton School

20th March – Analysing School Performance at Cotherstone School

Governors also have access to a range of training and courses available through the School Governor Support Service, which enable them to develop their knowledge of specific areas of interest.

School Budget

As in recent years our school budget remains tight but viable. The Finance Committee meet termly to monitor the budget and take advice from our local authority finance officer when making decisions on spending and planning for the future. They work hard to make savings where possible and manage the budget to allow for the outstanding education of the pupils of Cotherstone School.

School Council

The Governors would like to thank the members of the School Council for their contribution to the day to day life of the school this term. The School Council has been very active planning and running events in school (World Book Day) and raising funds for charity (Sport Relief). The Council also award certificates for pupils who have demonstrated respect, friendship and consideration towards others.

Friends of Cotherstone School

As usual FOCS have been working hard raising funds for school and planning fun activities for the children. Many thanks to them for providing pancakes, organising a School Disco, hosting bake sales and planning fundraising activities for the summer term.

If you'd like to be involved in supporting our school through FOCS, please contact Tracy Williams.

Sporting Activities

A huge well done to the pupils that represented our school at the Cross-country Run and took part in the various sporting festivals this term. The Governors are very proud of your achievements and your positive attitude towards an active, fit and healthy lifestyle.

All that remains is for the Governors to wish pupils, staff, families and friends a happy Easter break. School reopens on the 16th April 2018.



A MESSAGE FROM CLAIRE AT COOL KIDS

Starting after the Easter break we will be running a 5 week course of fun Stem activities. Following on from the success of our Crazy Science Club the children will have the opportunity to take part in similar activities. Projects from previous sessions have included upcycling, Lemon volcanoes and drawing spider robots! Another new session will be Wardrobe Revamp; bring along clothes, shoes, bags etc and spend the hour customizing and jazzing them up. Sew, screen print, paint, sequin and put on studs - the choice is yours.

Activities w/c 16th April

Monday - Green Fingers gardening club

Tuesday - Wardrobe Revamp

Wednesday - Wii Tournament

Thursday - STEM club (numbers limited)

- Sports night (hockey)

Friday - Film night

Phone School or Cool Kids mobile to book a place.