



Cotherstone Primary School

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Lee and her partner on the recent birth of their baby girl, who was born on Monday evening, weighing 8lb 5oz.

Miss McIntyre

We welcome Miss McIntyre who is a teacher training student from Northumbria University. Miss McIntyre will be based in KS2 and over the next two terms will be spending time between Classes 2 and 3.

Harvest Festival

We invite everyone (little brothers and sisters, grandparents, friends...) to our Harvest Festival Celebration to be held in St Cuthbert's Church, Cotherstone, on Friday 16th October at 2pm.

We hope that all the school children will be able to bring a modest Harvest offering, for example a small box or plastic tray (such as the type supermarkets use for tomatoes, beans etc.) containing 3 or 4 pieces of fruit or vegetables. Single offerings such as jars of jam or chutney will be very welcome. It has been requested that offerings do not include flowers as they tend not to last the weekend and that any tinned items are of a size suitable for one or two people. All offerings will be presented in church by the children and displayed over the weekend at the church's service on Sunday. They will then be distributed to the older members of our community on Monday. Thank you in advance for your help.

Tag Rugby

We have yet to confirm which individuals will be attending this event. Due to timings and given that we will be going to the sports centre immediately after this event, those children taking part in the rugby will need a packed lunch.

Hallowe'en Party

This year's Hallowe'en Party will be held on Wednesday 21st October, starting at 6pm until 7:30pm. Entry to the party is £1 and this will include a sandwich, a bag of crisps and a cake. Children can dress up in their spooky outfits and bring along a lantern that they have made for the competition (no candles please).

Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday, (please send money in a marked envelope).

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child is a scheme whereby children decorate and fill a shoe box with small gifts. The box is then collected and distributed overseas to underprivileged children. Please find more information in the leaflet that will be issued early next week. Should your family wish to take part in the scheme, please bring boxes into school for the collection on **16th November**. Thank you.

Football Report

By Marney and Ed

On 8th October Tiggy, Luke, James, Nathan, Callum, Matthew, Daniel, Billy, Jack, Marney and Ed

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

12th Oct - FOCS Christmas card orders to be in by today please

14th Oct - Parents' Evening

16th Oct - Harvest Festival 2pm at St Cuthberts

19th Oct - KS2 Tag Rugby Festival

20th Oct - Individual school photos

21st Oct - Hallowe'en party

23rd Oct - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

23rd Oct - School closes for half term break

2nd Nov - School re-opens

5th Nov - Football tournament at Staindrop Academy

16th Nov - Shoebox collection

27th Nov - FOCS Christmas Fayre 5pm

took part in a football tournament at Staindrop Academy. We won two, drew one and lost one match. It was really fun. Ed scored a hat-trick. We were all very impressed with him. At least we came back proud and not unhappy! :)

School Photo Feedback Request

When we have our individual photos taken in a couple of weeks time we will be asked to make arrangements concerning the whole class / school photos which are taken in the Summer term. We have noticed over the past few years that the class photos have declined in popularity. As such, we would like your feedback as to whether or not to continue doing these on an annual basis or bi-annually, or any other suggestions are welcome.

Headlice

The little critters are persevering. Please check your child's hair this weekend and treat accordingly. Thank you.

Friday Snacks..

..will start next week. Those who have paid for 3 weeks will have their one week credit carried forward to next half term.

Homework

Class 1 - Reception - library book. Years 1 & 2 - Sentence work in homework book. Return on Wednesday please.

Class 2 - Art still life

Class 3 - Maths worksheet

Staff Offsite

None expected

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

We hope you all liked your child's Christmas card design. The closing date for orders of cards/mugs/tea towels is Monday 12th October so please get any last minute orders in ASAP. Payment must accompany the order, cheques should be made out to Friends of Cotherstone School.

So far we have raised £284 from easyfundraising. This money goes towards enhancing school life for our children such as buying new reading schemes, buying equipment, contributing to-

wards school trips and paying for fun activities in school. The money we have raised so far is fantastic and really helps but we still only have 17 people signed up! To sign up go to easyfundraising.org and follow the instructions to register, it takes less than a minute. Remember to use easyfundraising when making those online Christmas orders.

Thank you.