



Cotherstone Primary School

Autumn Term
Number 10
20th November '15

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2016 September Intake

The application process for admission to the 2016 Reception intake closes on the 15 January 2016 and a significant number of pupils have still not made their application for a Reception school place (around 2000 across the county).

Applications can now be made online at:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

New Books - Thanks to FOCS

Thanks to funds raised by FOCS we have been able to replace our rather old and outdated reading scheme books. The new books cover the reading stages 12 to 17. The new 'real reading' books which were also purchased will come into play once we have allocated them to particular reading levels.



Key Stage 1 lunches

The Government is planning to scrap free school meals for Key Stage 1. Taylor Shaw who provide our meals are urging anyone who wishes to have their voice heard to sign the petition (at the link below) to urge the government to retain these important hot meals.

<http://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/107913>

Thank you. Harriet.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who came along to the ramble last Friday. Despite the rotten weather we still managed to raise a fantastic £122.98. Well done all!

Operation Christmas Child

A massive thank you to everyone who supported this year's appeal.

Healthy Snacks

As week commencing 11th December will be very busy in the school kitchen there will be no healthy snack that week. Any credits will be carried forward to next term.

Homework

Class 1 - Reception: Read your library book

Years 1 & 2: Visit online fraction game as detailed in homework book.

Class 2 - Project and spellings

Class 3 - Issued on Monday

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

27th Nov - FOCS Christmas Fayre 5 - 7pm

1st Dec - Christmas lunch orders in by today please

3rd Dec - Mr B's 'Reading at Home' session 3:30pm

4th Dec - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

9th Dec - Play Performance

10th Dec - Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Gala

11th - Christingle Service @ St Cuthbert's PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

11th Dec - Christmas Lunch

15th Dec - Christmas Party

16th Dec - Cantata @ Methodist Chapel 6:30pm

17th Dec - School closes for Christmas Break

5th Jan - School re-opens

Staff Offsite

Wed pm - Dr Jellis

Thurs - Mr Batchelor

Cool Kids After School Club

Please ensure you book your child into club and that your child is aware. We have had a couple of confusing incidents recently. Thank you.

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

Christmas Fayre

Friday 27th November 5 - 7pm

Cup-U-Like

We hope to repeat the previously successful cup-u-like at the Christmas Fayre. Each child will be sent home with a paper cup with lid, either today or on Monday, we would like them to decorate the cups and return them to school early next week filled with wrapped sweets or chocolates. We will add a small amount of money to some of the cups. The cups will then be on sale at the Christmas Fayre.

We welcome donations for our raffle and the chocolate & bottle tombola which will be held at our fayre. Prizes suitable for both children and adults would be great! Thank you to those who have already donated.

Donations of pre-loved and new books, toys and games will be gratefully received for our toy stall so we would appreciate. All donations can be sent into school ASAP. Volunteers to help with teas and coffees would also be great. Please contact Jennie if you are able to help. jennielee100@googlemail.com
Thanks for your continued support.