



Cotherstone Primary School

Spring Term
Number 3
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Flute & Recorder Lessons

There will be no lessons next week.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please contact Mrs Matthewman or Alison in the office if you are interested in the post.

School Shoes

Wherever possible can children please wear their school shoes for the school day. Named trainers may be brought to change into for playtime and sport. Thank you.

Packed Lunches

We like to see children enjoying a healthy packed lunch. If you send grapes as part of a healthy lunch please ensure that you cut them in half:

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/dec/20/lack-of-awareness-of-grape-choking-hazard-putting-children-at-risk-say-doctors>

Class 1 Reading Books

Class 1 will be changing individual reading books regularly on a Monday and a Thursday. Children are reading daily within the class alongside our new Read Write Inc Phonics programme. If your child has read their reading book and has discussed it with you and you would like a new book, please speak to staff when you drop off or collect your child. Thank you.

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All children will earn a raffle ticket each time they have read with you at home and you have commented and signed their reading record. There will be a raffle each half term. Please encourage your child to

read to you on a daily basis.

School of Rocks

By Kitty, Bella FB & Sammy

On Wednesday 22nd January, key stage 2 did a 'School of Rocks' activity all about the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Two geologists came in and showed us how and where different types of rocks formed. We played a game and looked at some fossils.

Scooters

For safety reasons scooters will not be allowed to be ridden in the yard at morning drop-off time. During certain breaks and lunchtimes through the week, we will be trialling a new system where children have a designated safe area on the yard in which to safely ride their scooters.

Wellingtons

Class 1 & Class 2 are unable to continue to provide wellingtons for the children. This is due to storage for spare wellingtons and ensuring they have the correct size. Please supply a pair of wellingtons for your child with the child's name written clearly inside so that they can read their own name easily.

Class 1 Requests

Please send in scraps of yellow material and any spare shoe boxes or cardboard boxes of similar size for Wednesday.

We have a shortage of girls' pants (age 4-7) and socks. Please send in if you have any spare. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

**30th Jan - FOCS meeting
7pm Fox & Hounds**

12th Feb - Class 3 netball competition

13th Feb - Class 1 multi-skills festival

**14th Feb - Celebration
Assembly 2:45pm**

14th Feb - School closes for half term

24th Feb - School re-opens

Thank you for your support.

Chris Matthewman and the
Cotherstone Primary School
Team

Class 2 Teacher

We are seeking to appoint a key stage two class teacher for a mixed age class maternity cover commencing April 2020.

The successful applicant will have high expectations and be committed to providing a welcoming, stimulating learning experience for all the children.

Please email the school secretary at cotherstone@durhamlearning.net or phone 01833 650491 for an application pack if you are interested in this role.

After School Club Staff

We are seeking to recruit staff to run afterschool clubs which would involve an activity club followed by after school care as necessary. If you feel you can offer a service, please contact Mrs Matthewman at the school to discuss options. We are hoping to offer activity clubs on a half-termly basis with flexible childcare so if you are able to provide something, even if it is not on a full-time basis, please get in touch. The school and the Governing Body is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff and volunteers to demonstrate this commitment in every aspect of their work.

Successful applicants will be subject to the necessary DBS checks.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

Homework

Class 1 - See homework book.

Class 2 - Literacy: Spellings - Week 3.
Numeracy: Times tables.

Class 3 - History: Questions for an evacuee.
Spellings. Year 5 numeracy: Adding and subtracting decimals. Year 6 numeracy: Order of operations.

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

FOCS are to have a meeting on 30th January at The Fox and Hounds from 7.00pm. It would be great to see new faces there.

We are also in the process of renewing our 100 Club.

For all existing members could you please get your payment of £12 per number to Liz Gill as soon as possible.

Payments can be made via any of the following options:-

- Cash to the school office or Liz Gill
- Cheques: made payable to Friends of Cotherstone School
- Direct bank transfer: Barclays Bank

Sort code: 20-25-29 Account no: 50388424. Use your name as a ref

New members: ask at the school office for a form or email lizzie.lizzie@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

We thank you for your continued support.