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## **Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

We are pleased to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter break. It's lovely to see the children so happy and cheerful.

### **Shoes**

Children no longer need to bring in shoes to change into on entry to the building. Please keep an eye on the weather. If we have a damp spell the school field may get muddy so it may be prudent to send spares at such times. Please ensure your child wears suitable shoes for P.E. on the days that they do P.E; Class 1 -Tuesday and Wednesday, Class 2 - Monday and Wednesday, Class 3 - Monday and Thursday.

### **COVID-19**

Please remember that we still need to be aware of the symptoms of Covid. Please read the letter issued by Durham County Council, which accompanies this newsletter.

### **Reminder**

Please can we remind parents that children should arrive in school on time, at the staggered time stipulated, equipped with everything they need for the school day, ready to learn. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### **Book Raffle Reminder**

Please remember to write in your child's reading record every time your child reads to you or another adult/older sibling at home. Reading at home is a great way to keep your child's reading skills developing and can be a fun activity for all involved. Asking questions about what is happening in the story or non-fiction text, discussing characteristics and settings and predicting what might happen next can help develop deeper reading comprehension skills and give greater access to the wider curriculum.

Every time you sign your child's reading record, they will be awarded a raffle ticket for our book raffle held each half-term - last term's will be taking place this coming Friday so there's still plenty of time for lots of reading and raffle tickets! The book raffle is open to all year groups.

Mr B 😊

### **School Lunch**

Taylor Shaw are currently working on a new summer menu. Once it is ready we will send a copy home, via email, so that you can complete the lunch choice form with your child.

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Please send in payment of £69.30 for lunches this half term. Cheques to be made payable to Durham County Council. If you wish to check the balance on your child's lunch account please contact Alison in the school office.

### **Class 2 PE**

For the remainder of this half term Class 2 will have PE lessons on a Monday and a Wednesday. Children should come to school in their PE kit on these days.

## Plants for Class 1

At the beginning of the year I submitted a small grants application form in the hope for some money from Durham County Council via Councillors Richard Bell and Ted Henderson to pay for some plants in Class 1's area. I was successful in the application and we received £200 towards purchasing the plants to create a sensory garden area. During the Easter holidays I went to Eggleston Hall and the staff helped me to choose some 'sensory' plants. Eggleston Hall Gardens kindly delivered the plants on Monday along with the compost and pots that I purchased. Due to such a huge invasion of rabbits on our school field the Class 1 area is the only area apart from a fenced off garden area on the field which is safe from rabbits! The children in Class 1 have started to re-pot the plants and we look forward to growing different types of herbs, rhubarb and other edible plants.

Miss Lee



## Homework

All - Please see Google Classrooms

## After School Club

Do you have any toys or games that you no longer need at home, which would be suitable for use in club? We would really appreciate any donations of good quality items. Please drop them off at the school door. They will be isolated and sterilised before use. Thank you.

***Thank you for all your support.  
Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***

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