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Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 10th June 2021

Welcome!

We welcome Thom and his family to Cotherstone Primary. We hope you will be very happy here.

Covid

Please continue to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting your children, for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Friday 11th June 2021

Please remember that because of Bethy's funeral cortege passing through the village we are asking parents of Class 1 children and siblings to collect their children at 2:45pm on Friday 11th June and Key Stage 2 parents to collect their children at 3pm. Thank you.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will commence on Friday 18th June for Class 3. Children will need to bring a mask to wear on the bus. The swimming lesson is from 11am – 11:45am. The children will return to school in time for lunch.

Sports Competitions and Festivals

We are pleased to be able to let you know that the sports events that we have missed taking part in due to the pandemic are now able to take place. Please look out for upcoming events in the 'Dates for yourDiary' section of the newsletter and the children's reports which will follow.

School Lunch Payment

To pay for school lunches this half term please send in payment of £65.10. Please make cheques payable to Durham County Council.

Class 1 - Releasing Class 1 Butterflies

On Wednesday afternoon, Class 1 had great fun releasing some of the butterflies into the school garden. The children were very excited to see most of them had transformed into butterflies, yet 2 were still in chrysalis form.

The butterflies soon got the feeling of freedom and flew away over our school! Thanks again to the FOCS for paying for the caterpillars and teaching the children about animal lifecycles.



30 Days Wild

Class 1 have signed up to 30 Days Wild which is an annual challenge set by The Wildlife Trust, that asks everyone to make time for nature during the month of June. As part of the challenge we have 30 Random Act of Wildness cards and we try to complete 1 or 2 each day. So far, the children have enjoyed: feeling the wild between their toes, looking up at the clouds and seeing different shapes, finding creepy crawlies, making a nature table and making daisy chains.



PE in Class 2

Class 2 will be having their PE lesson on a Thursday for this half term instead of a Wednesday. This is in addition to their usual Monday lesson. Pupils will need to wear their PE kit to school on these days.

Refugee Week

Next week is Refugee Week and we will be talking about it in school. If you would like to know more about Refugee Week, please visit: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

After School Club

The children have been able to enjoy the lovely weather this week while playing games outside with Jenny.

Any donations of empty kitchen roll tubes would be gratefully received for an upcoming activity in After School Club. Thank you.

Awards

At the celebration assembly at the end of last half term the following awards were presented:

Class 1: Elodie for excellent input in all lessons and Claudette for her excellent manners and behaviour. Our Presentation Award went to Kitty.

Class 2: Thomas H for being a kind friend. Sennen for her Fantastic Mr Fox report. The Presentation Award went to Jon.

Class 3: Libby for her 'Reversible Changes' report and Indi for playing the glockenspiel in Music. Class 3's Presentation Award was given to Isabelle M.

Well done to you all.

Homework

Class 1: EYFS – Solving Problems - Doubling. Please read the challenges to your child and help them to complete them practically. Make a 'Nature character' outdoors using sticks, leaves, petals and stones. Write a sentence to describe him/her.

Year 1 - Spellings & Place Value Matching

Year 2 - Spellings & Problem Solving.

All homework will be sent home in a plastic wallet. Please return next Friday.

Class 2: Literacy: Spellings and Reading Comprehension. Maths- finding fractions of an amount.

Class 3: Spellings. Numeracy: Mean average. Literacy/History: To create a factsheet about the Titanic.

Village Park Closure

Please note that the village park will be closed on Monday 14th June and Tuesday 15th June as the Electricity Board are replacing a transformer and carrying out necessary maintenance work. Please also remember no unaccompanied children are allowed whilst Government Covid restrictions are in place.

Thank you for all your support.

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team

Dates for your diary:

14th June – Week 2 of new lunch menu

18th June – Years 5 & 6 swimming

21st June – Week 3 of new lunch menu