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Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 2nd September 2021

Welcome back to Cotherstone for Autumn '21. The children have all come in happily and settled well today. We look forward to working with you and having a really productive term.

Covid-19

We are happy to confirm that currently we do not need class bubbles and are returning to our pre-Covid arrival and departure times. The gate will be manned from 08:40am. Please can you ensure that your child has arrived by 08:50am for registration. Lessons will end at 3:15pm. We ask that if you have a face to face appointment in the school building you continue to wear a mask as will the staff member that you are meeting.

We will continue to provide extra ventilation in school to reduce Covid transmission. You may wish to send your child with extra layers or a gilet to keep them warm. Thorough and regular handwashing will continue, aswell as extra cleaning to keep school safe.

If you or your child have Covid symptoms please do not come to school but arrange a Covid test. If you have been asked to isolate by Test and Trace please do not come to school. Double vaccinated adults and children are exempt from the need to isolate if they have been in contact with a positive Covid case. If your child is in school and develops Covid symptoms we will ask you to collect them and arrange a Covid test. Positive Covid cases must isolate for 10 days. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Pre-school – 'Little Learners'

We are now accepting pre-school children from the age of 3 to Little Learners along with our reception children and those that access continuous provision. We have funded places for children in the term following their 3rd birthday. Please contact school for more details.

Class 3 Teesdale Residential Trip

We had confirmation over the Summer holidays that our Class 3 residential trip with Bowes School planned for Wednesday 8th September - Friday 10th September can go ahead with the new Covid guidelines in place.

I sent an email out earlier this week to collect final numbers. If you have not yet confirmed your child/children's place then please phone the office or reply to the email as soon as possible.

Children in Class 3 will bring a kit list home tonight, which you should have also received by email, we would suggest that children also bring a pillow and a cuddly toy if they wish. Children will also bring home a medical form with dietary needs and a photo consent form for you to complete and return ASAP please.

We will confirm the cost of the trip as soon as possible.

I will send out an email and letter with any additional information.

I am sure it will be a fantastic experience!

Miss Thomas

Reading books

Class 1 reading books will be changed every Monday morning. Please ensure that your child has their reading book in the school bag every day.

Classes 2 and 3 reading books will be changed as and when required. Children will bring a book and their reading record home daily.

Homework and spellings will be issued on a Friday commencing 10th September.

PE

Class 1 PE days will be Tuesday and Wednesday. Please send your child into school in their PE kits those days.

Classes 2 and 3 PE days will be Wednesday and swimming will be on a Friday. Children can bring their PE kits in and leave it in school to change into on Wednesdays.

Swimming

Once swimming gets underway on 17th September any children over the age of 11 along with adults will need to wear a mask whilst on the bus to and from the Leisure Centre.

After School Club

Jenny has some lovely activities lined up for After School Club this term. Please let us know if you would like to book your child into club.

Thank you for all your support.

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team

Dates for your diary:

17th September – Key stage 2 swimming

24th September – Key stage 2 swimming

1st October – Key stage 2 swimming

8th October – Key stage 2 swimming

15th October – Key stage 2 swimming

22nd October – Key stage 2 swimming