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Cotherstone Primary School

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Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

To commemorate the Queen's platinum jubilee, we have been granted an extra bank holiday. We will take our extra day on the last day of the summer term. School will now close for the summer break on Wednesday 20th July 2022.

Pre-School

Our new pre-school 'Little Learners' is now up and running. Please spread the word and get in touch if you have pre-school age children who would like to come and join in the fun!

Thank you

Thank you to Billy and Thomas' Mum for donating an activity table and train track to the Pre-school. The children are really enjoying using it and having lots of fun

WANTED

If you have any small children's chairs (comfy recliner style/ small couch) that you no longer require Pre-school would love to acquire them.

A message from Durham Music Service

Do you want to play a musical instrument?

Durham Music Service are looking for pupils to play the flute, violin or cello. Lessons are lots of fun and happen in school time.

The cost is subsidised for families with lower incomes.

Sign up here! <https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/sign-up>

Raby Castle Trip

Class 1 are looking forward to visiting Raby Castle tomorrow. Please ensure your child has suitable clothes and footwear for the day. Showers are forecast so waterproofs will be necessary.

This week in Class 2...

In Class 2 this week, we have looking at the features of instructions including past tense, precise and technical vocabulary and sequencing.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s!

We have continued our Ancient Greece topic by learning about Alexander The Great and his empire as well as looking at some artwork from that time.

This week in Class 3...

As part of our Anglo Saxon and Vikings topic, we are reading Michael Morpurgo's stunning retelling of the oldest surviving epic in British literature, 'Beowulf'. We will be transported to fifth-century Denmark on Beowulf's terrifying quest to destroy Grendel, the foul fiend, a hideous sea-hag and a monstrous fire-dragon. Our written work will be based around our class text, and we will be practicing key grammar skills and extending our vocabulary, concluding the unit by writing a biography of Beowulf.

As part of our Computing work, we created a simple maze game using Scratch to develop skills in writing their own algorithms as well as editing and debugging existing codes.

To find out more about what we will be learning in Class 3 throughout this term please see our Class 3 page on the school website.

Calling all Cotherstone School pupils!!

What is the strangest, funniest, or most unusual place you can be photographed reading?

We would love you to take part in a reading challenge. The challenge is to read your favourite book in the most unusual place. Please send your photos to p2185.admin@durhamlearning.net and include in the subject heading 'photo competition.' There will be prizes for the most unusual and funniest. All photos will be printed and on display in our school library to keep us smiling throughout the year!

Have fun!

School Council

Hello, we are the new school council for this half term. This is our team... Ashton, Isolina, Finn, Sennen, Charlie, Kitty, Joseph, Peter and Joss. On our agenda today, we discussed all the suggestions from our class friends that have been posted into our School Council Suggestion Box so far this term. One suggestion that we thought sounded like a great and fun idea is to have a Conker competition in school.

So, to enable for this to take place we need CONKERS! Autumn is the perfect time of year where we can go on lovely walks in search of conkers. Therefore, we would love you all to go on a conker hunt over the next two weeks and to bring in any findings you may have. The conker competition will be organised by the School Council and members of staff in a fun, fair and structured way. We will also have conker craft making, conker skittles and may more fun activities available too.

Please keep safe when searching for conkers, stay away from roads be respectful of nature and the environment.

Bye for now - from The School Council

After School Club

Lots more fun has been had in club this week; playdoh fun, music shakers and leaf art to name but a few of this week's activities. Please get in touch if you would like your child to be involved.

Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week – Penny for settling in well to Class 1. Presentation award - Elodie.

Class 2: Star of the Week – Jon for his excellent Athens versus Sparta work. Presentation award – Claudette.

Class 3: Star of the Week - Isabella for fantastic Science work! Presentation award - Sennen.

Lunchtime Golden Tickets

Golden Ticket Lunchtime Awards Golden tickets this week were awarded to:

Penny - for happily settling into the lunch-time routine.

Benji - for always being polite to lunchtime staff.

Billy - for his mature attitude at lunchtime.

Aliccia - for her mature attitude.

Homework

Class 1: Please see individual homework folders. Please practise spellings and reading each night.

Class 2: Maths Mat. Spellings. Create a set of instructions for brushing your teeth. Please include labelled diagrams.

Class 3: Maths Mat. Spellings. Viking Art.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and record this in their reading record. Thank you.

***Thank you for your continued support,
If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***

Dates for your diary:

w/c 4th October – Week 3 of lunch menu

8th October – Key stage 2 swimming

15th October – Key stage 2 swimming

21st October – Harvest Festival

22nd October – Key stage 2 swimming