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Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 9th September 2021

Welcome

We warmly welcome Penny and Thea to the school. We hope you enjoy your time here at Cotherstone Primary.

School Lunch

To pay for this half term's school lunches please send in payment of £79.55. Cheques to be made payable to 'Durham County Council'. Thank you.

Free School Meal Eligibility

Please complete the attached form and return it to school in order for us to determine whether we are eligible for any extra funding for your child. You may be under the impression you are not eligible, but we have had instances in the past where we have received a little extra funding when not expecting it and every little helps!

Class 3 Residential

We hope you are enjoying the updates on the school Facebook page. We are looking forward to hearing all about Class 3's outdoor adventures when they return to Cotherstone tomorrow. We will update you next week.

Bridge Building Competition

You may remember before the summer holidays the school took part in a bridge building competition to raise funds for 'Children North East' and celebrate their 130th anniversary of running and supporting children in the region. We have in previous years entered their sandcastle competitions at Sandhaven beach but due to Covid restrictions this was not possible this year. We were asked to use recycled materials to make a bridge design of no more than one metre. The children thoroughly enjoyed working together both in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and we entered four designs.

I have been notified this week that we are one of the lucky schools to have won £200.00. The children were delighted when I shared this news today. We have kept our designs but have been asked if they could be displayed from Wednesday 22nd September at Tynemouth Station. All the commuters will see them as they cross between platforms at the Victorian station - a very appropriate venue by the sea, near to where the first trip to the seaside was enjoyed by the children who made that journey in 1891.

Can any parents who work in that area deliver them on that day? It would be a huge help to us all if there was any means of transporting them. If you feel you are able to help, please contact the school office.

Miss Lee

Class 1 Science

On Wednesday, Class 1 enjoyed going on an exploration around the school grounds, looking at animals' behaviours and habitats. They talked about where the minibeasts live and if some live in similar places and what their homes are like.

Village Show

The children enjoyed writing their poems for this year's village show and were thrilled with their certificates and prizes. Well done to Brandon for winning the cup!



We would like to thank Pippa and her team for all their hard work organising the show and providing certificates and prizes for the children.

FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the My Morrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

After School Club

The children have been able to enjoy the lovely weather this week whilst having fun in After School Club. Please contact the school office to book your child a place.

Homework

Class 1: Year 1 -To read real words and nonsense words OR Roll a dice and read the word.

Year 2 - Phonics Mat 1 and to read all the nonsense and real words OR a Phonics activity.

EYFS - Phonics Pattern Tracing

Class 2: Maths Mat. Spellings.

Class 3: No homework this week

Reading books

Please can we remind everyone to keep their child's reading book and record in their child's school bag and bring them to school daily. This enables us to listen to and record your child's reading. If everyone could spend just 5 minutes reading with their child each day it makes a huge difference and complements what we have been teaching in class. Thank you for supporting your child.

***Thank you for your continued support,
Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***

Dates for your diary:

w/c 13th September – Week 3 of lunch menu

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