

Cotherstone Primary School
Newsletter 25th November 2021

Children in Need

Thanks to your donations we have been able to send off a cheque to BBC Children in Need for £57.02.



Christmas Fayre



Cotherstone School Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 2nd December. There will be a short Carol Service in St. Cuthbert's Church for Early Years and Key Stage One Pupils and their parents at 1:30pm. Parents are invited to collect their children following the service and visit the Christmas Fayre which will be held in the Village hall.

Key Stage 2 will then present their short Carol Service at 2:15pm also at St. Cuthbert's Church. Parents of siblings in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are welcome to stay with their Key Stage 1 children for the Key Stage 2 Carol Service. Parents are invited to collect their children following the service and visit the Christmas Fayre which will be held in the Village Hall, 2:30pm – 5pm.

As well as a range of stalls for your perusal, children will be creating 'Made with Love' Christmas goodies, proceeds from which will go into the FOCS fund.

Nativity

Our Nativity performances will take place on Tuesday 14th December. Early Years and Key Stage One's performance will take place in the school hall at 1:30pm. The Key Stage Two performance will be held at Cotherstone Village hall at 6pm.

Tickets for the performances can be purchased on the door at a cost of £2 per ticket or £5 for a family ticket. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Cotherstone School fund.

Refreshments will be available after the show.

Christingle

The Christingle Service in the village Church will take place on Wednesday 15th December. Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents are invited to attend the service at 1:30pm. Children can be collected at the end of the service. Key Stage 2 parents are invited to attend at 2:15pm. Children can be collected at the end of the service.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 16th December. Children are invited to wear Christmas party clothes on that day. Friends of Cotherstone School will be providing party food and treats.



Christmas Lunch

Barbara will be serving Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 7th December. Please confirm your child's choice by Wednesday 1st December.

Traditional Roast Turkey and trimmings

Or

Vegetable Crown

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College Pudding

Or

Frosty Crispy Cakes

If you haven't already done so, please pay for this half term's lunches as soon as possible. Thank you.

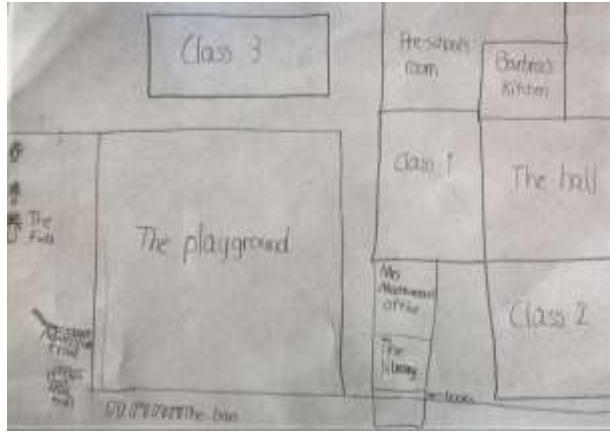
Little Learners

This week our focused book is 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have had fun re-telling and acting out the story, creating story maps and finding sets of three different sized objects. The best bit was tasting some porridge and matching the correct sized spoons to the bowls and finding three different sized chairs to make using the playdough. 😊



This week in Class 1

In Maths this week, Year 1 have been adding 2-digit numbers together (not crossing 10) and Year 1 have been taking away within 10. In Literacy, we have been continuing to study poems, reading a variety of different poems and attempting to learn one by heart. We have also started to practise our Nativity and rehearse the songs for the Carol Service next week.



The children made a fantastic dance outdoors during PE and we have continued to learn about our immediate environment in Geography by making a map to navigate around our school.

Request

If anyone has any large pieces of cardboard please send them into school for Monday morning. We would like to start to make some props for our nativity then. Thank you

This week in Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been writing our own stories based on 3 tales that are mentioned in *The Wolf's Secret* but are not told. The children have used all of their knowledge of planning, structure and adverbials to create their own fantastic versions of these magical tales.

We have also been working hard rehearsing our play and learning our lines. Everyone has got off to an excellent start! Well done!

This week in Class 3 by Miss T

It has been full steam ahead with our nativity rehearsals this week! Class 3 have really impressed me with their acting, clear spoken parts and singing.

In Literacy Year 5/6 wrote fantastic diary entries for Syms Covington, who is now stuck in a lava tunnel, hiding from the 'Sky Beast'. As part of this, they explored a technique called 'Show not tell' to show the reader how Syms was feeling rather than telling them. The diary entries were truly incredible!

Awards

Class 1: Star of the week: Elodie for fantastic poetry work in school and for writing her own poems independently at home. Presentation award -Thea.

Class 2: Isabella for trying really hard with her writing. Presentation award – Oliver.

Class 3: Star of the week- Isabelle for a fantastic diary entry! Presentation Award – Brandon.

Lunchtime Golden Tickets

Class 1: for his kindness towards his class friends. Benji for his lovely manners and politeness towards lunchtime staff.

Class 2: Lydia for her kindness to towards her fellow pupils.

Class 3: Aaron for always being willing to help lunchtime staff.

After School Club

Mr Leinster is starting to run a Football Club on Wednesdays, 3:15pm – 4pm. The cost of the session is £3. Please contact the office if you would like to book your child in. Children will need football boots, shin pads and football socks. If the weather is poor a football related alternative will be held indoors.

Homework

Class 1: Please practise singing the songs for the nativity and learning any lines given. Reading for 5 minutes each night would also be great, little and often helps!

Class 2: Practise your lines/songs and think about costumes and props.

Class 3: Learn and rehearse your lines for the Nativity. Maths – Arithmetic.

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



Friends of Cotherstone School

FOCS would like to say thank you to all who have ordered Christmas Cards and gifts, the orders have been processed and once received we will get them to you as soon as possible.

Don't forget FOCS are hosting the **Christmas Light Switch On at 6pm on Wednesday 1st December** with our first Advent Window reveal. There will be warm drinks and sweet treats available and we will be joined by 'The Little Choir'. A lovely way to start the festive season.

As you will hopefully be aware by now we are also hosting a **Christmas Fayre on 2nd December in the Village Hall from 2.30 - 5pm**, following the Carol Service. There is a lovely selection of local businesses; gifts made by the children; refreshments and crafts. Please come and support us!

We are looking for gifts (new/preloaded) which could be used in our 'children's tombola'. There will be a box under the FOCS Notice Board this next week for you to leave any donations.

FOCS Christmas Raffle tickets are now available. They are £1 each. If you would like some please get in touch with Sarah Kowalski (07530039124) or any of the FOCS committee. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 15th December. There are some fantastic prizes to win and all money raised goes to Friends of Cotherstone School. Thank you!

Thanks again for your continued support.

Kelly Green – Chair to FOCS



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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 29th November – Week 2 of lunch menu

1st December – Village Christmas light switch on and FOCS Advent Window

2nd December – Class 1 Carol Service at 1:30pm at St Cuthbert's Church

Class 2 & 3 Carol Service at 2:15pm at St Cuthbert's Church

FOCS Christmas Fayre 2:30pm in the Village Hall

7th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

14th December – Class 1 Nativity 1:30pm in school

14th December – Class 2 & 3 Christmas play 6pm in the Village Hall

15th December – Christingle service at St Cuthbert's Church – Class 1 at 1:30pm, Classes 2 & 3 at 2:15pm

15th December – FOCS Christmas Raffle Draw

16th December – Christmas Party

16th December – School closes for Christmas break

5th January 2022 – School re-opens for Spring Term