

Cotherstone Primary School **Newsletter 10th December 2021**

Covid

Following government guidance on Covid Plan B, the need to wear masks in all communal areas of the school has been reconfirmed. Any visitors to school will be asked to take an LFT before coming onsite.

Nativity Performances

If you are intending to come to one or both our Nativity performances (and we hope that you are!) can we please ask that you help to keep our children, staff and each other safe by wearing a mask when in the village hall and school building and also doing an LFT before your arrival. Thank you.

Little Learners

We have had a very busy week preparing for our Christmas Nativity and making lots of Christmas crafts. The children really enjoyed decorating our indoor and outdoor Christmas trees. 😊



Class 1

Lots of props have been made this week in preparation for our upcoming Nativity. The children have also been learning about why light is important in the Christian calendar and making Advent wreaths. We also enjoyed celebrating Christmas jumper day on Tuesday and the children all had the chance to design their own. I think I would pick one of each as they are all so good! 😊

Miss Lee



Class 2

It's been an exciting and Christmassy week here in Class 2.

We have been solving Christmas mysteries using our maths skills and writing character descriptions of one Ebenezer Scrooge! We also enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday – Thanks Barbara!

We have also been investigating a festive text called *One Christmas Wish*.

On Thursday morning we did a *Fit for Life* session where we practised our squats and lifting techniques.

We have also been working hard putting the finishing touches to our Christmas play and practising for our Christingle celebration next week. Phew!

Class 3

In Numeracy this week we have focused on mastering the skill of multiplying a 2-digit number by 2 digits before moving onto a 3-digit number by 2 digits. As part of this, Class 3 completed a variety of problem solving and reasoning challenges involving missing numbers, find the errors and some tricky problems where Class 3 needed to work out two 2-digit numbers that would multiply together to give a specific number e.g. between 500 and 600 but it also must be even! These problems really showed how Class 3 had mastered the skill of multiplication and showed their incredible resilience.

In Literacy we have moved onto a Christmas themed unit. We watched the 2021 Kevin the Carrot advert and focused on ordering the story and writing our version using different sentence openers and interesting details. We then focused on some of the puns from the advert and wrote some of our own to see who had the 'punniest'.

We did our first rehearsal for our Nativity in the Village Hall this week and we can't wait for Tuesday to show everyone! 😊

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. As per the new guidance all adults are required to wear facemasks.



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.

Awards

Class 1: Star of the week: Rupert for great expression and acting out his winter poem.
Presentation award: Holly.

Class 2: Star of the Week: Thom for being helpful around the classroom. Presentation: Billy.

Class 3: Star of the week- Aliccia for your excellent work on Multiplication in Maths
Presentation- Isabella

Lunchtime Golden Tickets

Class 1: Scarlett - for helping her younger class friends.

Class 2: Emmy - for her politeness towards lunchtime staff.

Class 3: Isolina - for her kindness to her class friends.

School Council Christingle by Isolina (School Council Secretary)

Last week School Council wrote a letter to Morrisons to ask them to donate some essentials for our school's Christingle. We explained how all the children love being able to make the Christingles themselves. We gave them information when it was and the number of children that we are asking them to provide them for. Much to the School Council's delight, Morrisons accepted, and we are happy to share that they will be donating the oranges, nuts, raisins and sweets for this year's Christingle!

Christmas Tree

Finally, after years of waiting, we got to decorate the schools Christmas tree as we are now Year 6! We have been waiting for this for so long and now we got to decorate it with nice and delicate ornaments.

We hope you enjoy the sight of Cotherstone's amazing Christmas tree!

Year 6 😊



Homework

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

Please see individual child's folder.

Please continue to read with your child for 5 minutes each day – every little helps.

Class 2: Practise lines and songs for the play.

Class 3: Learn your lines for the Nativity 😊. Literacy- Reading comprehension. Numeracy- Maths Mat.

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



Friends of Cotherstone School

👤 🙌 You can WIN Santa and his jar of sweets! 👤 🙌

All you need to do is guess how many sweets are in the jar. It's £1 a guess and you can have as many as you like!! All proceeds will go to Friends of Cotherstone School.

Santa, his sweets and a form for the children to make their guess will be available from today. The winner will be announced on the last day of term! Good luck!



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!

Kelly Green – Chair to FOCS



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 13th December – Week 1 of lunch menu

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 – Class1 at 1:30pm, Classes 2 & 3 at 2:15pm

16th December – Christmas party

16th December – School closes for Christmas break

16th December – FOCS Village Carol Singing 6pm. Meet at the school corner

17th December – FOCS Village Carol Singing 6pm. Meet at the school corner

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