



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 10th June 2022

Lunch money

Please send in payment of £70.40 for your child's lunches for this half term. Cheques to be made payable to Durham County Council please, or cash. If you would like to know the balance on your child's account or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Alison in the office.

A reminder that the price of a school lunch will increase in September to £2.25 per day.

Our Reward Scheme

In school we have an award system in place called 'It's Good to be Green!' As part of this the children receive green cards for positive behaviours. Each of these green cards are worth 10 points for their house. These are counted each week and the points are presented in celebration assembly. There is a board in the hall with stars on to show which house has earned the most points each week. At the moment for this term, each house has 1 star so it is currently a draw!

The points for this week are as follows:

Raby - 710 points

Barnard - 680 points

Cotherstone - 610 points

The sheer number of points earned shows how amazing the children have been throughout their first week back! Keep it up everyone!

Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read as regularly as possible and record this in their reading record. Every time they read at home they receive a raffle ticket which is then entered into the book raffle. This will be done next Friday (17th!). If your child reads for just 15 minutes a day; they will be exposed to over 1 million words! These words then can be used as part of your child's vocabulary in their writing work, making it easier for them to choose a range of exciting words!

Key Stage 2 trips

Class 2 and 3 offsite visits next week. Letters have been sent home with details about Class 2 and Class 3's trips next week. We are very fortunate to be able to offer our children these extra-curricular opportunities to enrich the curriculum. Both trips are kindly being paid for by the Friends of Cotherstone School and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the FOCS and everybody who continues to support the amazing work they do.

This week in 'Little Learners Pre-School'

We have had a busy first week back at 'Little Learners' and have warmly welcomed new starter - Logan. We hope you will be very happy with us and have a great start to education in our nurturing environment.

ZooLab

During the last week of half-term, we were very fortunate to have a wonderful and exciting visit from Zoolab. Our topic was minibeasts at the time and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting up close and personal with lots of creepy crawlies! We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the Friends of Cotherstone School for paying for this exciting visit. Pre-school, Year 1 and Year 2 all benefited from this experience. The Pre-schoolers were very interested in the tarantula and went straight on to making their own using the playdough 🕷️





This week in Class 1



This week was the start to 'Farming Fortnight'. On Tuesday we had an informative visit from two members of the NFU - Anna and Charlotte. They brought along a selection of food and drink that is made from either plants or animals. The children were educated about what grows on a farm and how many farms have had to diversify to keep going.

30 Days Wild

We decided to sign up to '30 Days Wild' again for the month of June. We try to incorporate one or two activities daily. So far, we have collected stones from outside and painted them, taken a sensory walk in nature to find things we see, hear, touch and smell and listened to wild sounds using the internet for common UK wildlife calls.

A message for class 2

I am so proud of everyone in Class 2, you all showed incredible teamwork at our sports events before half term, cheering each other on and sharing top tips!

A huge well done for winning a trophy at our cricket competition too! A special thank you to Henry, who showed great sportsmanship, volunteering to join Bowes' team as they were one player short, they said you were great to have on their team!

Miss Heaviside

Class 3

On the final day of last half term Class 3 were asked to organise and run an afternoon of traditional games as part of the platinum jubilee celebrations. Of course, Class 3 took this in their stride and planned, resourced, and set up their games for the rest of the school community to enjoy. Children from Little Learners, Class 1 and Class 2 were put into house groups and then spent the afternoon on a carousel of activities led by years 5 and 6. Activities included:

- Hook a Duck
- Splat the Rat
- Penalty Shoot Out (with members of the royal family as goalies)

- Pin the tail on the Corgi
- A treasure trail
- Welly Wanging
- Parachute games
- Jumbo sized board games

At each activity there were tokens available for the children to earn for their house. These were counted at the end of the afternoon and Raby took the top spot with a score of 209 points! The afternoon was a huge success and it was fantastic to see the whole school community working together and having fun! A huge well done to our Year 5s and 6s for their organisational skills!

Miss Thomas

















Awards

Class 1: Stars of the week: Logan for settling into Pre-school so happily and Joe for managing so well with his cast. Presentation: Rupert.

Class 2: Star of the week: Everyone in class 2 for showing great teamwork at our sports events before half term. Well done! Presentation - Jon.

Class 3: Star of the week: Aaron for being an exceptional role model to our younger pupils. Presentation: Josie.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Isla for making a great start to lunchtimes at Cotherstone Primary.

Holly for her lovely manners to lunchtime staff.

Jon for always having a positive attitude at lunchtime.

Isabelle for her kindness towards her younger schoolmates.

Homework

Class 1 - Please can Pre-school, Year 1 and Year 2 bring in to school their favourite book for us to keep for 2 weeks. Please make sure your child's book is clearly labelled.

Class 2 - Expanded noun phrases. Hit the button and TTRS where possible.

Class 3 - Maths - Play a few games of 'Guess What' with people at home. Remember to use the mathematical vocabulary and explain to the people at home the meaning of these. Let me know the scores! Science- inheritance task. Reading - comprehension task.



After School Club

On a Tuesday from 3:15pm - 4pm Miss Heaviside (who is a very talented artist) will be offering a new and exciting Art & Crafts after school club. The children will have the opportunity to work with a variety of different materials to create both 2D and 3D pieces of art. This will include painting, sketching, collage, sewing and the use of other materials. The children will have a free choice and structured opportunities during the sessions, and they will be able to take their fantastic

masterpieces home at the end of each session. They will be encouraged to use their own artistic expression to create something crazy and exciting and simply make our world more beautiful and colourful!

If your child would like to join in the fun at After School Club please speak to a member of staff or ring the office.

A message from Friends of the School



We are meeting on Friday 17 June 2022 at 7pm at the Fox and Hounds. All welcome!



Dates for your Diary

w/c 13th June - Week 2 of lunch menu

Thursday 16th June- Class 3 Trip to Shildon Locomotion

Friday 17th June - FOCS meeting at the Fox and Hounds 7pm

Tuesday 21st June - School photographer visiting

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July - Year 6 transition days at Teesdale School

Wednesday 20th July - School closes for the summer break

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Richard Batchelor and the Cotherstone Team