



Cotherstone Primary School 9th September 2022

Welcome to the new academic year

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new starters and their families who have joined us this week. All of our children have settled in well after our term got off to an exciting start as the Tour of Britain passed by our school and we were joined by the children and staff from Bowes Hutchinson's Primary School. This was a great opportunity for all of the children across the Bowes Cotherstone Federation to get together and enjoy the spectacle. Well done to all of our children for settling in and hitting the ground running this academic year! You're already making us very proud!

Unfortunately, this new beginning for us also marks the end of an era with the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. As ever, our children will be supported through this time with care and understanding. Reverend David Tomlinson will be visiting school early next week for an assembly to discuss and celebrate the Queen.

Thanks for all of your ongoing support and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Mr B

PE and Swimming information for the Autumn Term

Children in Key Stage Two will be swimming on a Monday afternoon at Teesdale Sports Centre. This will begin on **Monday 12th September**.

They will need to bring swimwear, a towel and goggles.

PE lessons will take place on the following days:

Reception and Class 1- Wednesday and Thursday

Class 2- Wednesday

Class 3- Friday

Children in Reception and Class 1 can wear their PE kit to school.

Children in Class 2 and 3 are to bring their PE kit to get changed in school. They will bring this home on a Friday to be washed.

Reading

Reading books matched to your child's reading level and Reading Records will be sent home next week. These are an invaluable tool to communicate and celebrate your child's reading progress between home and school.

School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting school on Wednesday afternoon to take individual and sibling group photos. If your child has a younger sibling not yet at school and you would like to take this opportunity to have their photo taken together, please see Alison in the office.

School Lunch

Children in Class 1 will continue to receive free school lunches this academic year.

To pay for this half term's school lunches for children in key stage 2, please send in payment of £76.50. Cheques to be made payable to 'Durham County Council'.

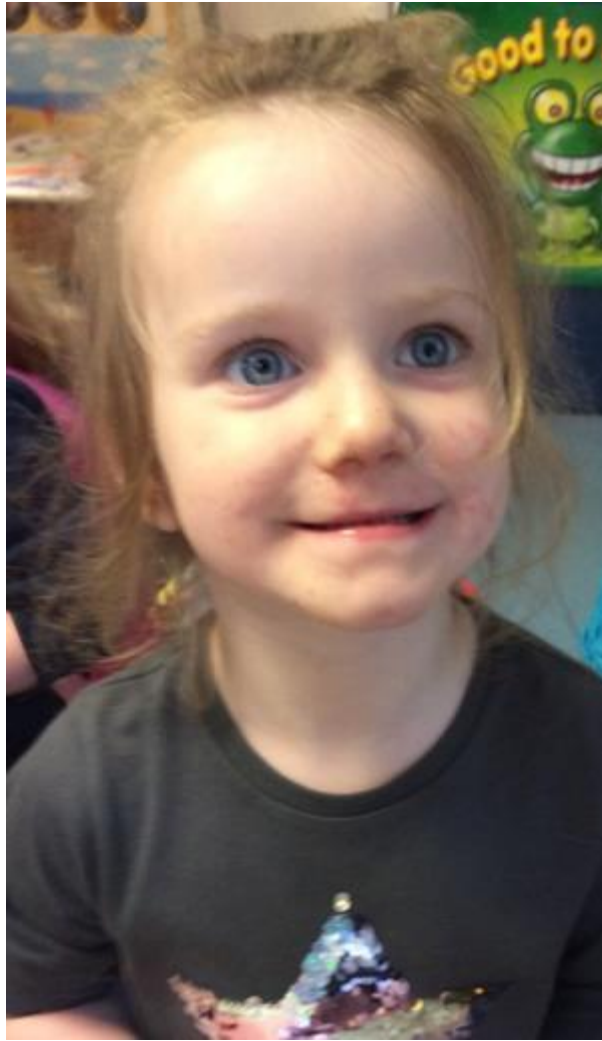
Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

We would also like to warmly welcome Edie, Florence, Florry and Max who join Lilah, Thom, Logan and Chloe in Little Learners Preschool. They have had their 3 visits this week and again, all 4 children have joined in all activities happily and been engaged in their learning. Well done everyone 🌟









We would warmly like to welcome Evie, Josie, Thomas, Annie, Sophia and Isla to our Reception class. All 6 six children have settled into school life seamlessly and happily. The first day was even more exciting than normal due to the 'Tour of Britain' passing through. The cyclists were warmly welcomed by the children along with their support teams.











Reception and Preschool

Please can all children bring in a picture of themselves when they were a baby. We would like to compare what they looked like then and talk about the changes that have occurred and any similarities that are still evident. This will support our learning for our topic 'All About Me and My Family' Please can they also bring in a small selection of photographs of themselves with their families as I would like to make small photo albums up for each child to help with the transition to school/preschool and to help as a talking point between themselves and their friends. I would like to keep these pictures for the term if possible. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Thank you

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has sent in their child's shoebox full of wonderful and exciting things to share. The shoeboxes have provided so much joy, discussion and enjoyment as each child has loved to share their experiences with the rest of the class. Thank you for all the hard work put into them.

Miss Lee

This week in Class 2

We have had a great first week in class 2! It is great to see everyone back!

We had an amazing first day exploring our classroom learning about the Tour of Britain, designing our own cycling jersey and cheering on the cyclists as we watched the Tour of Britain travel through Cotherstone! What a great way to start the term!

We have started our maths topic, Place Value, representing numbers in a variety of different ways and, already, everyone is showing great enthusiasm towards learning!

In literacy, we have started watching 'Marshmallow', a literacy shed clip, creating expanded noun phrases to describe the monster! You could ask your child what they thought of him!

In science, we have started our new topic looking at living things and their habitats. We have explored the 7 life processes using 'Mrs Gren' to help us remember them!

We have started looking at a timeline from the Stone Age to the Iron Age in history as we begin our exploration into the different ages!

We are all looking forward to the term ahead and all the new learning opportunities we can explore together!👍

Important messages:

Homework and spelling practice will go out on a Friday and is due back in by Wednesday.

Children will have the opportunity to change their reading books in class and collect raffle tickets for every time they read at home. These can be used in our weekly book raffle👍.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me or catching me at the school gates!

Miss Heaviside

This week in Class 3

Year 5 and 6 have had an excellent start to the term. Our Year 5 children have settled well into upper key stage two and are enjoying the additional responsibilities like setting up the whole school assemblies! They have also enjoyed the privilege of sitting on the benches in assembly! The new Year 5/6 cohort have been excellent role models throughout school - well done!

We had a busy first day back, settling into our classroom, creating our class charter detailing what we would like our class to be like and finally spectating as the Tour of Britain passed through the village.

To begin our Literacy work we have focused our work on a clip named 'Red Miss Take'. In the short film, the inventor, Artisan makes characters for Wilhem and Jacob Grimm. He receives an order for two more characters, Little Red Cap and The Hunter and so he sets about his work. Firstly, comes 'Little Red' who seems very interested in the machinery and the invention processes. She gets too close and something seems to go terribly wrong...

We began our place value work in Maths and Year 5 and 6 impressed me with their work on number!

In our computing lesson we began to explore Scratch to write our own code ready for our Scratch project this term!

Well done Class 3- an incredible first week back! 🎉

Homework

Class 1 - Year 2: Place Value activities. Reception: 'Things that make me happy' activity

Class 2 - to be issued next week.

Class 3 - Numeracy- Place Value (Year 5- Numbers to 10,000) (Year 6- Numbers to Ten Million) Literacy- Reading comprehension

Wraparound care

Would you like your child to attend after-school or breakfast club on a regular basis? If so, please inform a member of staff.

After School Club

Our popular Art Club will be starting back up again with Miss Heaviside from this Tuesday 13th September from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. Please contact Alison to book your space.

Football Club with Mr Leinster will continue on Wednesdays.

Friends of Cotherstone School

The Friends of Cotherstone School are having a 'Friends of' meeting next Friday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Fox & Hounds. All are welcome.



Dates for your diary

w/c 12th September - Week 2 of menu

12th September - Key stage 2 swimming

14th September- School photos 1pm

16th September - FOCS meeting 7:30pm Fox & Hounds

20th September - Whole school trip to the Life Centre, Newcastle. Details to follow soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Mr Batchelor and the Cotherstone Team