



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

18th November 2022

Christmas Lunch



On Friday 9th December, Derrick - our chef, will be serving the following menu:

Traditional Roast Dinner with trimmings or Quorn Roast.

Followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding served with custard, Winter Berry Eton Mess or Chocolate Orange Muffin.

Parents are invited to join their children for lunch. This will be at a cost of £2.70 per adult. If you would like to join us please send your lunch choice in by **Wednesday 30th November**, along with payment.

Flu Vaccinations

The Flu Vaccination Team will be visiting school on Thursday 8th December to deliver this year's vaccination to those children who have been registered. If you haven't already done so, please see the attached information to register your child. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents that only children in the preschool need to bring in their own water bottles. We provide water bottles for children in years Reception to 6.

Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

Little Learners

We have had a busy few weeks at school since the half term break!

We started off celebrating Hallowe'en, followed closely by Bonfire Night.

The children really enjoyed making their own pretend bonfire on the field and produced some wonderful firework pictures!

Last week, we remembered the soldiers past and present and painted some beautiful hand print poppies.

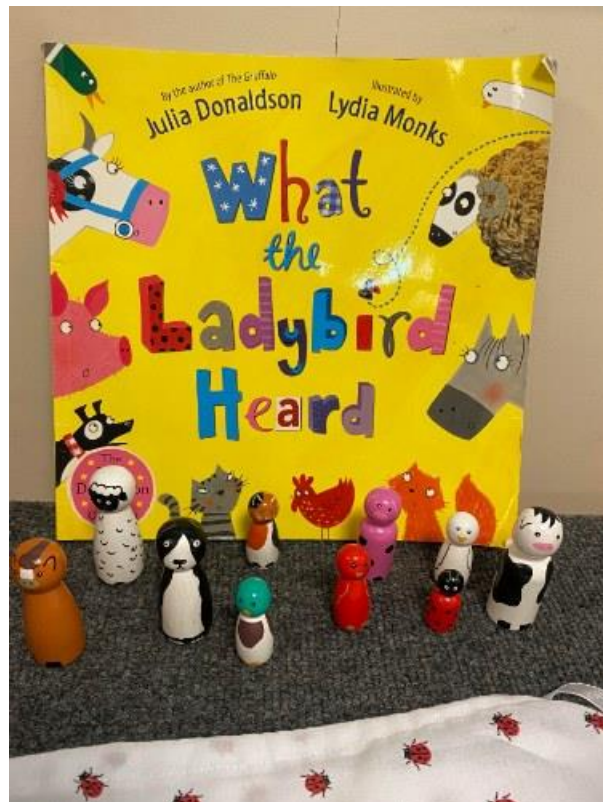
This week, we have been working from the story 'What the Ladybird heard'. The children have enjoyed using some peg dolls to join in with the story and retell it in their own words.

We have started our new topic, 'On the Farm' and the EYFS children have had fun creating their own toy farm in a tuff tray. ☺











Class 1

In maths, Year 2 have been continuing addition and subtraction. We have been using a variety of resources to support our learning including bar 10, tens frames and counters and number lines. ☑

Reception have been representing 5, showing speedy fingers to represent 5, counting 1-1 objects, saying one number at a time and counting larger objects indoors and outdoors.

In literacy, Year 2 have been extending sentences using 'and', 'or' and 'but' to add description (co-ordination), extending sentences in stories to add description and using subordinating conjunctions to add subordinate clauses.

Reception have been reading the stories of 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Billy Goats Gruff'. They have been retelling the stories, creating story maps, role-playing the stories and writing simple labels and posters.

In geography, Year 2 have started learning about our corner of the world. We have been using Google Earth to locate where we are in the North East, where Cotherstone is and our own homes.

In PE, we have been producing our own cat dance in small groups. Initially we watched some videos to see how cats move. We then listed their actions and we have now chosen some moves to put into a sequence for a dance. The children have really enjoyed this, and we look forward to performing the dance to the older children in a few weeks' time!

In design and technology we have been learning how wheels work, making a moving vehicle and fixing broken wheels.

In PSHE we have been focusing on anti-bullying this week by completing a range of activities.







Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Thom. Presentation - Isla L-A.

Class 2: Star of The Week: Kitty for all her hard work in literacy. Presentation - Billy.

Class 3: Star of the Week: Sennen for a beautiful 'Moth' shape poem! Presentation award - Scarlett.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Evie - For being a good friend.

Peter - For always remembering his manners.

Benji - For being a great team player.

Thom H - For being a great help during indoor play.

Homework

Class 1: Please see individual homework folders. Year 2 please practise your spellings. Reading.

Class 2: George's Marvellous Medicine Comprehension and reading.

Class 3: Reading comprehension. Maths - addition and subtraction problems. SPAG mat .

After School Club

Please could children attending Cookery Club bring an empty container (normal lunchbox size) with them every Thursday, so they can bring their baking home. Thank you.

Friends of Cotherstone School

Thank you to everybody who has taken part in the World Cup Sweepstake. The draw has been made and the results are attached to the newsletter email. Good luck everybody!



Dates for your diary

w/c 21st November - Week 2 of lunch menu

Wednesday 23rd November - Parents evening

Thursday 24th November - Preschool parents evening

30th November - Deadline for placing Christmas lunch selection

2nd December - Parent Project Afternoon

Thursday 8th December - Flu vaccinations

Friday 9th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day.

Thursday 15th December - Preschool and key stage 1 Nativity featuring key stage 2 singers and Christmas Fayre.

Monday 19th December - Christingle at St Cuthbert's church at 10:30am.

Tuesday 20th December - School closes for Christmas break.

Thursday 5th January 2023 - school re-opens

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