



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 12th December 2022



Polite Reminder

Following a report of a near miss outside of school, I would like to remind parents not to park on the yellow lines outside of school. It is also vital that, at busy drop-off and pick-up times, your vehicle has been prepared for the journey appropriately and that all windows are cleared of ice and condensation. Thank you.

Miss Heaviside

Following the end of term, Miss Heaviside will be leaving Class 2 and I will be continuing the excellent work that she has done with the class this term. I am pleased to say that Miss Heaviside will be continuing on at Bowes Hutchinson's and that there will be lots of opportunities for us to work together moving forward. We would all like to thank her for all of her hard work, including running the Art Club, and wish her well in her new role!

Mr B

Christmas Party - Monday 19th December

We will be having a Christmas Party for the children on the afternoon of Monday 19th December. FOCS will be kindly funding the party food and some special treats/prizes for the party games. Due to the Christingle taking place in the morning we would politely request that children come to school in their full uniform for this service. They can then bring their party clothes to get changed into for the afternoon!

Nativity and Christmas Fayre

Class 1 and Little Learners have been very busy preparing for their upcoming Nativity performance next Thursday (15th). This will begin at 2pm. Key Stage Two pupils will be performing some Christmas songs at the end of the performance. All are welcome to attend!

Following the performance, FOCS will be in the demountable building for our Christmas Fayre where they will have the toy tombola as well as selling raffle tickets, homemade goodies lovingly made by the children. They will also have mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies! All money raised will go into the wonderful FOCS fund!

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone that sent in donations for Christmas Jumper Day yesterday. We collected a very respectable £40.50 and will be sending a cheque off to Save the Children next week.

Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

Parent Project Afternoon

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that came into school last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing their parents around the classrooms and taking part in lots of fun activities 😊

We would really appreciate your feedback. If you haven't already done so, please reply to the email that was sent out last Friday with your comments. Thank you.











Farm Visit

On Monday, preschool and Class 1 had an amazing trip to Doe Park farm as part of Early Years topic 'On the Farm' and to support Year 2's learning in Geography.

We split into two groups and Alison Lamb showed us around all the animals whilst Stephen Lamb showed the children the machinery. The children completed a 'Spot and Find' worksheet as we moved around the farm. We saw a very cute new born calf and its mother and more expecting cows. We saw a huge bull from a distance and lots of sheep. We looked at, smelt and felt lots of different food that the animals eat from hay, silage to animal cake. The children were amazed to see one of their farm dogs that has a missing leg. It was incredible to see that this does not hinder the dog in any way as she can still walk, run and work effectively on the farm as a sheepdog. Stephen explained the different roles for each machine and the children loved sitting on the tractors and the gator.

We had a break mid-way where we warmed up inside a shed and had hot chocolate, biscuits and marshmallows.

At the end of the trip, Alison had very kindly requested some goodie bags for the children to be taken home with them from the NFU and Mole Valley Farmers. Within the goodie bags the children received a warm woolly hat with a light, a pad of paper and pen, fridge magnets and a lovely calendar of Doe Park, that Alison kindly gave them.

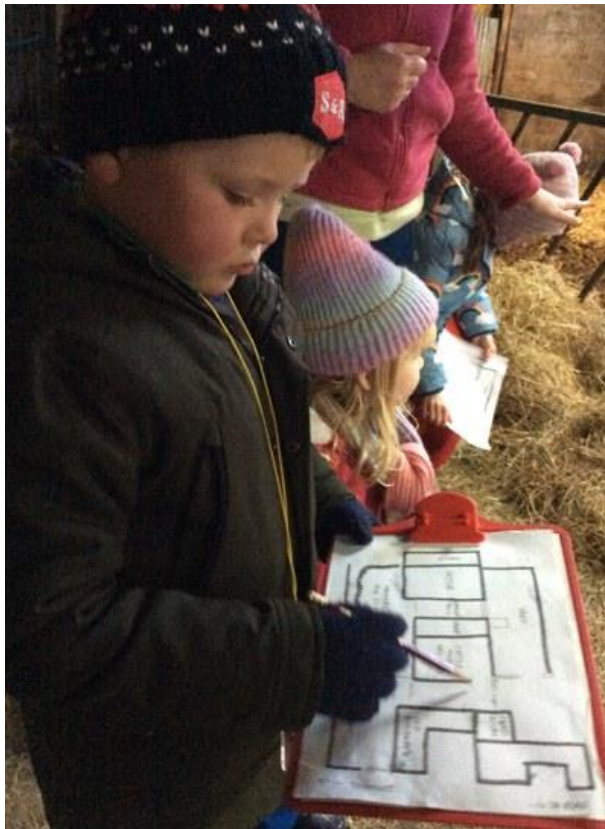
We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to UTASS for providing the minibus FREE of charge, to Ian Tallentire, formerly of Alston Road garage for volunteering to drive the minibus and most of all Alison and Stephen for giving up their time and showing us around their super farm 😊





















Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Rupert for all your work on your Space project. Presentation: Peter

Class 2: Star of The Week: Claudette for working super hard in Maths! Presentation: Harry

Class 3: Star of the Week- Summer for your dedication to your schoolwork in all lessons!

Presentation - Thomas H



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Thomas K for his lovely manners

Noah for being a good role model

Rupert for always remembering his manners

Oliver for being a great friend

Homework

Class 1 - See individual folders

Class 2 - Geography: My local area worksheet and some reading

Class 3 - Spellings. Geography- carry out research around Earthquakes, including why they happen and the effect they have - BBC Bitesize is a good place for this or a google search of 'Earthquakes kids' 😊 Present your information however you wish! Literacy - Similes and metaphors

After School Club

The children will be making fairy cakes in Cookery Club next week. Please remember to book your child in if you would like them to be involved. Thank you.



1 - The children made some lovely biscuits in club this week.

Friends of Cotherstone School

As part of the Christmas Fayre next Thursday there will be a toy tombola, so if you have any unwanted toys, gifts, books or stationery (children related) you would like to donate, please drop

them in the plastic lidded box under the notice board in the school grounds, which will be emptied every couple of days .

Thanks in advance, Joanne on behalf of FOCS



Dates for your diary

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

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

Monday 19th December - Christmas party in the afternoon

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