



# Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

## 6th October 2023

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

Parent governors play a vital role on governing boards, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view.

This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school. It is important for parent governors to establish a rapport with the parental body which elected him/her, whilst continuing to maintain a strategic approach to school governance.

Although being available to advise parents on appropriate routes of action is a very important aspect of the role, it is vital that parent governors do not personally become involved in individual concerns.

If you are a parent with a child or children at either school please drop me a line via school before Friday 20 October 2023. It would be helpful to attach a statement of up to 250 words as to why you wish to

become a Parent Governor. If there are several applications, then a ballot will be held to appoint the successful candidate.

I would be happy to explain the process if any of you, either existing or new parents would like to know more.

***Peter Nicholls***

***Chair of the Governing Board***

## Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

### **Preschool**

Preschool have had a very busy week learning about 'Harvest', visiting St Cuthbert's church and the season of 'Autumn'. We have made finger print autumn trees and searched the grounds for different coloured leaves to make patterns and to decorate. We have made natural pictures using conkers and chalked our own autumn trees and designs.



### **Class 1**

Wow, we have been very busy in class 1 this week learning lots of new sounds and progressing with our reading using Little Wandle phonics. I can't believe the progress Reception have made learning to recognise lots of new sounds, reading words and Year 1/2 are doing a great job remembering all of those tricky words as well as reading fluently. The children have been making great progress in gymnastics too by creating different straight shapes, practising a variety of tuck positions and different ways to travel across the mats. Well done!

In Year 1/2, we have been learning the signs for greater than, less than and equal too and then comparing numbers. We completed practical activities initially and then tried to remember what each sign means. Eg A crocodile always wants to eat the largest number of fish, so the crocodiles open mouth (< or >) will always be open towards the higher number.





### **Class 3 Eden Camp Trip**

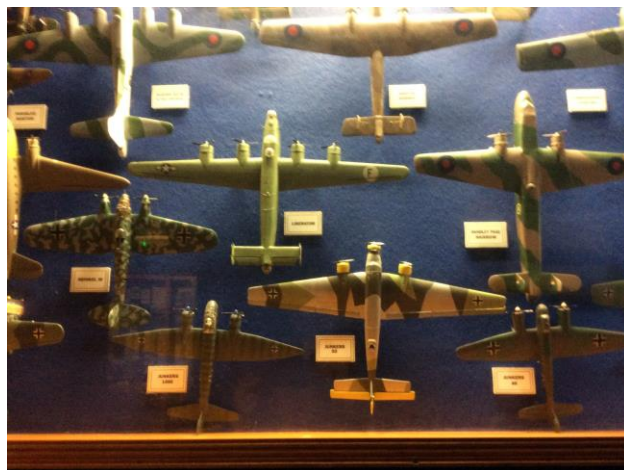
As promised, please find photos from our trip to Eden Camp below.





























**EDEN CAMP**  
MODERN HISTORY THEME MUSEUM





### **Awards**

Class 1: Star of the Week: William for his groovy moves at 'Wake Up Shake Up!' Presentation: Isla

Class 2: Star of the Week: Noah for an excellent attitude to learning. Presentation: Peter

Class 3: Star of the Week: Ryan for his great science investigation. Presentation: Jake



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Max - for happily following the lunchtime routine

Annie - for being caring towards her younger classmates

Alvina-Marie - for making great start to lunchtimes at Cotherstone

Lydia - for her mature attitude

### **Homework**

Reception: Please spare just 5 minutes each night to help support your child to learn their new sounds.

Practise putting on socks and shoes independently 😊

Years 1 & 2: Reading practise each night, spellings, maths and literacy task.

Class 2: Spellings. Maths- consolidation of work from this week. Literacy: Prepositions work.

Class 3: Maths Y5: Rounding. Maths Y6: Factor pairs. Literacy: Simile to metaphor work. Spellings.





**Dates for your diary**

18th October - Class 2 to Rugby Festival

19th October - Class 3 to Multi-skills Festival

24th & 25th October - Pre-school and Class 1 Parents evenings

25th October - Class 2 and Class 3 Parents evenings

27th October - School closes for half term break

6th November - School re-opens

12th December - KS1 Christmas performances (time to be confirmed)

***Thank you for your continued support.***

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

***Mrs Gibson and the Cotherstone Team***