



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 1st December 2023

Attendance

This week's overall attendance is 94.93%. Class 3 had the best attendance with 97.55%. Well done Class 3!

School Uniform

Parents are requested to ensure that their children wear the correct school uniform to create a feeling of identity and belonging. The school colours are emerald green and navy.

The uniform consists of:

- Navy sweatshirts / cardigans (with or without school logo)
- Emerald green polo shirts.
- Navy skirts, pinafore dresses.

- Navy tights
- Navy or grey trousers/shorts

New uniform is available to order from: [Cotherstone Primary School - Primary Schools \(A - D\) - Schools \(motif8.co.uk\)](https://www.motif8.co.uk)

Friends of the School also have a rail here in school, of pre-loved uniform. Please enquire with a member of staff.

This week in Class 3

As we head to the end of our Autumn term and look back at the last few weeks' work, we realise why this term has absolutely flown by!

The children were set a mission to find some 'lost words' from nature and attempt to recover them by creating poems. The children all created incredible poems based on 'lost words' that we found around our school such as: sword fern, sparrow, sap, owl, acorn, lichen and jelly spot fungus.

In maths, the children have been working hard ordering, adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. We completed our WWII topic by completing a double-page spread (in one case a triple-page spread!) using all of our knowledge. Kerryanne and the Tees/Swale project came in and helped us prepare and plant a mini-meadow that will grow in time for next spring. In science, we learned about the gestation periods of different mammals.

In DT, with Mrs Batchelor, the children have been busy designing a steady hand game which is fit for purpose according to a design brief. They are all looking forward to completing their products on Wednesday afternoon's parent event in class.

Great work Class 3! 😊

Christmas in school



Christmas Jumper Day

This year's Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 7th December. Children are invited to put on their most Christmassy jumper for the day and make a suggested donation of £2 to go towards Save the Children.

Children will also be able to wear their Christmas jumper on Christmas Lunch day (12th December) for free!

Christmas Post Boxes

The Christmas post boxes have been deployed and are ready for business so children are welcome to start delivering their Christmas cards from Monday onwards.



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Annie for practising her lines with such enthusiasm. Presentation: Brandon

Class 2: Star of the Week: Benji for excellent 'working scientifically' skills when investigating the permeability, durability and hardness of rocks. Presentation: Thea

Class 3: Star of the Week: Thom for trying hard with fractions. Presentation: Henry



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Anna for clearing up the playground without being asked to

George-William for his kindness towards his fellow pupils

Joe for always offering to put his wellies on to get the football off the field

Robby for always being so helpful to lunchtime staff

Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's homework folder

Class 2: Spellings. Music- Write a verse for the snowman song for the Ukelele - instructions in your homework book.

Maths - Multiplication

Class 3: Y5 Maths: Ordering Fractions. Y6 Maths: Multiplying fractions by integers. Science: Gestation graphs. Spellings

After School Club

The activities we will be running in after school club during the Spring Term will be:

Monday - Film Club

Tuesday - Board games

Wednesday - Football

Thursday - Baking Club



Dates for your diary

6th December - KS2 Open afternoon

6th December - Class 3 Parents' meetings

6th December - Class 1 to Multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy

7th December - Christmas Jumper Day

7th December - Class 2 to Multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy

12th December - Christmas lunch (Christmas jumpers welcome!)

14th December - Pantomime

15th December - Key stage 1 Christmas performance in the Village Hall (Afternoon performance, start time to follow)

18th December - Christmas party

19th December - 09:30am Christingle at St Cuthberts Church

19th December - School closes for Christmas break

22nd December - FOCS Breakfast with Santa

4th January - School opens for the Spring Term

26th January - FOCS Bag2school collection

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