



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 8th December 2023

Attendance

This week's overall attendance is 94.3%. Class 2 had outstanding attendance with 100%! Well done Class 2, that's fabulous!!



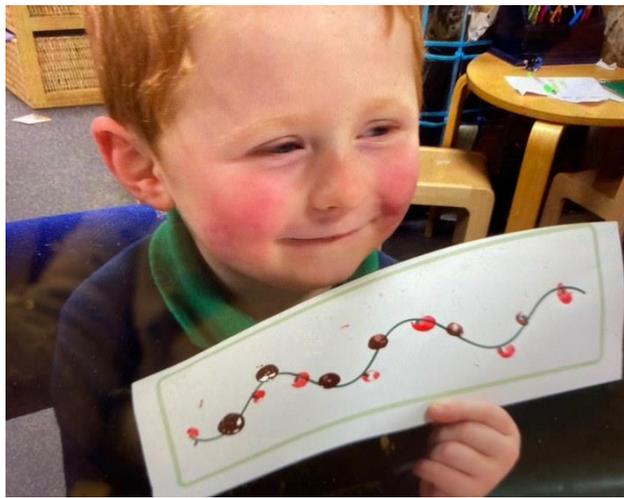
Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day raised a whopping £72! Thanks to everyone who donated we will be sending a cheque off to Save the Children.

Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

Year 1 and 2 have had great fun in Design and Technology, making mechanisms. They learnt about the direction of movement and explored the mechanisms required to make side to side sliders and up and down sliders. The children have now started to plan their own moving storybooks based on a familiar rhyme and will decide on which mechanisms they want to use.



















Children within the Early Years have been learning about the Christmas story, making Christmas crafts and exploring nature and the start of winter outdoors. A small group of children made some amazing paper chains with Mrs Goodman and measured how long they were by using themselves as measuring sticks! Great mouse skills using the computer too to complete Christmas jigsaws and create Christmas pictures.

Visit from mouth artist - David Cawthorne

Mouth artist David Cawthorne first visited our school in 2011 when I initially approached him about a visit. He very kindly accepted the offer of returning to our school again 2 weeks ago. He conducted a whole school assembly initially introducing himself to everyone and allowing the children to ask questions about himself. He then displayed a wide range of pictures that he has painted and talked to the children about his inspirations. He then spent the whole morning working with children in Key Stage 2 before working with the children in preschool and Key Stage 1 in the afternoon. What an incredible experience it was and what a humble, kind, caring and positive man David is. He spent a lot of time talking to the children about their paintings and giving them praise and encouragement. Everyone was totally engaged! I even had some children out of my class spontaneously having a go at painting with a paintbrush in their mouth quietly and persisting to continue. One of the children said to me at the end of the day "This is the best day ever! We loved painting with David!"

Thank you David, for giving up your time to come into school. David did not charge for this visit instead the FOCS kindly paid his petrol costs and gave him some local produce to take home for himself and his wife. Thank you FOCS for your constant support.

Miss Lee





Request

Please can all pre-school and reception children bring in or email a picture of their house by Friday 15th December. Thank you.

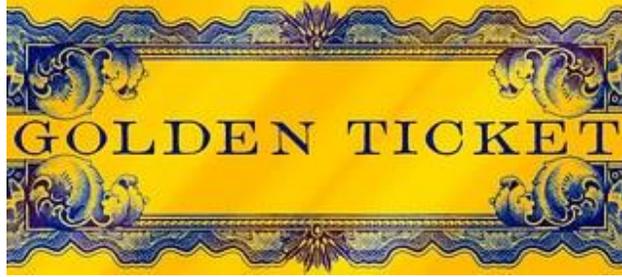


Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: George-William for his fantastic phonics! Presentation: Sonny

Class 2: Star of the Week: Elodie for a fantastic Pavilion design and structure! Presentation: Rupert

Class 3: Star of the Week: Jake for his reading comprehension. Presentation: Ryan



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Edie for happily following the lunchtime routine

Brandon for his good manners

Peter for always being so polite to lunchtime staff

Billy for being so kind to his younger school friends

Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's homework folder

Class 2: Spellings. Geography - Human Features of the UK landmarks

Class 3: Geography: UK landmarks. Literacy: Book review. Spellings

After School Club

There will be an end of term party for Baking Club on 14th December. If you wish your child to attend please book them in no later than Tuesday for food numbers.

This week's Brilliant Bakers were Elodie and Scarlett.

Thank you for your support this term.

Evie and Derrick

A Message from The Friends of Cotherstone School

📧📧📧📧 A huge thank you to all who attended the Christmas Fair last Friday - we have raised over £800 which is amazing 🙏😊👑 the balance will also be match funded by Barclays which is fantastic 🥳🥳🥳🌟

Raffle Results **unclaimed prize**

📦 Christmas Hamper - 726 Helen J

📦 Fox & Hounds Gift Voucher 21-25 Lilian Coatsworth;

📦 Pink's Flower Farm Voucher - 406-410 Laura Chandler;

📦 Tropical Gin and Tropic Pamper - 101-105 John Kidd;

- 📅 Mulled Wine & 🎄 Tree - 366-370 Judith Toland;
- 📅 Jenny Watson's Fruit Cake - 116-120 John Kidd;
- 📅 Memory Bear - 216-220 Janet Hall;
- 📅 The Boy, The Fox, The Horse & The Mole Book - 436-440 Carol Hunter;
- 📅 Movie Night Hamper; 491-495 Phil Dunn;
- 📅 Sugar Plum Gin with Bayliss & Harding Gift Set - 156-160 winner UNKNOWN If this is your ticket please get in touch

A special thank you to the staff who stayed behind to help, volunteers before, during and after, stall holders, parents and carers, and anyone who attended on the night for supporting us - at an already busy time of year 🎄



Dates for your diary

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

14th December - Pantomime

15th December - Key stage 1 Christmas performance in the Village Hall (**Start time 2pm. Any preschool children that do not normally attend preschool on a Friday, please meet us at the village hall at 1:45pm**)

18th December - Christmas party (**All Preschool children are invited to our Christmas Party on Tuesday. (Preschool charges will apply) Please notify a member of staff if you would like your child to attend**)

19th December - 09:30am Christingle at St Cuthbert's Church

19th December - School closes for Christmas break

20th December - FOCS Breakfast with Santa

4th January - School opens for the Spring Term

26th January - FOCS Bag2school collection

You can find details of next year's school holidays [here](#)

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