



# Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 1st March 2024

## **Believe, Aspire, Thrive, Together.**

### **Attendance**

This week's overall attendance is 95.93%. Class 1 had the best attendance with 98.9%. Well done Class 1!

### **Thank you**

Thank you for the messages of support and well wishes and really positive feedback before, during and after this week's Ofsted inspection. I am extremely proud of all of the children, our team here at Cotherstone Primary and our fabulous community. I am not able to share the results immediately, but as soon as the report is finalised I will share the outcome with you.

Mrs Gibson

## World Book Day

This year's World Book Day will be held on Wednesday 6th March. Children are welcome to come in to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be prizes to be won!

## Key Stage 1 Swimming and PE

- You may be aware that Teesdale Leisure Centre is currently closed for a major refurbishment and is not due to reopen until later in the summer term.

Swimming lessons for Key Stage 1 will therefore be held at Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre.

Lessons will be held on a Tuesday at 1:30pm until 2:15pm and will commence on 7th May, the final session will be held on 16th July.

Children need to bring their swimming costume, goggles and a towel. *Please ensure earrings are covered and It would be appreciated if tights could be avoided on swimming days, if at all possible.*

- Class 1 P.E days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays this half term as we have the P.E teacher in from Staindrop coaching football on a Wednesday morning, please arrive at school in P.E clothes.

## Travelling Safely

Following the email that we issued yesterday, we understand some people were unable to view the attachment, which is displayed below. Please do travel safely. Thank you.

## The law in brief

### A guide to your responsibility as a driver

Who's involved?	Sitting in the front seat	Sitting in the rear seat	Whose responsibility?
Driver	Seat belt MUST be worn if fitted.		Driver
Child under 3 years of age.	Correct child restraint MUST be used.	Correct child restraint must be used. If one is not available in a taxi, they may travel unrestrained.	Driver
Child from 3rd birthday up to 135cms in height (4ft 5ins) or 12th birthday whichever they reach first.	Correct child restraint MUST be used.	Correct child restraint must be used where seat belt is fitted. Can only use adult seat belt if correct child restraint is not available: - In a licensed taxi/private hire vehicle - for a short distance in an unexpected necessity. - if two occupied child restraints prevent fitting a third.	Driver
Child aged 12 or 13, or over 135cms in height.	Seat belt MUST be worn if fitted.	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Driver
Passengers aged 14-years-old and over.	Seat belt MUST be worn if fitted.	Seat belt must be worn if fitted.	Passenger

## School Lunch

If your child has school lunch every day, lunches for this half term amount to £60. Payment can be made into the Cotherstone School Fund account number 73240487 Sort Code: 20-25-29. Thank you.

## This week in Class 2

We have made an excellent start to Spring 2 in Class 2 this week! It's hard to believe we are already half way through Year 3 and 4!

We started our unit on 'Length and Perimeter' in maths this week and had plenty of Outdoor Learning lessons to support our learning of how to convert between cm and m, cm and mm and then perimeter. Year 4's have been busy using problem solving skills to work out the length of giraffes by converting between cm and m. They then used these measurements to accurately measure using trundle wheels and metre sticks to draw the giraffes to scale on the playground. Year 3's used rulers and metre sticks to measure objects outdoors between a given length of cm and then mm. Towards the end of the week as we started our work on perimeter we explored the perimeter of our names and created robots of a given perimeter for each part of the body.

In literacy we began to compare the BFG with a fantastic video called 'The Dreamgiver' which involves a spindly-looking creature using eggs to create dreams based on what children have on their beds at night. We then began to describe the setting and character using expanded noun phrases. You could watch the clip at home with your child by searching 'Dreamgiver' on YouTube.

To complete our 'Rocks' topic in Science, we explored different soil types by using sieves to make observations. We placed the soils in jars of water to see how they compare and if they separate into sediments/layers. We then created some 'natural' paintbrushes using materials we found on the field and used pipettes to add water to the soil before using our paintbrushes to paint using the different soil types to make comparisons. We found out that some soils are more permeable than others!

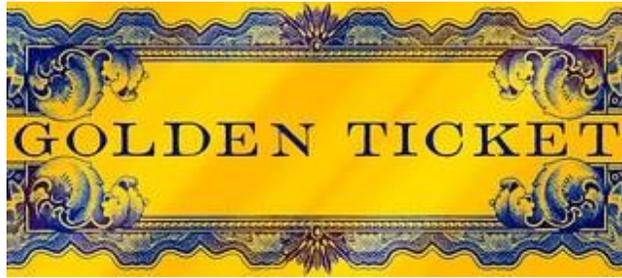


## Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Max for his super reading and blending. Presentation: Sonny

Class 2: Star of the Week: William for an excellent first week in Class 2! Presentation: Scarlett

Class 3: Star of the Week: Ralph for always helping out around the classroom. Presentation: Reuben



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Chloe for doing so well with her dinners this week

Tommy for always being helpful to lunchtime staff

Noah for being caring to his younger classmates

Kitty for her mature attitude

The school lunch menu can be found [here](#).

### Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's homework folder

Class 2: Maths - consolidation of work on 'Length Science' - create a leaflet/PowerPoint/poster/double-page spread about rocks, fossils and soils from our science topic

Class 3: Y6 Maths: SATs book section 3Y6 English: SATs book section 3. Y5 Maths: Decimal in the middle. Y6 English: Neil Armstrong comprehension. Spellings



Dates for your diary

6th March - World Book Day 2024

7th & 8th March - KS2 Space Camp

8th March - Mothers Day Service at St Cuthbert's Church 2pm - All welcome

w/c 11th March - British Science Week

28th March 2024 - Easter Disco (FOCS)

18th April 2024 - Next FOCS Meeting - 7pm in The Fox and Hounds - all welcome!!!

4th May 2024 - May Day Celebration (FOCS)

21st June 2024 - Bag 2 School Collection (FOCS)

**Term Dates for this academic year can be found [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***