

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 2 – Week Ending 20th September 2019



'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Luke 6:31

Dear Parent/carer,

You may have seen my recent Tweet explaining that the Cottingham CofE Weekly will now become a fortnightly edition. See change to title! Hopefully this will allow more time to provide you with more school information. If there is anything that you would like to read about please let me know and it will be considered for future editions.

This first edition of the 'fortnightly,' includes two sets of award winners. The weekly winners will still be shared via Twitter so please do follow if you are not already doing so. As always, the children chosen for an award are very deserving and in most cases are role models to their peers. The Headteacher award winners so far are all children that show super attitudes and display our school values in everything that we do.

I have been very, very impressed with our Willow new starters. They have just completed their first full week in school. They have been a credit to their families and Mrs Delo and I are very proud of them. Having so many older siblings has certainly helped with their settling in period however, those without a sibling have responded well to everything thrown at them so far this term. We have only just started this academic year but are already beginning the process of attracting new starters for September 2020. If you have friends who are looking for a school for their children, please do ask them to contact the office and a visit can be arranged. It would be exciting if we are able to once again have a full intake next year.

At the start of the term, the children returned to fresh new classrooms. At that point there was very little learning displayed on the walls. In a short space of time, the classrooms are taking shape and displays are being updated on a daily basis. Each lesson seems to add some new information to a display that will then be used later on as a prompt for learning. We call these our working walls and the children respond well to them. Along with maths, writing, reading, PE and RE, I have seen the children involved in science, geography and French lessons. This is all part of the curriculum that we offer to the children. I hope that your child is speaking positively about learning at home. It was great to see some Tweets about home learning from the children in Oak class. Please do share any learning that takes place at home. It is always nice to see extended learning taking place.

You will see in this edition of the 'fortnightly,' news about the annual Triathlon event. Again, we were able to send our year 4-6 pupils to the town centre to take part in such an active sport. I am sure the year 3 children are already looking forward to their turn next year. Hopefully the event will continue for years to come. Hope to see you at Harvest this week. Have a good 'fortnight.' Mr Scott

Safeguarding

Nut Free School

Once again, a huge thank you for helping our school be 'nut free' and allergy aware. As you know, we now have a number of children with various allergies and we are all showing our value of Care towards them. You may have seen little messages in lunchboxes to say 'thank you.' As always please do check what children are bringing to school as snacks or in their lunchboxes. It is great to see children being allergy aware also and learning that we are all different. A local school has seen our Tweets regarding this and have been in touch to find out more. It's good to know that we are also helping others.

ALDI STICKERS

Aldi are giving away sports stickers for every £30 spent in store. These stickers will be used to fill in a wall chart and in turn can be exchanged for sports equipment or the chance to win £20,000. Please send any vouchers into school. Many thanks.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Willow Class – 94.9%

Ash Class – 96.1%

Oak Class – 97.2%

Hawthorn Class – 97.2%

Beech Class – 100%

Whole School – 97.2%

Harvest Celebration



Harvest Celebration this year will take place in school on Wednesday 2nd October @9.30am.

Donations will be gratefully received and these items will be donated to Hope Church to help homeless and disadvantaged people. Please see attached list for suggested items.

We will be seeing which team can bring in the most donations:

Team Care

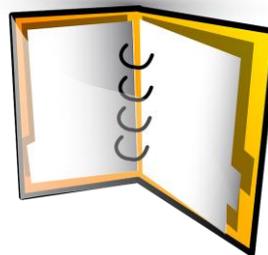
Team Build

Team Follow

Team Think



Diary Dates from September



Thursday 26th September – Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 2nd October – Harvest Celebration

Friday 25th October – School closes for Half Term

Monday 4th November – School re-opens to pupils

Monday 4th November – Individual photos.

(Please note if your child has a younger sibling they may have a photo done together from 8.30am – 8.50am)

Thursday 7th November – Love2Lunch

Monday 11th November – Year 6 to Rock UK

More dates to follow once diary has been confirmed

Meetings with Staff

If you would like to meet with your child's class teacher at any time to discuss any concerns you may have, please call Mrs Southcombe in the office to arrange an appointment. This will allow better time for staff to meet with you and a room arranged to do so in. Please be mindful that staff cannot meet formally at the class door as they have the children to look after. This is also the case at 3:15. Staff will always be happy to meet with you with prior knowledge. Please also feel free to email staff if you have a question that can be answered via email.

Parents Day appointments will be available after half-term, to discuss your child's progress in more detail also.

Admissions/Transfers

Letters have now gone out to all Year 6 parents, outlining the procedure to apply for a secondary place for your child. You may also use the link below.

On **Monday 21st October**, we will be holding an Open Day in school for all prospective Reception parents for September 2020. Please pass this information on to any friends or family members who will be requiring Reception placement for their child.

Primary -

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-places/Pages/default.aspx>

Secondary -

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Pages/default.aspx>

PTFA Book Fair



The PTFA have begun running the annual Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 26th September – Wednesday 2nd October from 3.15pm -3.45pm in the school hall. Please come along to support their wonderful fundraising. For every £1.00 spent 50p will be donated towards the cost of new books for school. We look forward to seeing you there. We hope to be able to stock up our library with new, exciting books.

TOILET TIDINESS

It has come to our attention that the children are not taking due care of the new toilet facilities that we now have in Foundation and Key Stage 1 (Occasionally in KS2). Floor is littered with toilet paper, toilets not being flushed and children are urinating in the wrong places. Before the matter becomes any worse, we would like to ask for your support in training the children at home to use the facilities properly, with care and respect. In school we will focus attention on ensuring that the children follow these routines too. As you know, the children have brand new toilets and we will endeavor to have high expectations regarding their use. We would very much appreciate your support with this and some words/training at home.

Primary Workshops

The children and staff all enjoyed a super selection of workshops recently. We were very happy to be able to help host a number of workshops ranging from dance and music to shadow puppetry. The school hall certainly came to life with African dance, folk dance and dragon dances.



HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the Headteacher Award
winner this week.



STAR of the WEEK
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PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS
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WONDERFUL WRITERS
Congratulations to the Wonderful Writers



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BOOKS WANTED!
We are looking for donations of large hard back books to use as dividers in our library. If you have any please send into school. Any content/condition as the books will be covered as shown in the pictures above. Thank you!

Academic Year 2019/2020

Term Dates

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Friday 25 October 2019
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2020	Friday 17 July 2020

Teacher training days 2019 to 2020

- **Monday 2 September 2019**
- **Tuesday 3 September 201**
 - **Friday 3 January 2020**
- **Friday 25th October 2019**
- **Monday 20th April 2020**

DOG POO ON YOUR SHOE

We have received a number of reports that children have been treading in dog poo on the village playing field. To try and remedy this disgusting problem we are holding a poster competition. There will be prizes and the winning designs will be laminated and displayed locally. Please do encourage entry at home. We look forward to receiving some eye catching designs by the end of next week.

“Ultimately the bond of all companionship, whether in marriage or in friendship, is conversation.” Oscar Wilde



Sports Update

Last week we attended the Kids of Steel Triathlon at the Corby International pool, pupils from years 4,5 & 6 attended this event which is always a huge success. All pupils completed the event with some pupils overcoming fears and nerves to complete all 3 of the obstacles, well done to everyone who attended.

On Thursday 25/9/19 some children from years 5/6 attended the cross country event at West Glebe Park. To qualify for the county children needed to finish in the top 20 runners, from our 16 children who attended this event we had 8 qualify for the county event which is coming up in November, keep your eyes peeled to see how we get on at the county event.

On Monday selected year 5/6 pupils will be going to compete in the first round of games in the Corby Football League, 24 teams will be competing in the event which sees us go up against other local schools in a group format, after the success of last years Football we are hoping this year we have the same outcome! Results to follow next week.



Well done to our two sports stars of the week, Poppy Mae Lasek competed in a gymnastics competition over the weekend and secured an impressive third place! Amelia goes from strength to strength with her Karate and is now onto her brown belt, we are looking forward to see her demonstration in our assembly this Friday! Well done to the both of you! Remember if you would like to be put forward for sports star of the week send Mr Stafford an email tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk



BIG PIC

Last week, we joined in with the local Big PIC campaign. Lots of schools took part and raised awareness of keeping our community litter free. A small group of children joined in with the Big PIC and as you can see, they did a great job collecting litter from around the school. Hopefully this has raised awareness and visitors to the park/playing field will use the litter bins or take their litter home!



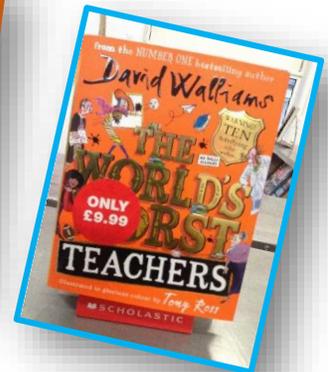
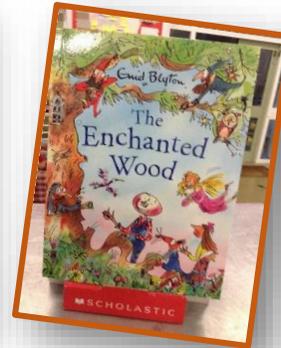
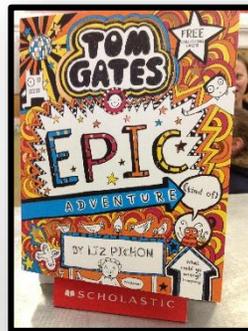
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE WINNERS!!!

For the second year running, our fantastic children have shown their love of reading by winning the Corby Library summer reading challenge. Max from Corby Library visited the school on Friday and awarded the children with our second certificate in two years. Max said that he was impressed with how we have doubled the number of children completing the challenge from 30 last year to 60 this year! The number of stickers in the picture above just shows how well we have done. We are only a small school so to beat much larger schools in the area is a super achievement. The staff really do try to promote the love of reading at home and this shows that we have the support of both parents and children alike. We are thrilled!! Next year also?????



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

It is that time of year when our super PTFA host the Scholastic book fair. There have been many visitors to the first two evenings and we hope more will join us this week. Lots of brand new titles are on offer with the school receiving 50% of sales to purchase new books for our own library. Thank you to those of you who have purchased a book and continues to show the love of reading at home.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Our Mindfulness crew have been busy organising events to tie in with World Mental Health Day. On **Monday 7th October** the children will all have the chance to join in with St John's First Aid sessions as well as relaxing yoga sessions. On **Thursday 10th October**, we welcome all children to wear yellow to show their awareness for World Mental Health Day. A cake sale will then follow after school so please do send in your own creations. More news to follow.

