

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 7 – Week Ending 10th January 2020



'Bear with each other and forgive each other if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.' Colossians 3:13

Dear parent/carer,

I cannot believe that we have only been back at school for a very short amount of time. As always at Cottingham CofE, the staff have ensured that the children are busy learning from day 1. This then makes it look like we have been back to school much longer than we have. In a short space of time, the children in FS/KS1 made the short trip to Harringworth to investigate the viaduct. The children came back buzzing with new facts that they can now use within the latest QUEST. Hopefully they have been talking at home about bridges and you were able to investigate further during the holidays. This week, the KS2 children made the slightly longer trip to Bedford to visit the amazing Guru Nanak Gurdwara. Visits such as this one are important. They allow children, who attend a CofE school, the opportunity to learn about other world faiths. I have visited a number of mosques myself during the years and I am always amazed and interested in what I find out. The children will have lots of new information that they can now use in their subsequent RE lessons.

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas break with your families. If like me, you would have eaten lots and travelled lots. I am still getting through the lovely sweets, drinks and chocolates that the children kindly brought me last term. You really shouldn't have! I definitely need to start keeping fit and walking more maybe. I haven't quite made that a new year's resolution though. On the subject of New Year resolutions. Worship during the first week back looked at turning a new leaf and wiping the slate clean. It was interesting to hear the resolutions made by the children. I wonder how many have stuck with these!

This week, I had the pleasure of spending the day at St Andrew's CofE Primary in Kettering. Both Mrs Holt and I carried out a peer review of the school. This is part of the PDET School to School support programme. All Head teachers from the 30+ schools within the trust carry out these reviews and the findings are then used to hopefully improve standards at not only the host school but at all schools. During this month Cottingham CofE will welcome Head teacher's from the trust to carry out a similar review here. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Howarth and Mrs Middleton from Weldon CofE. Once carried out, I will give further details to you on what was seen and next steps to further improving our super school.

This week, Wednesday in particular, was the deadline for choosing a September 2020 school place. Fingers crossed that we will again be full with 20 children in EYFS come September.

Have a lovely week/weekend, Mr Scott

Safeguarding

When collecting and dropping off children, please, please be mindful of local residents and their own access to property etc. Quite often, Mr. Scott is contacted by an unhappy neighbor regarding parent parking and attitude towards them. It would be very much appreciated if you can be considerate to our neighbours. Also, as a matter of health and safety, please be mindful of our children when parking on corners or close to the zebra crossing. **SAFETY FIRST PLEASE!**

NMPAT Open Day



On **SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY** NMPAT will be opening their doors to anyone who would like to take part in music and performing arts activities to come and try what's on offer.

Please see attached posters for more information.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance Target 96%

Willow Class – 90.1%

Ash Class – 95.1%

Oak Class – 96.3%

Hawthorn Class – 97.4%

Beech Class – 95.3%

Whole School – 94.9%

Beaumanor Year 2



On **Thursday 13th February**, Year 2 children will depart for an overnight stay at Beaumanor Hall. Final arrangements will be sent home after the holidays. The cost of the residential is £62. Thank you to all those parents who have already made payments. You may make payments anytime but please do so by **Friday 17th January**.

Thank you

Beaumanor Year 4



On **Wednesday 26th February**, Year 4 children will be departing for their 2 night stay at Beaumanor. As above final arrangements will be sent home after the holidays. The cost of the 2 night residential is £150. Payment details apply the same as Year 2 above.

Thank you again to our wonderful PTFA who have contributed £10.00 per child towards costs of the above residential activities.

Year 6 Residential 2020 Rock UK Frontier Centre

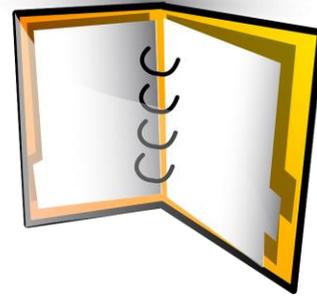


Attention Current Year 5.....

Your Year 6 residential has been booked for next year from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November 2020.

On Thursday 23rd April @ 6.00pm there will be an information evening for all parents and Year 6 children to come along and meet a member of the Rock UK team

Diary Dates for the New Term.....



Spring Term 1

Thursday 16th January – Young Voices Choir

Monday 3rd February – Year 5 PDET Math's Day

Thursday 6th February – NCC Parental workshop –
ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME (9:00)

Monday 10th February – Health Screening Year R

Thursday 13th February – Year 2s to Beaumanor

Friday 14th February – Year 2s Return

Friday 14th February is also Mental Health
Awareness Day

School Closes for half-term at 3.15pm

ARE YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE?

You should have received an invitation to a Parent's online safety awareness session. The session on the 6th February, 9:00am will be hosted by NCC and refreshments will be available. Please do RSVP to show that you are able to attend such an important session. During the day, the KS2 children will also have the chance to find out more about being safe online.



FS/KS1 Visit Harringworth Viaduct



On Thursday 9th January, Willow and Ash Classes visited Harringworth Viaduct as part of their new Learning Quest topic about entitled "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" The children and adults braved the mud and the wind to get a close-up view of this breathtaking example of engineering. We were all amazed at the sheer size of the viaduct. The children did some fantastic sketching of what they could see and were able to discover just how big the viaduct is by standing underneath it. The staff and children are looking forward to taking their learning back to school as they start to think about designing and making bridges of their own. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful piece of history right on our doorstep!

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

Remaining Teacher training day 2019 to 2020

- **Monday 20th April 2020**

Please note that dates for the 20/21 academic year are now available on the NCC website. We will shortly publish these along with our INSET days from September 2020.



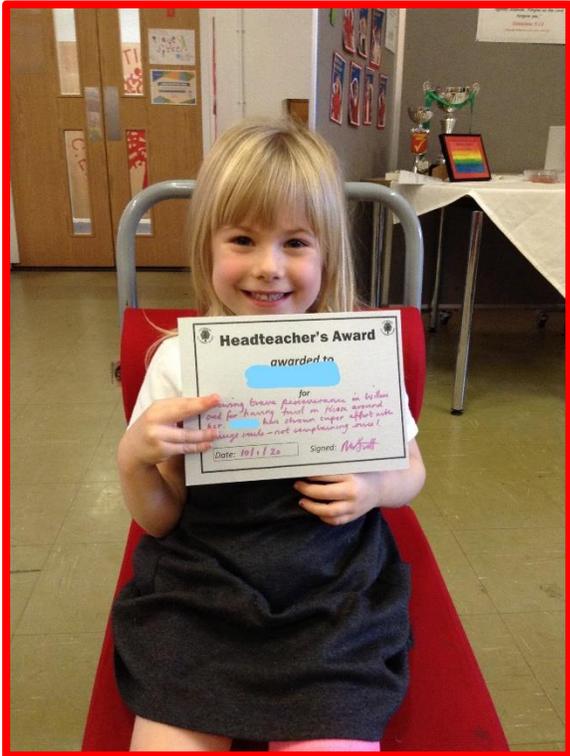
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THURSDAY 6th Feb 9:00am

SCHOOL HALL

Please RSVP

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



STAR of the WEEK
Congratulations to the Star of the Week winners this week



PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the Playground Award winners this week.



AWARD WINNERS HOT CHOCOLATE!
The Autumn 2 Headteacher Award winners enjoyed their well-deserved treat of hot chocolate, cream and marshmallows. They certainly tasted good!



Sports Update

We have got a very busy year of sport coming up at Cottingham! I have just finished putting together our entries for the upcoming sports events and we are so lucky to be able to participate and try out so many new sports. Before the end of the year various year groups will be taking part in sports including Archery, Netball, Swimming, Basketball, Golf and many more! As well as this I am finalising details with several local and one national sports clubs who are going to be coming into school and delivering different sports to our different year groups, this will be very similar to the day that we had with the Leicester Tigers before the end of term which the children loved. Please keep checking sports update for more information.

This term we have Corby Tennis Club delivering PE to our Reception children, we have had a number of children begin tennis lessons following on from the taster sessions which is great to see.

Well done to Darcie Waddington from Willow Class who is this week's star of the week. Darcie has been working extremely hard and has achieved her badge 5 & 4 in gymnastics! As well as this Darcie has also achieved her Stage 1 Swimming certificate, we done on both of these achievements!

If you would like to be nominated for this week star of the week then please email tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk!

'Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.' Martin Luther King



LOCAL LEARNING AT HARRINGWORTH VIADUCT

Some super images showing Ash and Willow at Harringworth Viaduct last week. The children will now be using their research during their latest QUEST. If you are out and about this term and see a bridge. Stop and send us a picture via Twitter perhaps. If you ever get the chance to watch the Flying Scotsman fly over the bridge, please do so. It is an amazing experience. Visiting places such as Harringworth is such an important part of the planning for the Curriculum that we deliver at Cottingham. It is real learning on a local scale. Many of the children were unaware of such an amazing structure that is just a few miles away.

'Living the Cottingham CofE Values each day.'

