

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 6 – Week Ending 13th December 2019



'The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the son of God. 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way. Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him.'

Mark 1:1-3



Safeguarding



Please do read the attached poster from The Northamptonshire Fire Service. It contains some important safety topics ranging from fairy light safety, to candle usage, cooking and electrical safety as these are all key issues during the festive period. Wishing you all a SAFE Christmas and new year.

Dear parent/carer,

As we end the term, and a very busy term it has been, I would firstly like to say a big thank you on behalf of the staff and I for all of the lovely cards and gifts that you have sent in. You really shouldn't have. We are very lucky to have the children, parents and carers that we have as part of our Cottingham family. On behalf of everyone have a lovely Christmas.

This term has been filled with so much learning. A number of Learning Quests have come and gone and we hope that the children have been enthused by these. As a school, we do not ask for huge homework projects to be completed although we would certainly celebrate any holiday work that the children complete especially if researching for their next topic (Heroes/Bridges!?) I am sure the new term will offer many more learning opportunities.

I must mention the super musical performances that we have watched/listened to in the last few weeks. The children who have instrumental lessons performed to children and adults whilst playing the drums, ukulele or guitar superbly well. I can't wait to see what they play for us next term if they decide to continue with the tuition. If your child wishes to continue please do return their form when we return. We have also heard some amazing singing during the last few weeks. The choir have performed in a number of venues and we also witnessed two super solo performances. Singing to the residents at the Manor House care home was especially special and it was such a good feeling to see the smiles on the faces of the residents. The children should be very proud of themselves.

Next term will see the year 1 and 2 children embark on their one and two night residential. Please keep an eye on the news letters, Tweets etc. as it will soon come around that full payment is needed as well as children needing their various items of kit. Please do ask Mrs Southcombe if you have any questions relating to the visits. I am sure the children will love these opportunities. Thank you to all of the grown-ups who have supported them and also the year 6 residential which will again take place next November.

We certainly ended the week on a high with our Christingle service at the Church. The hall was packed with 132 candles and I must say how well the children looked after their Christingle and we avoided the need to throw water on anybody! Reverend Doug was able to join us and he was full of praise for the children, staff and grown-ups. The Church looked amazing. Have a lovely Christmas and New Year. Please stay safe and we will see you all soon.

Mr Scott

VALUES DECORATIONS

Hopefully by now you would have rescued your child's super Christmas tree decoration. They will look good on your own tree I am sure. We had some lovely designs that tied in with our mission of caring, building, following and thinking. Thank you all for helping to create the 2019 ideas.

Attendance for Autumn Term 2019



Whole School Attendance Target 96%

Willow Class – 92.5%

Ash Class – 97.2%

Oak Class – 95.5%

Hawthorn Class – 96.1%

Beech Class – 96.5%

Whole School – 95.6%

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 Year 5.....

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

In April we will hold an information evening for you and your parents to answer any questions you may have!

Diary Dates for the New Term.....



“Happy New Year”

Friday 3rd January 2020 – INSET Day. School closed to pupils

Monday 6th January 2020 – School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 15th January – KS2 Faith Tour

Thursday 16th January – Young Voices Choir

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

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



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

As always thank you to Mrs Willis and the children that have been performing to staff, children, parents and the residents at the Manor House Care home in Cottingham. The children will also be performing at the end of year Christingle service and will include two super solos. At the Manor Care Home it was a delight to see so many of the residents enjoying the performance.



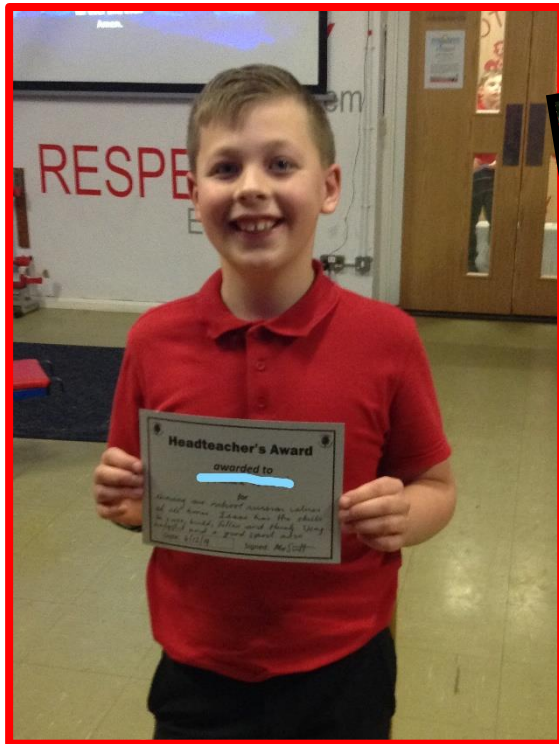
SPIRITUAL GARDEN BLESSING

On **Thursday 12th December** we welcomed Bishop John to school. He came along and met the designers of the Spiritual Garden and found time, in the rain, to bless the garden and speak to the children. During the afternoon he talked to the whole school and the children were very interested in his clothing and what each part meant. We even found out that he designed part of it himself. Once worship was finished, he visited each class during which time the children asked a range of questions. Finally, Bishop John stayed behind after school and met parents/carers during our Compassion UK open event. He enjoyed a cup of tea, mince pie and listened to the super choir perform. We were very lucky to receive such an important visitor who was able to take time out of his very busy schedule. On his departure, the Bishop said that he had enjoyed the afternoon and that everybody was very welcoming. It was a super event and thank you to everyone who was able to attend and also donate to Compassion UK. As always, thank you to the PTFA for their support with drinks and other refreshments.



HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the Headteacher Award winner this week.



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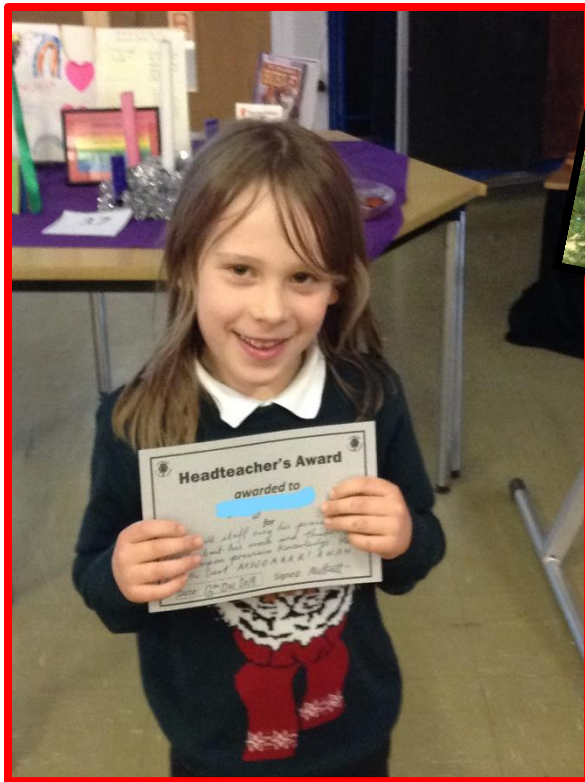
ADVENT

We welcomed Rev Doug to lead Advent for us during a Friday Worship. Some year 6 speakers also helped out with lovely readings.



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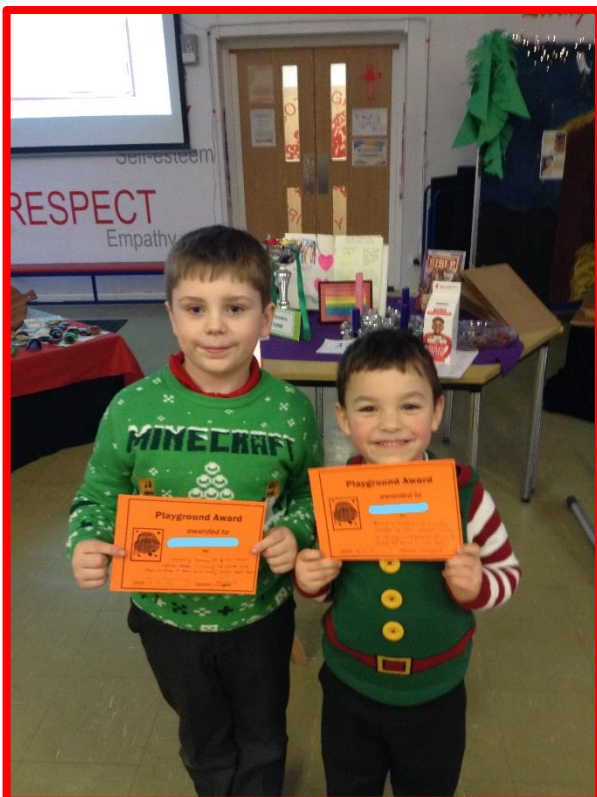
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WONDERFUL WRITERS

Congratulations to the Wonderful writers



GUITAR – DRUMS- UKELELE CONCERT

Over the past week or so we have been lucky to hear the music played by our many talented performers. Thank you to Alex and Joe for teaching the children and enabling them to perform to a packed school hall. Here are just some of the children in action....



HOUSE POINTS TOTALS

CARE	147
BUILD	140
FOLLOW	105
THINK	72

Team Care are the victorious Autumn 2 points total team! The points awarded on values day helped them top the league!



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 days 2019 to 2020

- Friday 3rd January 2020
- Monday 20th April 2020

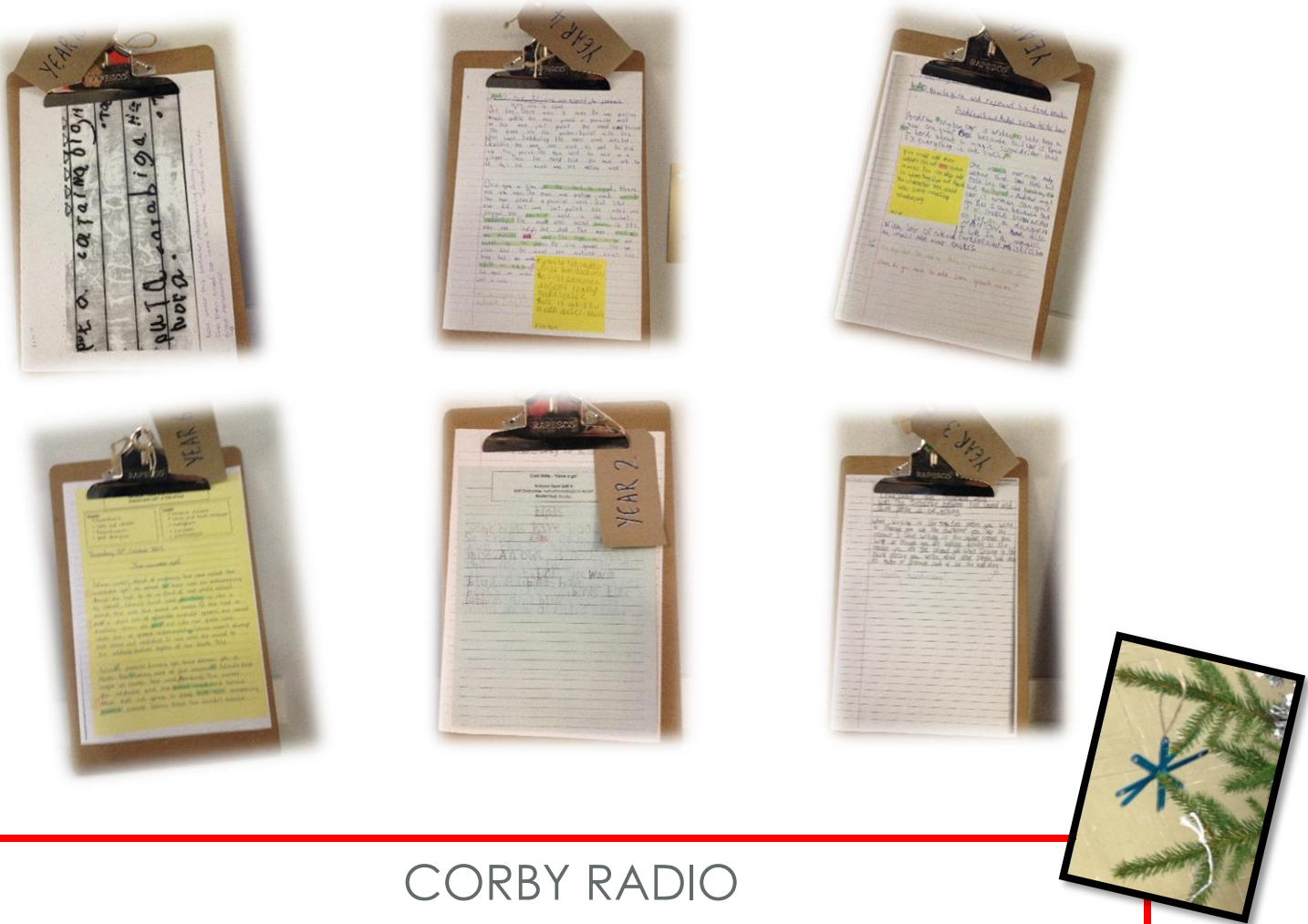


NATIVITY 2019

These three images are a chance to once again remind ourselves of the super Nativity performance that the children in Ash and Willow gave us recently. Every year we are amazed by the performance and this years was no exception. All of the children bravely performed to their peers and to a sellout evening audience. The year 2 children performed in their very last Nativity which is always sad and shows how quick the children grow up. Once again, thank you to all of the staff for helping to put on the show.

WONDERFUL WRITING

The last Wonderful Writers of the term and 2019 proudly displayed their writing in worship as they were awarded their certificate. Their work is now displayed in the KS2 library area and I am sure some of you managed to have a look during the recent open afternoon. We are always proud of our writers and look forward to seeing the progression being made from one year to another.



CORBY RADIO

On behalf of Corby Radio, the following is the schedule that the choir performances will be aired – and then they will all be aired again on Christmas Day.

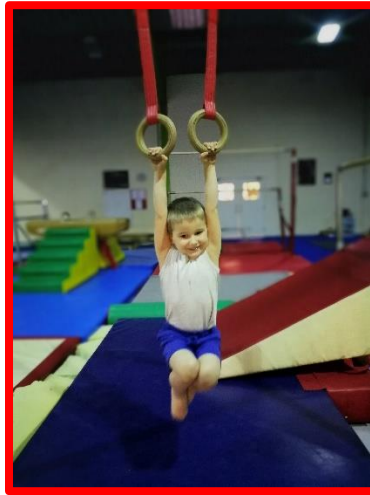
Beanfield Primary - this Wednesday Dec 18 5:30pm
 Chordless Corby - this Thursday Dec 19 - 7:30am
 Gretton Primary - this Thursday Dec 19 - 12:30pm
 Kingswood Primary - this Thursday Dec 19 - 5:30pm
 Stanion Primary - this Friday Dec 20 - 7:30am
 Old Village Primary - this Friday Dec 20 - 12:30pm
 Oakley Vale Primary - this Friday Dec 20 - 5:30pm
 Hazel Leys Primary - Monday Dec 23 7:30am
 St Brendans Primary - Monday Dec 23 12:30pm
Cottingham Primary - Monday Dec 23 5:30pm
 Corby Primary Academy - Xmas Eve - 7:30am
 St Patricks - Xmas Eve - 12:30pm
 Danesholme Junior Academy - Xmas Eve - 5:30pm



Sports Update

What a year of sports we have had at Cottingham! Highlights of the year include achieving our GOLD mark in the school's sports games for the first time ever! Being nominated for the Corby Sports awards, having a visit from Leicester Tigers Rugby Club and much more. We have also continued with our Real PE lessons and the improvement in children's development throughout the school is clear to see, it is now common to see all children in red Cottingham PE tops engaging in lessons and participating in various activities. This year's sports crew have already ran a successful day of Kurling and will be hosting a Basketball event for our house teams to try and achieve as many points for their house teams as they can. I have recently confirmed our attendance at some upcoming sports events including athletics, Football, and Kurling and there are plenty more sports events lined up for next year. Well done to everyone who has took part in any sporting events and participating in PE lessons regularly this year, we can't wait for next year and to see if we can add some more sporting triumphs!

Well done to our sports star of the week who is Arthur, below Arthur is showing us a tuck jump!



If you would like to be nominated for sports star of the week then please email tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk with a picture and an explanation of your sporting achievement!

Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year!

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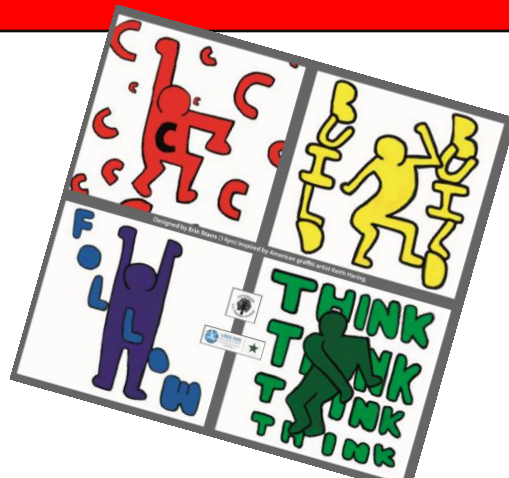


"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." – **Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol**

'Living the Cottingham CofE Values each day.'



Designed by Erin Starrs (14yrs) inspired by American graffiti artist Keith Haring.



MISSION BANNERS

These are the final designs for our two banners that have now taken pride of place outside on the PE container. Thank you to Lodge Park and especially the designer, Erin who came up with the ideas based on work by Keith Haring. A super example of a primary school working closely with a local secondary school.



Christingle 2019

A lovely end to the school year at our Christingle Service. Thank you to Reverend Doug for leading our worship and teaching us all about the true meaning of the Christingle.