

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 8 – Week Ending 24th January 2020



'Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.' Ephesians 4:31-32

Dear parent/carer,

As always, time has flown since I last wrote my welcome notes. Hopefully you have kept up with school life through the many Tweets that have been sent home. If you are not a Tweeter I would certainly recommend that you become one and follow our page. Over the past few weeks you would have seen the children in Willow class enjoying their Corby Tennis sessions, the KS2 children, staff and parents singing their hearts out at the annual Young Voices concert in Birmingham as well as children visiting Bedford and taking part in a Faith tour.

The recent Faith tour in particular was such a valuable learning experience for our children. A British Value is being 'Tolerant of other faiths' so the visit allowed children to understand that further. Also the links to the RE syllabus that we follow was enhanced by such a visit and from the feedback received was one that the children certainly benefited from. In Oak, Beech and Hawthorn, the children have been using the visit within their RE work to good effect.

The Young Voices concert was attended by the highest number of children for Cottingham CofE and they certainly made the most of their time in Birmingham. It was great to see other PDET schools attending and showing that we/they offer a broad curriculum that places a huge importance upon music. We have recently purchased a new music curriculum so over the rest of this year, the staff will be trialling various lessons with their classes. I am sure that the children will feedback to you. I know that Beech class have already had some lessons and Miss Moseley will now be checking that we have the correct resources needed to teach the whole scheme successfully. Last week also saw the start of further musical instrumental lessons. The uptake is approximately 25% of our number on roll which is great. As always, the children receiving the lessons will perform to us all later in the year. We can't wait!

On another musical note, we have this week received all of the scripts, music and resources that will be needed for the KS2 end of year performance. There is much excitement, especially amongst the year 6 children. I can reveal that the end of year show 2020 will be (Sorry, you will have to wait a little longer for the official announcement). Do check on the school website for dates though! There will also be some other exciting year 6 news to offer shortly.

Well done, as always to all of the various award winners that have pride and place in this edition of the news.

Have a lovely week/weekend, Mr Scott

Safeguarding

DRUG AWARENESS

A member of the local community was looking out for the welfare of our pupils in highlighting the use of drugs that is taking place in the surrounding areas. Drug paraphernalia was found that could potentially be very harmful to one of the children. Please do keep a look out and report any such findings to the Police. If you see any drug use close to the school please notify Mrs Southcombe as we will also contact the police, as we have done in the past. Thank you

Certificates/Friday Worship

Please be reminded that any family members/carers have an *open invitation* to any Friday celebration worship from 2:30pm. This is a perfect opportunity to join in with prayer, reflection and hymn as well as observing all of the rewards for that particular week. It is always our intention to notify parents/carers of a child who is due to receive the class Star of the week or the Headteacher's award. From time to time you might be notified of other certificates but this is not always the case. *Please do come along as it could be your son/daughter receiving another award during any given week.*

Attendance



Whole School Attendance Target 96%

Willow Class – 93.8%

Ash Class – 98.5%

Oak Class – 96.9%

Hawthorn Class – 100%

Beech Class – 99.1%

Whole School – 97.7%

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 31st 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

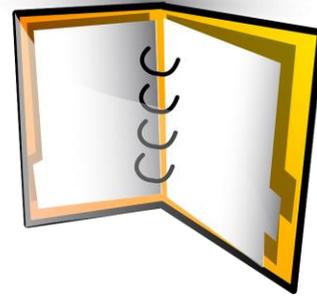


Attention Current Year 5.....

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

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?

Please do join us on the 6th February from 9:00 for a very informative session regarding keeping our children safe on line. Refreshments will be available in the school hall from 8:45 with entry via the main office. We would love to see as many adults attend as possible. We are aware that the time will not suit everyone so will plan to send home more information afterwards.



KS1 Visit from TATA



On Friday 24th January, Willow and Ash classes were visited by Scott Garden from Tata Steel. He talked to the children about how steel is made and why it is often used in the construction of bridges. The children and adults alike found out lots of really interesting information which we will use as we continue our learning quest topic about bridges. We are very lucky to have such knowledgeable members of our community who are willing to give up their time to share their expertise with our pupils.

Academic Year 2019/2020

Term Dates

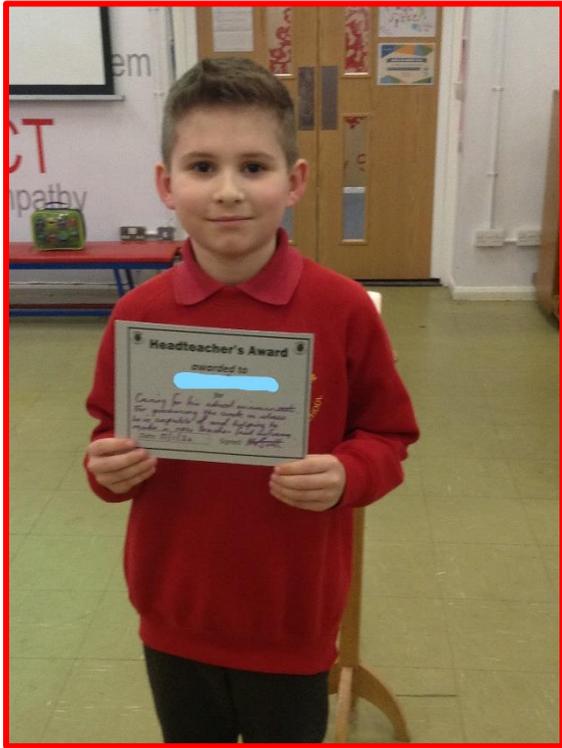
Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Friday 25 October 2019
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020
Term 5	Monday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

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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Sports Update

As some of you may have seen on Twitter or in our celebration assemblies we now have a sports star of the week certificate. These certificates are awarded to children who achieve something sporting outside of school, well done to our first two winners who have been taking part in various sports including MMA, Swimming and Gymnastics. If you would like to be nominated for sports star of the week then please email tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk. Please add an explanation of the sporting achievement and a photo.



This week we have a basketball tournament for selected year 4/5's, we will update you with how the team did in our next sports update.

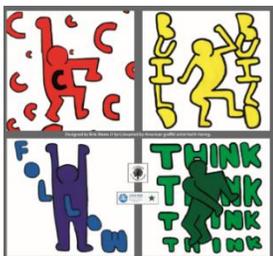


Can you please ensure that on selected PE days children have correct PE clothing in school including correct footwear.

Spotlight Dance



Children in Hawthorn Class will be representing school again this year in the annual 'Spotlight Dance Show'. The shows will take place on Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd March 2020. More information to follow.....



'Living the Cottingham CofE Values each day.'



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

SPIRITUAL FEEDBACK

Many thanks for returning the RE/Spiritual feedback form sent out recently. We received 26 forms and as always the feedback is very much appreciated. Please see below the average score in relation to each question where 10 represented a strongly agree response. We are pleased to hear that many children are talking at home about worship, RE and our values etc. As always, there is work still to be done. Please do talk about these questions at home and help the children understand and know the Christian Values for example. ***It would be great if parents/carers are familiar with them also. All of our various mission/vision statements etc are available on our school website.***

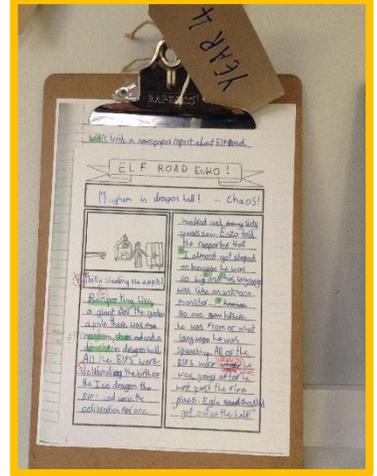
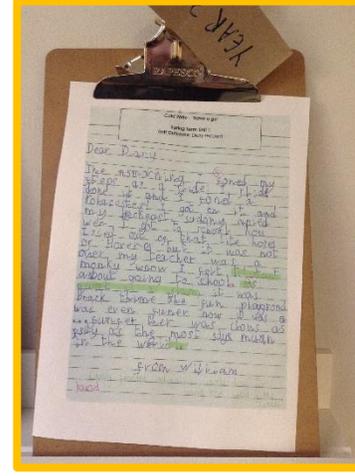
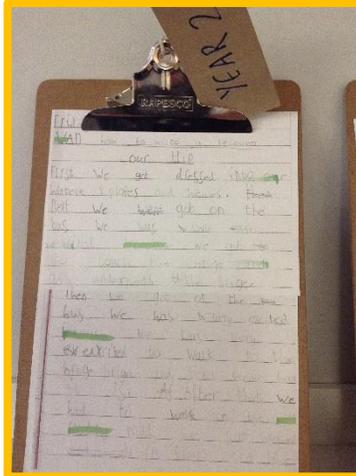
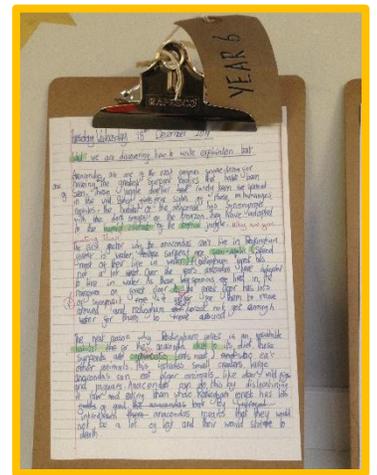
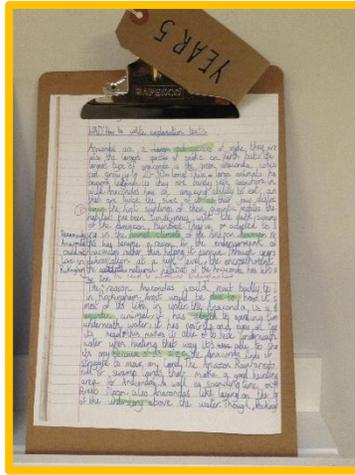
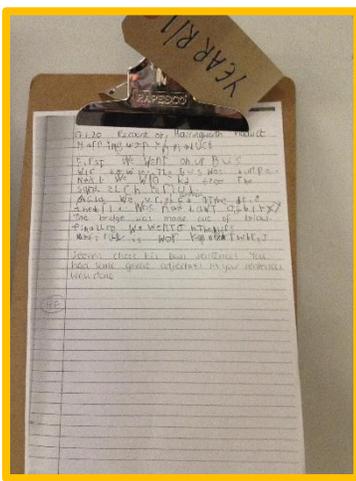
	Average out of 10 <small>(Of those questions with a response)</small>		Don't Know	No response
The school teaches Christian values that help my child develop spiritually.	8.7/10		3	
The school provides opportunities for my child to develop socially and morally.	9.3/10			
The school provides opportunities for the cultural development of my child.	9.0/10		3	1
The school ensures that my child has a good knowledge of Christianity.	8.9/10			
The school ensures that my child has a good knowledge of other world faiths.	8.5/10		1	
My child is given regular opportunities to reflect and pray.	7.7/10		1	
Collective worship is an important part of school life.	8.5/10		1	
There are good relationships between the school and the local church.	8.4/10		5	
My child talks at home about RE/Collective worship/school values	8.1/10			
My child can tell me the schools Vision statement... <i>we are a Christian school serving...</i>	8.2/10			
My child can tell me the schools Mission statement... <i>with God's help we...</i>	7.9/10			
My child can tell me the schools 6 Christian Values	45% (YES)	50% (NO)		5
The school promotes and supports the well-being of the pupils including my child.	90% (YES)	10% (NO)		5

We feel that one area of improvement that could be focussed on is the teaching of other faiths, especially in terms of celebrating cultural festivals...

The children should be at least made aware of how and when they can attend Church at the Village Church.

Our child often comments that she feels there is too much emphasis on God in school, especially during assemblies...

In previous years I feel there was more of a connection to the local church and visits, services.



WONDERFUL WRITING

These are the latest examples of Wonderful Writing from across the school. As always, the writing is on display in the KS2 library area and shows super progression from EYFS to Year 6. In many of these pieces of writing, children have made good use of new vocabulary including age appropriate words of the week for example. Just by looking at these pictures you will notice the quality of the presentation. The children take great pride in their written work which is super to see.

'As we know, forgiveness of oneself is the hardest of all the forgivenesses' Joan Baez





KS2 FAITH TOUR

The recent KS2 Faith tour allowed the children the opportunity to investigate different faiths that are on one another's door step. The relatively short journey was made to Bedford, allowing the children to research a number of religions. The tour did highlight to the children that in Great Britain our British Value of Tolerating other faiths and beliefs is very much happening and in place across the Isles. As a CofE school we offer a Christian perspective on life but we are committed to affording the children the opportunities to investigate and be aware of other faiths. You will no doubt have a better understanding of how we are ensuring the children has a good knowledge of other world faiths which was an area that we asked for your feedback recently.