

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 9 – Week Ending 14th February 2020



'The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.' Daniel 9:9

Dear parent/carer,

This is the last 'fortnightly' of the first spring term. I should really stop saying that the term has gone quick! It has though. As always, the children have experienced a wide range of learning opportunities and as I write these notes, the KS2 staff and children are preparing the hall for their 'Heroes' careers event. Thank you to everyone for putting in the hard work to plan for and arrange such a learning activity. The children, I am sure, will take some useful information from the event to use in their own writing back in class. I know that the children in Willow and Ash will also be busy this week, making bridges and using all of the knowledge gained from their QUEST so far. Some of the language/vocabulary linked to the QUESTS has been of a high standards and again, hopefully this will be shown in the writing that the children produce.

This edition of the 'fortnightly' is a bumper edition and demonstrates much of the super work that takes place from day to day. I have also included three groups of award winners so please do enjoy looking back at our various stars. As always, the children who have rewarded with my own award will receive the usual hot chocolate (or equivalent) treat on our return to school. This is always a lovely opportunity to spend some time with the children and have a very informal chat. I know that the particularly enjoy the squirty cream.

You will see further on in this 'fortnightly' that there has been a change to the normal proceedings for world book day. Rather than ask you to provide the usual amazing costumes, we thought it would be a nice opportunity for the children to help stock their own library. If your child is super keen to dress up then that is fine although purely optional. We do hope that this decision goes down well amongst those of you who dread the annual manic, put a costume together, time. Look out for more news and information on our return to school. In the meantime, the children might like to think about a costume for a potato!

As you know, each term we hold a values day. The children spend time relaxing in a yoga session, earning house points through a sports event whilst enjoying activities based around our school values/mission statement etc. This week the children will all be taking part in a community event which ties in nicely with our vision of 'serving the local community.' If you seem hear or know how this has impacted upon the community please do let the children know via an email to the class teacher, a Tweet or a note etc. The children and staff would love to find out about their community acts.

Have a lovely holiday and we all look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 24th February. Take care, Mr Scott

Safeguarding

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take medicine during school hours, please ensure it is in original package with child's name and dosage. A medical consent form must also be filled in.

Photos

Individual consent will be requested for specific events. Please do let Carolynn know if you do not want your child's photo taken

Contact details

It is imperative that we have correct contact details for you in case of emergency. If you have changed your details please let Carolynn know. You may log onto your parentmail account to edit your details if required

WORLD BOOK DAY – 5th MARCH

As a break from the norm we will not be asking children/staff to dress as a book character this year. If your child would like to dress up then that is perfectly fine and still welcomed. Instead, we will be asking children to donate a new book to our library. (More details to follow) There will also be a 'potato' book character competition. Children will be invited to turn a potato into their favourite character with prizes available.

Attendance for Spring Term 1



Whole School Attendance Target 96%

Willow Class – 92.8%

Ash Class – 97.1%

Oak Class – 97.2%

Hawthorn Class – 98.1%

Beech Class – 97.6%

Whole School – 96.6%

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 Spring Term 2.....



25th February – Sponsored Flip

26th – 28th February – Beaumanor Residential – Year 4

4th March – Year 2 Beaumanor Assembly 2.30pm

5th March - World Book Day – 8:45am-10.00am Parent Session

9th March – Parent Day Hawthorn Class

10th March Parent Day – Beech Class

11th March – on-line Safety Session

11th March -Year 4 Beaumanor Assembly 2.30pm

12th March – Year 4 Faith Road Show

16th March – Parent Day Oak Class

17th March – Parent Day Ash Class

18th March – Parent Day Willow Class

23rd – 26th March – Bikeability – Year 5

27th March – MUFTI Day

1st & 2nd April – Hawthorn Class Spotlight Dance

3rd April – Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt

Easter Worship – Church 11.00am

School Closes



PTFA Sponsored Pancake Flip



On Tuesday 25th February, we are having a sponsored pancake flip in our school to raise vital funds for school equipment. Each child will be asked to flip a pancake as many times as they can in 1 minute. All children have received a sponsor form and we ask if you could please ask family / friends if they can sponsor your child. If each child raised just £5 then the total amount raised would be £660!!!

On the day of the pancake flip the sponsor form will need to be brought into school so we can record your child's total number of flips. We will then send it back home so you can collect in the sponsor money. We aim to have all the sponsor money in before Friday 6th March.

There will also be a prize for the child who flips the most pancakes in each class.

Academic Year 2020 to 2021

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Wednesday 2 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Friday 26 March 2021
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021

Teacher training Days 2020 to 2021

Proposed dates:

- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Monday 4 January 2021

Remaining 3 teacher training days to be agreed at schools' discretion.



PDET MATHS DAY

The year 5 children recently visited Rock UK to take part in a trust wide Maths day full of investigations and numbers. The children really got stuck in to their tasks and had a good day. It was lovely to hear positive feedback from others regarding their behavior and attitude throughout the day.



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 this week.



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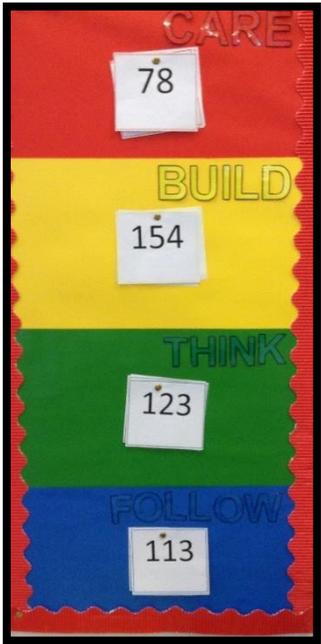


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TERMLY WINNERS
Well done to Team **Build** who were the HP team of the term. The extra points that they earned during values day helped send them to the top of the league table.



Sports Update

Well done to all of our year 4/5 Basketballers who recently attended a tournament at Corby Kingswood Academy. The team played four matches winning one, drawing two and losing one. The team showed great qualities during the tournament with all players showing terrific team spirit and determination throughout the tournament.



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 April 2020. Tickets for both evenings will be available soon.



It has been great to see so many nominations for our new sports star of the week award, well done to all of our award winners this term. Remember, if you have a nomination for sports star of the week send a picture along with a brief explanation of the sporting achievement to tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk.



HOPE CHURCH WHAT'S ON!



Hope Church is a family of people made up of all ages, many nationalities and varied backgrounds. At our Sunday gatherings there are committed Christians, those who are new to faith and those who are just looking. If you're not already part of a church, why not give us a try...we'd love to see you. On Sundays, we meet from 10:30am at Brooke Weston Academy, Coomb Road, NN18 8LA. There are kids groups for all ages and refreshments are served afterwards. For more information, please check out hopechurchcorby.org or contact our office team by telephone on 01536 736577 or by email at admin@hopecorby.org.

The Family Life team in Hope Church work in partnership with professionals and families across the town to run courses for parents and couples, events for families and to provide support in all areas of family life. Our Tiny Treasures group meets every Monday during term time at Arran Way Community Centre, Mull Drive from 9:15 - 10:45am for crafts, singing, snacks and play. The cost is £1 per child and we would love to see you there. We also run a monthly 'Family Feast' on the 1st Sunday of every month from 4-6pm at the Hope Centre, 8 Princewood Road, NN17 4AP. Bring some food and enough to share as we eat together, play games and get to know each other better. For more information about family life within Hope Church, please contact familylife@hopecorby.org.



OUR LOCAL CHURCH IN COTTINGHAM

The parish Church of St Mary Magdalene dates from the 13th Century, although most of what we see now was built in the 15th Century.

The exterior is dominated by the particularly fine four stage tower and spire with twinned two-light belfry windows.

The interior has many interesting and unusual features making it worth a visit.

For more information visit

<https://cottinghamnews.co.uk/places/st-mary-magdalene-church/> For more information please contact Kathyrie Tilley (Church warden) randktilley@outlook.com or 07870 101658

SPRING VALUES DAY

On Wednesday 12th February, all children took part in our spring term values day. During the last values day you will recall that the children helped raise money for Compassion UK and our sponsor a child initiative. This term, it was the turn of the local community to benefit. Fitting in with our vision statement, the children all carried out an act of kindness in the community. This included singing at the care home, planting bulbs, litter picking, sending postcards and baking cakes for neighbours. Please read the next edition of the 'fortnightly' to find out more.



Corby Food Bank



February 2020

Thank You!

A colorful brushstroke graphic consisting of several overlapping strokes in shades of blue, purple, pink, orange, and yellow, positioned below the 'Thank You!' text.

Dear Cottingham school and church,

*During the last six months of 2019, we are happy and thankful that you collected **35.7 kg**. That's enough to feed 2 families for three days.*

Well done.

God bless you for your work and generosity.

Kind regards, The Foodbank Team



LOCAL PARISH WHATS ON!



2nd Sunday, 9.30
Communion

3rd Sunday, 9.30
Communion

4th Sunday, 10.00
Hymns and Coffee



Sunday 9 February, 9.30 – St Mary's
Communion

Sunday 16 February, 9.30 – St Mary's
Communion

Sunday 23 February, 10.00 – St Mary's
Hymns and Coffee



For Lent period, a special range of services in various churches as shown below:

Weds 26th February, 7pm	Ash Wednesday, Rev Jan Collins, Stoke Albany Benefice Service
Sunday 1 March, 10.30	Communion, Rev Jan Collins, Sutton Bassett Benefice Service
Sunday 8 March, 10.30	Communion, Rev Jan Collins, Weston by Welland Benefice Service
Sunday 15 March, 10.30	Communion, Rev Doug Spencley, East Carlton Benefice Service
Sunday 22 March, 10.30	Communion, Rev Jan Collins, Stoke Albany Benefice Service
Sunday 29 March, 10.30	Communion, Bishop Donald, Ashley Benefice Service
Sunday 5 April, 10.30	Palm Sunday, Rev Jan Collins, Cottingham Benefice Service
Thursday 9 April, 7pm	Maundy Thursday, Rev Jan Collins, Wilbarston Benefice Service
Friday 10 April, 10.00am	Good Friday, Hot Cross Bun Service, Weston by Welland Benefice Service Plus 2pm, Hour by the Cross, Stoke Albany Benefice Service
Sunday 12 April, 10.30	Easter Day, Rev Jan Collins, Wilbarston Benefice Service

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

Left to their Own Devices is a video-based session to help parents address the challenges of the online world. This 90-minute session is made up of video clips and discussion time which will allow parents to gain an understanding of the online world that our children inhabit. It addresses challenges and provides an opportunity for parents to share their own experiences and ideas while giving them practical tips on how to be a great parent in a world of screens.

*Come and join us at Cottingham Primary School, Berryfield Road, LE16 8XB **on Wednesday 11th March from 6:30 – 8:15pm** (refreshments served from 6:15pm). Admission is free **BUT PLACES ARE LIMITED**. Please **SECURE** your place **BY FRIDAY 6th MARCH** by emailing either admin@cottinghamprimary.co.uk or familylife@hopecorby.org.*



NCC AWARENESS SESSIONS – Internet matters

On Thursday, we welcomed Simon Aston from NCC to talk to the parents and KS2 children about staying safe online. The sessions focussed heavily on how useful the internet can be and that the 'Internet Matters.' The children and parents took away the message that we really must be careful with our own personal information and how we use it or who we share it with. The messages struck home with the older children who were worried about their own safety as a result of the discussions. However, what came across was that many of the children have parents that are conscious of the safety of the children. You can follow Simon on Twitter and Instagram via NCCcybersafe. As mentioned to the parents who attended the session, all adults are welcome to attend the 'Left to their own devices.' Session also. The more information that you have then better. Thank you to Simon and those parents who were in attendance. The children will discuss online safety further next week during the National Internet Safety Day.



CHORISTER FOR THE DAY

A few weeks ago, Charlie became a Chorister for the day.

The day started with a music lesson where he learnt 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' which they then performed for parents. It's incredible the speed at which they are taught and they sang so beautifully, learning all the various harmonies in such a short space of time.

We then went on a tour of the school and then over to the 'Harry Potter Great Hall'. This is the actual Hall that was used in the first few Harry Potter films! All very exciting! He had the honour of sitting at the 'Deans' table (where Dumbledore sat in the film) and enjoyed afternoon tea surrounded by portraits of previous members of the college such as Henry VIII (who founded the school and cathedral in 1546) and Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland) to name but a few.

It was then over to Christ Church Cathedral for a tour (which is well worth it and stunningly beautiful- if you haven't been, you should!) and Charlie joined the Christ Church Choir for rehearsal which was incredible. Charlie then got into the traditional robes and they again joined the choir to sing Evensong in the Cathedral. The music was beautiful and unlike anything we have ever heard. At times, it sounded like the angels were singing. An unforgettable experience for him and us.

We are delighted that Charlie has been invited back for a Voice Trial to join the choristers which we are thinking about but either way, he had a great inspirational experience and learnt a lot.





KS2 UNSUNG HEROES

A huge well done and thank you to the KS2 staff and children for organising the special Heroes careers event this week. The children designed and made lovely snacks that went down well. They also spent time interviewing a number of unsung heroes who gave up their time to attend the event. The answers that the children now have will be used in their writing during the next week. This has been a super idea and one that fits in so well with our Learning Quests. We would again like to thank everyone that gave up their time to attend. You are ALL heroes!

'Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning.' Archbishop Desmond Tutu