

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 6 – Week Ending 11th December 2020

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that your LORD God is giving you” Exodus 20:12

Dear Parent/carer,

This is the last edition of the Fortnightly and it is a very festive one with lots of lovely pictures. With just a few more sleeps to go before breaking for the holiday, there is much learning to still take place as well as a spelling bee, daily book advent reveals, values day including archery, tennis coaching and I am sure Christmas card/decoration making in classes. During the values day, the children will also be putting together a special ‘respect’ bag for an elderly relative/neighbour. More information will be forthcoming but please do Tweet or email in pictures of these bags being received.

During the last week, the children have been taking part in a number of assessments that will allow teachers to look at any potential gaps in knowledge that still remain. The assessments are also used to inform spring plans and to show where children, of which there are many, have made progress since the start of term. In many cases, what is pleasing is that children have either caught up with where they were last spring or have actually made the progress expected and more in some cases. Our trust, PDET, also collect the data so that they can analyse school performance across the trust. In addition to the Maths, Reading and Spelling/Grammar assessments, teachers have also provided me with their teacher assessments for writing. All of the hard work is paying off so well done to everyone in school and at home for their continued support where learning is concerned. The year 2 children are also sitting the national phonics assessments that they missed as year 1. Early indications show that the children have made progress from their starting points.

At the end of term, you will receive (Via Parentmail) an end of autumn report. The report will provide you with further information as to what your child is predicted to achieve at the end of the school year. Further information will accompany the report. Please do keep a look out for a Parentmail. I will also send you my usual update regarding all things Covid and our arrangements. This will also be with you next week in time for the end of term.

I have missed not being able to share a hot chocolate with my Headteacher award winners these last two terms. I do have a little treat for them which I hope they enjoy! It might not beat squirty cream andmallows but will be a welcome well done I am sure. Please enjoy looking at all of the pictures in this edition of the news. Children receiving awards etc next week will be Tweeted and will feature in the first news of the term!

Have a lovely week. Have a lovely Christmas. Mr Scott



Safeguarding

As we come towards the end of term, all seems well. Thank you for helping us to follow Government Covid-19 guidelines. Please continue to do so throughout the holiday also.

Please be reminded that during school hours, the **car park** is for staff only as we have many little people waiting to enter Willow class.

SANTA MESSAGE

Unfortunately, Father Christmas will not be able to visit the children during their Christmas lunch next week. Apparently, Lapland is in tier 3 restrictions! I have been reliably informed that Santa will take the time to Zoom in and speak to each class at some point next week. He may even have time to deliver festive choc boxes!



Year 6 Residential 2021

Rock UK Frontier Centre

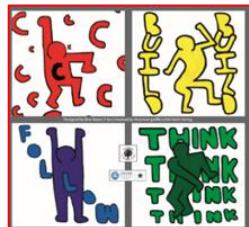


Unfortunately, due to government guidelines, the Year 6 Residential will be unable to take place in February. After Christmas we will look at different options and hope to be able to organise a day trip or two to the center during the summer term. All deposits/monies paid will be refunded as soon as possible.

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HAPPY 60TH Mrs Southcombe

Last week, Mrs Southcombe celebrated her 60th birthday. She had a lovely day and was amazed and quite taken-a-back by all of the best wishes and lovely gifts received. It was lovely that we all had the chance to celebrate with her. We all had lovely cupcakes and the staff were treated to sausages and curry sauce for lunch!



Beaumanor Hall Residential 2021



Unfortunately, due to government guidelines, the Year 2 Residential will be unable to take place in February. After Christmas we will look at different options and hope to organise something during the summer term. All deposits/monies paid will be refunded as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Thursday 17th December is Christmas Lunch Day. Kingswood Catering will be providing a traditional Christmas Lunch for all children in KS1 & KS2 which you may order for your child by the usual method:

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

If you choose to send your child in with a packed lunch – you are more than welcome to make it as festive as you like. We also hope that the man himself will make a masked appearance!

HoHoHo

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

It seems madness to be discussing Christmas but we need to be prepared I guess. Thank you to a parent who contacted me to ask about Christmas cards and children sending them etc. To give you plenty of notice children will be allowed to send one card to a class. They will still be able to post this in our post box and the card will be delivered and no doubt displayed in the class. Children are more than welcome to send cards to more than one class. Children are also welcome to send individual cards to staff in the same way. You may well be pleased to not have to oversee 30 cards being written! If your child would still like to send individual cards then please could an adult hand these out outside of school?

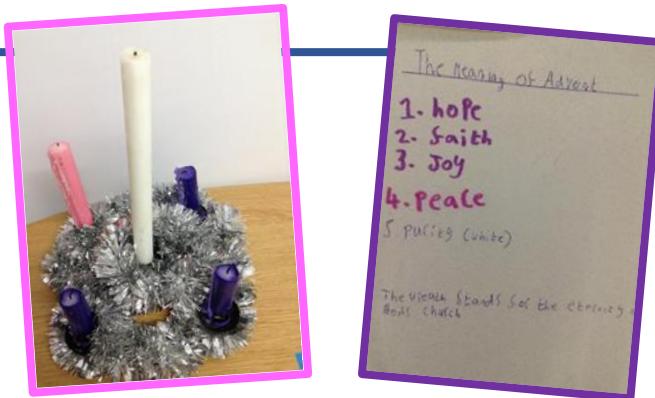
Children are more than welcome to send gifts to staff or if you would prefer please feel free to send in a donation to Compassion UK and we will add to our curling sponsorships! You may also want to send in a donation rather than having to buy cards. Hope this is helpful!

POST BOX AVAILABLE FROM 1ST DECEMBER!

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ADVENT

During worship on Friday, the first of our own advent candles were lit and the children had the chance to learn about the true meaning of the word advent. It is not just about a chocolate calendar but preparing for Christmas. We hope that all of your own preparations are going well. This year will not be a 'normal' Christmas but we will all have time to relax and unwind no doubt.



Save the Children – Christmas Jumpers

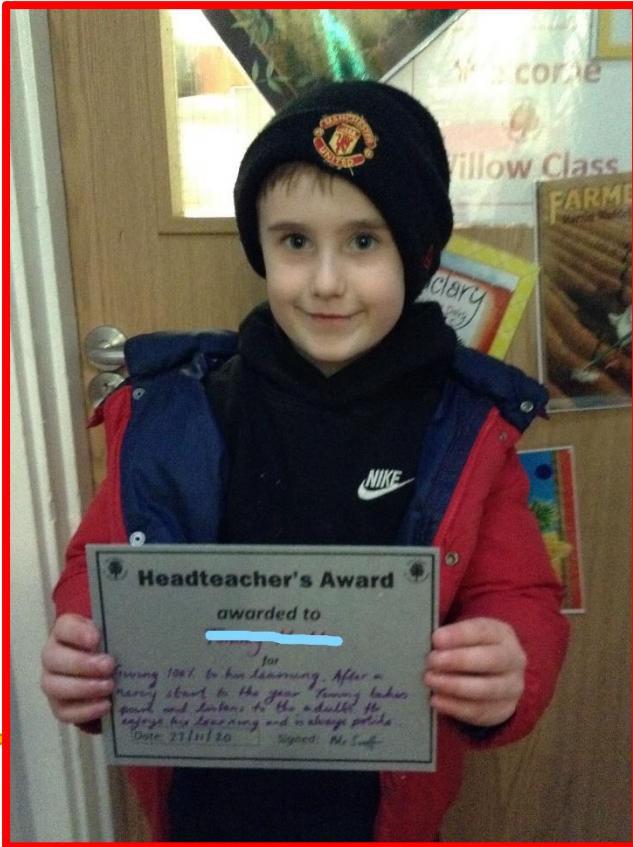
On Friday 11th December, we will be raising money for Save the Children. For a donation of £1, the children and staff can wear a Christmas jumper. It will be uniform as normal if your child does not want to wear a festive jumper. To get wear out of them, children are able to wear their jumpers the following week (No donation required). On Friday, we hope to raise over £100!

If you have any old or small jumpers, please feel free to donate them to Save the Children. Mrs Southcombe will be organising a collection of any unwanted festive jumpers. Please send these in on Friday!



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HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNER



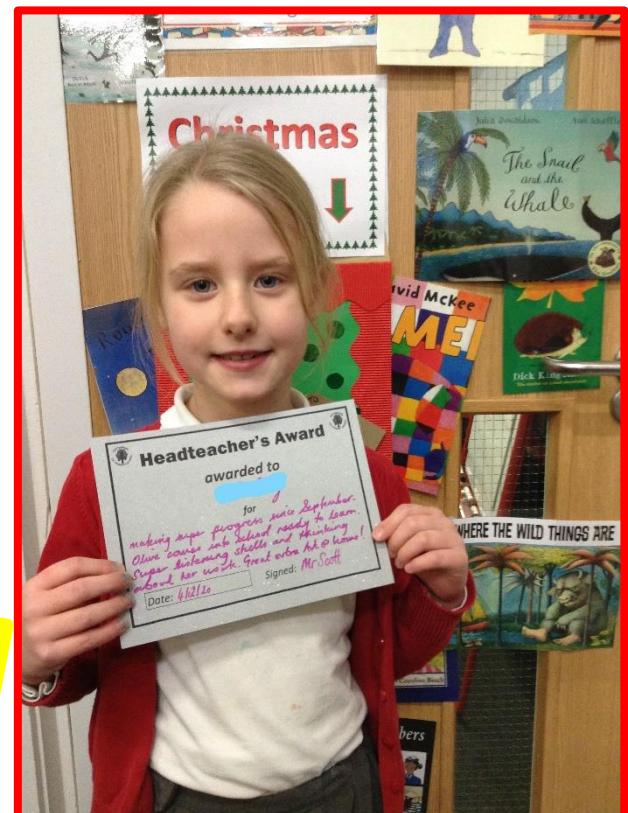
SPELLING BEE!!

On our values day next Thursday, the children in all classes will be taking part in a Spelling Bee as previously advertised. We will hold a whole school Zoom and children will earn points for their teams. Hopefully the children have been learning at home and will be ready to earn their points.



MANOR CARE

This lovely and very secret box was donated to the Manor House Care home last week. A sneak peek revealed lots of lovely gifts, messages and bits and bobs that will raise a smile or two for the residents and staff at the home. Thank you for this lovely, caring gift in keeping with our mission of supporting the local community.



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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

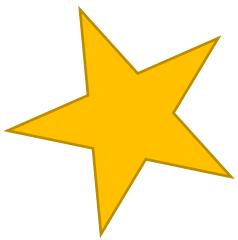


Christmas Trees

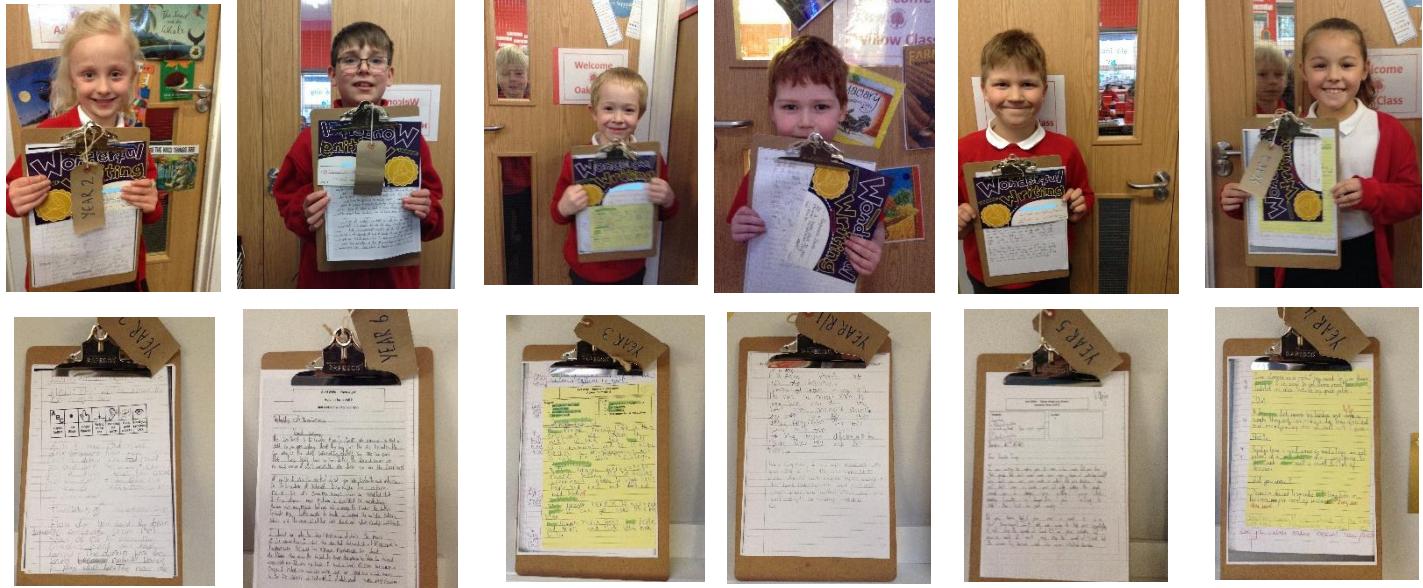
This year we have not one, but two Christmas trees. Although slightly smaller than usual, the trees look great. They are both decorated with lovely decorations that the children have lovingly made at home. If your child would like to keep their decoration, please remind them to collect on Thursday 17th. We will offer any remaining decorations to Manor House Care home. Read on further to see more amazing decs!



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WONDERFUL WRITER AWARD WINNERS



PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS



Sports Update

Last week we welcomed David Dent to Cottingham to deliver a taster of day of Badminton to our key stage 2, the children have really enjoyed having David in over the last three weeks where he has delivered a day of Badminton, Archery and Curling. I'm looking forward to welcoming COTSSP back to school in the New Year where he will be delivering more fun sports to all year groups.

You may have seen on twitter last week that I announced that we will be welcoming both Northampton Town and Leicester Tigers to our school next year. Northampton Town will be coming and delivering a day of Football to all year groups and the Leicester Tigers will be coming in for a day of rugby. As well as this we will be having a hockey heroes programme delivered to Key Stage one and a Cricket taster day delivered by Northants Cricket Club, there will be more details in the New Year so keep checking sports update!



Corby Sports Dimensions will be running a xmas camp on Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd of December with lots of different sports on offer running from 7:45am to 17:00pm, for more info please email tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk

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Admissions Arrangements 2020/2021

See below relevant dates for admissions for September 2021.

We would be delighted to show prospective parents around on a 1:1 basis.

Please call Mrs Southcombe in the office to make an appointment 01536 771391



10th September 2020	Applications opened for 2021 reception / junior places via Northamptonshire County Council.
9th November 2020 – 18th December 2020	NCC consultation period on changes to admission policies for 2022-23
15th January 2021	Statutory closing date for primary applications
9th February 2021	NCC sends applications to own Admission Authority schools (check s2s)
26th February 2021	Schools need to send ranked list of applicants back to NCC
By 28th February 2021	Your admission arrangements for 2022-23 must be determined and on your academy website
14th April 2021	Provisional intake lists for Sept 2021 sent to schools from NCC
16th April 2021	National offer day for all primary places (Sept 2021)

CATCH UP FUNDING

Due to the lockdown from March onwards, the Government provided schools with catch up funding. Like most schools, the children took part in a number of baseline assessments upon their return in September. As a result, gaps in learning were highlighted and plans were made for children to receive appropriate tuition. A proportion of our funding has and will be used to provide catch up 1:1 tuition in Maths. So far, 14 children have taken part in weekly, one hour remote session with a tutor. Assessments are being carried out at the moment during which we hope to see gaps filled and children back on track. Where this is not the case, your child may well be invited to attend a range of sessions to boost them!

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

NEW SCHOOL YEAR NEW CHANCES TO WIN

BOOST School Funds & WIN up to £25,000

- Help raise vital school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner every week
- You've got to be in it to win it!

To start supporting, visit: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for: Cottingham

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

IN IT TO WIN IT

If you are able to join in with the school's lottery then please do. You're taking part helps add to school funds and recently helped us to purchase new I-Pads to use in KS1.

Thank you.

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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	Tuesday 3 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Wednesday 6 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

Confirmed dates:

- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Monday 2 November 2020
- Monday 4 January 2021
- Tuesday 5 January 2021
- Friday 26 March 2021

See below training days for September 2021 – July 2022:

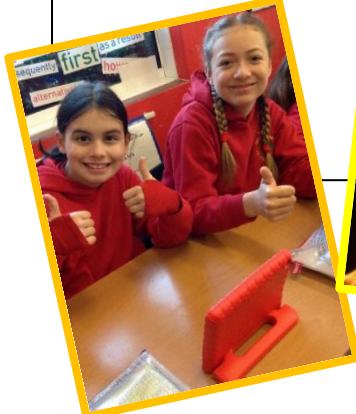
- *September 1st 2021*
- *September 2nd 2021*
- *September 3rd 2021 Whole Trust Training Day*
- *January 4th 2022*
- *February 21st 2022*

**Please be reminded that INSET dates could change. Where possible sufficient notice will always be given.*

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PTFA FUNDING FIRE

Thank you to the PTFA who have helped to raise enough funds to purchase a whole class set of Amazon Fire tablets. These are enabling the children quick access to the internet for research and check spellings etc etc. Thank you to everyone who has donated at events in the past!



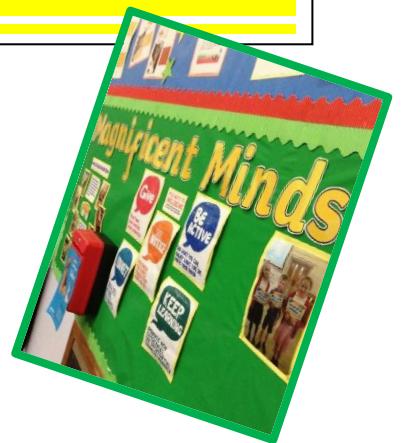
CHRISTMAS POST

The children still have time to send cards to staff or another class/es. Each class has its very own post box and a staff box is available also. Any cards posted will be delivered by first class post! Please feel free to allow children to give out individual cards outside of the school gates. We would ask that parents/adults supervise these



MAGNIFICENT MINDS

This year, we have been fortunate to receive funding that will allow a group of children the chance to train as Magnificent Minds. They will then be available to lead events and also offer their peers a pair of ears when needed. As the children chosen are year 5, they will be able to continue next year. We look forward to seeing children supporting one another where well-being is concerned.



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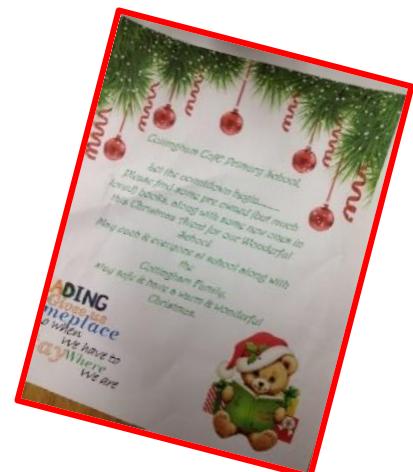


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BOOK ADVENT

You may have seen the 8 Tweets so far showing our super book advent. We were presented with this lovely idea and the children are loving the chance to reveal different books each day during advent. It was such a lovely thing to receive and the books are helping to stock up our already super libraries. If you haven't yet seen any of the Tweets please do have a look. There will be further reveals during the weekend and throughout the holiday!



PARENTS... WE NEED YOU!

MYSTERY READERS

We are hoping to have some mystery readers to share some stories with our children. Would you be willing to either record yourself, or read live to a class over zoom.

This is to build excitement of reading and allow the children to hear other people reading great stories!

Choose an old favourite or a fantastic new book!

Are you up for the challenge???

Email your child's class teacher if you are interested.

