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“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” Mathew 6:14



Dear Parent/carer,

Happy New Year to you all. When we broke up for the Christmas holiday, I did not envisage that I would be writing to you amidst another lockdown. Well, here we are in that lockdown. It feels very different to last year when we had reduced numbers at school. You might remember that we joined up with Weldon CofE Primary and held our key worker provision here. The children attending that provision more often than not enjoyed mostly arts and craft activities. This time the emphasis is very much on providing learning either remotely or in school. Even before this lockdown, the staff and I had worked on our remote provision and what it would look like. What we have sent home has been very well received and I thank you for those comments and any feedback thus far. The planners offer you a timetable/schedule which has helped to make things more manageable at home. Zoom has allowed the staff to meet regularly with the children and offer them not only teaching but care and attention during what can be a lonely time away from friends etc. By now, some classes have also held live reading slots that would be the norm if we were back in school. As the weeks progress, there may be more opportunities for live teaching, including intervention, to take place. Please look out for more details through the regular communications that are being sent home.

The staff and I do love to see what the children are doing at home so please stay in touch via Twitter for example and share pictures and messages. I personally would love to see them. The children who are in school at the moment are also receiving a similar diet of home learning to those at home. They are able to join in with the ‘live’ teaching sessions and see all of their classmates.

During the last term, we all helped to raise funds towards a variety of charities. In total we raised £545.03 which is a super amount. Helping communities both near and far is always something that we do so well. I am sure we will have opportunities to support other charities in the not too distant future.

Christmas seems a long way back now so I have shared a few memories with the News including our book advent and visit from Santa. During the forthcoming weeks please feel free to share news with me that others might want to read/see in the News and I will add for you.

In the meantime, I pray and hope that we will all be back together soon and that you all stay safe.

Mr Scott

Safeguarding

During the last week of term, vigilant parents have communicated their concerns to me regarding suspicious adult (male) behaviour before/after school at drop off/pick up. In particular men driving a Ford Mondeo and a man driving a VW Golf have caused some concerns with regards to their behaviours. As safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, please do feel free to contact me at any time if you have any concerns.



POPPY APPEAL

We received a thank you certificate showing that we had raised a super £156.38 towards the Poppy Appeal

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How can I support my child during lockdown?

- **Talk with them about what's going on, keeping communication as open as you can.** Let them know that it's okay to feel however they feel – whether that's scared, worried, angry, sad or something else. You can find our tips on starting a conversation with your child [here](#).
- **Try to answer your child's questions and reassure them in an age appropriate manner.** While you don't need to know all the answers, talking things through can help them feel calmer.
- **Encourage your child to do the things that help them when they're finding things difficult.** This will be different for everyone – it could include things like doing exercise or going for a walk, watching a favourite film, reading a favourite book, cooking or baking, talking to friends, or drawing or writing.
- **Reassure them this will pass, you're there for them, and you will get through this together.** Having returned to some of their normal activities over the summer, going back into stricter measures might feel frustrating for your child. They may even be worried that things will never get better. Recognise how difficult this is, while also letting them know that the pandemic will not last forever.
- **Spend time doing a positive activity together.** This can help them to feel calmer by giving them a short break from everything that's going on. It's also a great way of providing a space for them to talk through their concerns, without having a 'big chat'. You can have a look at our [activity ideas](#) for younger children, and for [teenagers](#), to help you.
- **Keep as many regular routines going as possible to help your child feel safe and secure.** This can include things like having regular times for going to bed, waking up, eating meals and doing hobbies.



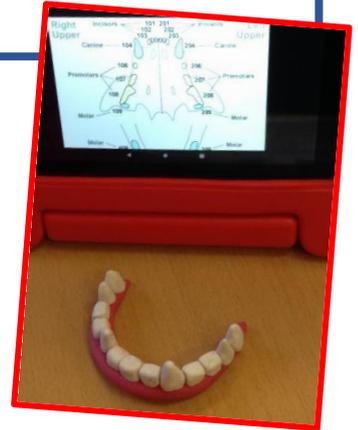
WIG WAM

Thank you for our home made reading wig-wam. We now just need children to come back and use it.

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PTFA DEVICES

As you know, the PTFA have now provided funds for a number of Amazon Fire tablets in KS2. The tablets have already been used and these pictures show how Hawthorn used them to research teeth. The Fires provided quick links to the internet that allowed for speedy research. The children then produced models of their mammal teeth and were able to label them.

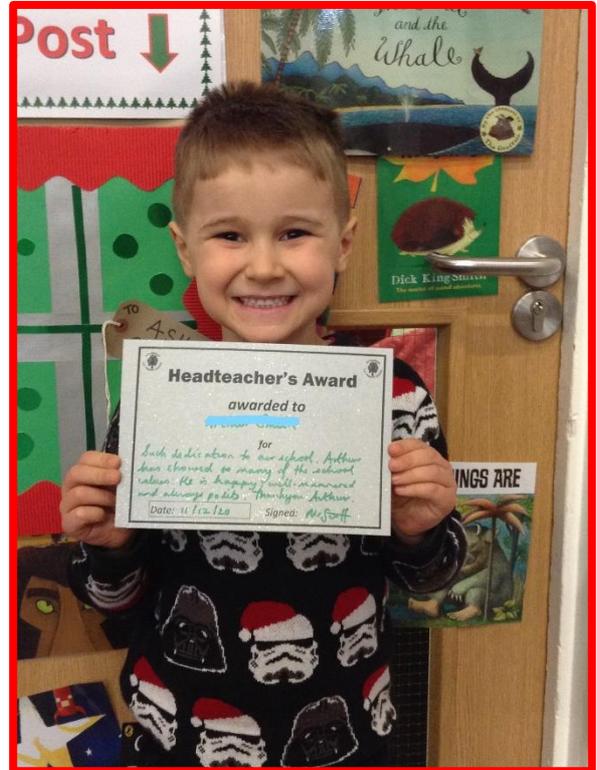


PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS

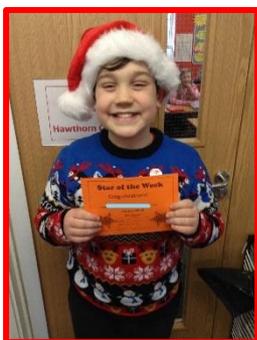


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HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNER



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS



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Sports Update

I am currently working on some PE lessons to give everyone some ideas of what children can be working on at home but in the meantime if you are currently taking part in any sport or exercise at home then please tweet some pictures to @stafford_pe or email tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk and I will pick some of my favourite pictures for our next sports update, please keep checking emails for PE lessons and ideas.

A massive well done to Emily who is our sports star of the week, Emily has been doing working so hard with her ballet, here is a picture of Emily with her first ballet certificate, which she achieved a distinction in.



For a little bit of fun I have attached a Cottingham C of E PE bingo for everyone at home! If you want to take part simply cross out the activities you take part in and send in pictures of completed bingo charts and children attempting activities! Good luck and remember this is just for fun.

20 Laps of the garden	20 Star jumps x5 times	Bounce a Tennis ball against a wall 50 times	Throw and catch a ball on your own 30 times
Kick a ball against a wall 50 times	20 Sit ups x 5 times	20 Laps of the garden (with an adult!)	Sprint on the spot for 30 seconds X 10 times
Balance on one leg for 30 seconds x10 times	Balance on one leg with eyes closed for 30 seconds x10 times	Throw and catch with an adult 20 times	Skip around the garden x 30 times

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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



15 th January 2021	Statutory closing date for primary applications
9 th February 2021	NCC sends applications to own Admission Authority schools (check s2s)
26 th February 2021	Schools need to send ranked list of applicants back to NCC
By 28 th February 2021	Your admission arrangements for 2022-23 must be determined and on your academy website
14 th April 2021	Provisional intake lists for Sept 2021 sent to schools from NCC
16 th 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!



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.



HOW TO WASH YOUR HANDS



WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARLY



KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 2 METRES



COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOW OR A TISSUE



AVOID CONTACT



AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE



STAY AT HOME IF YOU SHOW TYPICAL SYMPTOMS

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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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our normal Christingle service either in school or at the church. We did though give the children the opportunity to learn all about the meaning of Christingle and as you can see from these pictures, the children lit their Christingles and we enjoyed a very relaxing worship.



SAVE THE CHILDREN

These boys were just a few of the children who helped to raise a super £106.23 from the Christmas Jumper Day. Save the children will be able to use this money for a super project. Well done to everyone. I am sure the jumpers have now been put away in readiness for next year.

THANK YOU

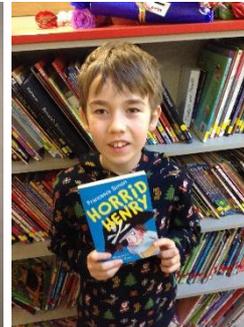
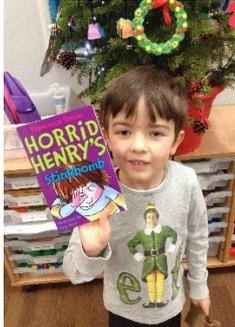
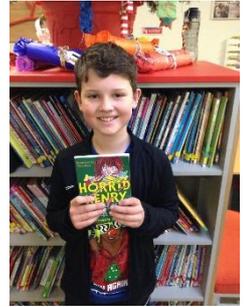
On behalf of all staff, a huge thank you to you and the children for your lovely Christmas cards, messages and gifts. Can you guess who took this picture? We also know that some of you made donations to Compassion UK for example in lieu of buying gifts/cards. All very kind.



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BOOK ADVENT

Check out these super pictures that show the continuation of our 1-25 book advent. This was such a nice thing to do and the children enjoyed showing their surprised faces when carrying out the big reveal. I am missing a few pictures so please feel free to help me fill in the blanks!!!



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SANTA CAME TO TOWN

You will no doubt recall your children telling you about Santa visiting the school. For obvious reasons, Santa was not able to come to school like he has done previously. He did though find time in his busy schedule and made video messages for each class. He even remembered some children's names!



VALUES DAY

Our last values day of 2020 was a success. In the classrooms, children made their bags of care and empathy to give to someone at home. In the hall, children took part in archery and were awarded points towards their House team.

