

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 9 – Week Ending 12th February 2021

“An honest witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies”

Proverbs 14 vs 5

Dear Parent/Carer,

This will be the last News sent home whilst in Lockdown/reduced attendance. I should then be sending the next edition when we are open to all children! I am really excited about that and I am sure you and the children are also. The school is a quiet and fairly empty place without the hustle and bustle of 131 children and staff. We will still be subject to social distancing and other health and safety guidelines that I hope will reduce during the weeks ahead. We will still remain very vigilant and strict with regards to any advice and guidelines. I know that you will also follow these and support us in any way you can.

Remote learning has provided all schools and parents with many challenges across the country. We should all be very proud of our own efforts. I keep on hearing news about children falling behind and requiring catch up upon their return to school. It frustrates me that I am not hearing positive messages about how well children have done at home (in school), about good progress being made in certain areas of the curriculum or about new found art skills for example. During a 'normal' time, children will require catch up and next term will be no different. We will use assessments to analyse gaps in learning but also to highlight good progress made where that is the case.

Continuing on the remote learning theme, as you know we have attempted a move from Zoom to Teams. The nature of Teams being the huge platform that it is has caused some IT issues especially with regards to connectivity. This is something we are working on to rectify but it comes at a cost! In the meantime, we should all pat ourselves on the back for showing patience and support towards one another. Today for example, a pupil posted a message to thank their class teacher for trying their best. In hindsight, we could have stuck to using Zoom. From now we will use a mixture but we will not give up on Teams in the future. It can still and will be used to upload files, newsletters, spellings etc for children to access and thus develop their independence.

We have one more week of home learning and after that we will have a few weeks before we break up for Easter. Please be reminded that we have an INSET day on Friday 26th March so the last day of term is Thursday 25th March. See you all very soon at one of our gates! Have a lovely weekend. I hope to see some of you at worship/story time etc. Take care. Stay safe.

Mr Scott



Safeguarding

Left to their Own Devices....

On **Monday 8th March from 7-9pm**, Hope for Families will be hosting another **Left to their Own Devices** event online. This is a fantastic 2 hour session for parents and carers of primary aged children (or slightly younger, there is nothing wrong with being prepared!) about keeping our children safe online.

Please book in directly using our Eventbrite page below... Please note that the bursary scheme is not applicable for organisations, only individual parents and carers.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/135517457363>

For more information please see Parentmail sent on Friday 22nd January

GDPR

Photo Permissions

Photographs of your child (including video images) that are used as part of providing an education to them are covered in our Pupil Privacy Notice which is available on the academy website. To keep our permissions up to date, please confirm with Mrs Southcombe by Friday 5th March if you **DO NOT** want your child's photographs used. Please note that permission forms will not be re-issued.

Emergency Contacts / Medical Information

It is imperative that we have correct information for your child. If you have changed contact details or have moved, please let Mrs Southcombe know by Friday 5th March, if you have not done so already. This applies to any changes with medical issues/medication.

Please email any changes to me:

admin@cottinghamprimary.co.uk

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You will be now have been sent or seen on Twitter the above Reading pledge loyalty card. For each reading pledge that your child joins, they can put a stamp/adult initials etc. At the end of the week send in completed cards to head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk for the chance to win a book title of your child's choosing. Children can receive stamps for joining in with class or Mr Scott's after school story time next week! 10 stamps will ensure a place in the prize draw. Please don't forget to include child's name and book choice!





WELL-BEING CUPPA & CATCH UP

For parents and carers only! (Child Free zone). Join Mr Scott for a cuppa and a catch up. This is a chance to have a chat about home learning, education what's new or just to see some familiar faces. Take a breather and join in. Bring your own cuppa!! This is offered as a weekly event if needed....

THURSDAYS – 10:30 – 11:00

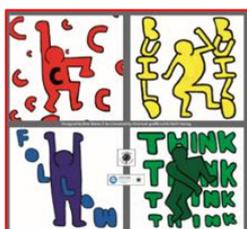
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Feel free to drop by to say 'Hello.' If you can't make it and would like to discuss anything regarding school then please email head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk

Please note that we cannot use this time for any confidential discussions. It is simply chance to catch up and take a breather!

(Cuppa & Catch Up may not go-ahead on some days. Mr Scott will do his best to let you know!)

Care – Build – Follow - Think



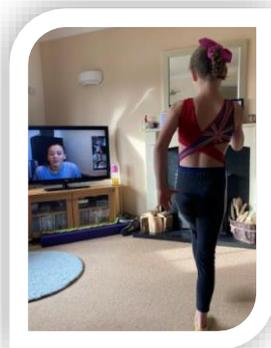
Sports Update



I hope you have all been enjoying taking part in the weekly PE planners which have been sent home, I have seen some pictures on twitter of some children taking part in the activities which is fantastic. A massive well done to our winners of the REAL PE at home challenge Nathaniel was the winner of our key stage one challenge whilst Nancy was the winner of the key stage two challenge, Nancy took part in over 20 hours of exercise during the challenge! Well done to everyone who took part, I will be handing out prizes to all that attempted the challenge when we return to school.



A massive well done to Ella who is sports star of the week! During lockdown Ella has been training daily on Zoom with Corby Gymnastics Academy and in the last couple of weeks, she has had the opportunity, along with the rest of the CGA squad, to train with Team GB senior gymnast - Georgia-Mae Fenton and British Olympian and Cirque de Soleil performer – Marissa King. Here is a photo of her training session with Georgia-Mae Fenton.



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REMOTE GUIDELINES

Please note that 'Remote Meetings and 'Live' Teaching Guidelines' that was circulated to you previously has been updated trust wide. The document has been re-named – '**Remote Education: Guidelines for Parents / Carers and Pupils**' and is available upon the school website within the 'Our Curriculum/Remote Learning' tab.'

The previously titled 'Safeguarding – Guidance for Online Safety and Working Remotely' has also been updated and has been renamed as '**Remote Education: Online Safety (Safeguarding and GDPR Considerations) Guidance for Schools / Academies**' and is also available upon the school website within the 'Safeguarding - Online Safety' tab.

Please feel free to peruse these documents at your leisure.



OAK ART

There has been some super art work produced during lock down. In Oak class especially, Miss Hurn and the children have enjoyed learning lots of new techniques and using different mediums to create some fine art work.



**NEW
SCHOOL YEAR
NEW
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- You've got to be in it to win it!



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and search for: Cottingham

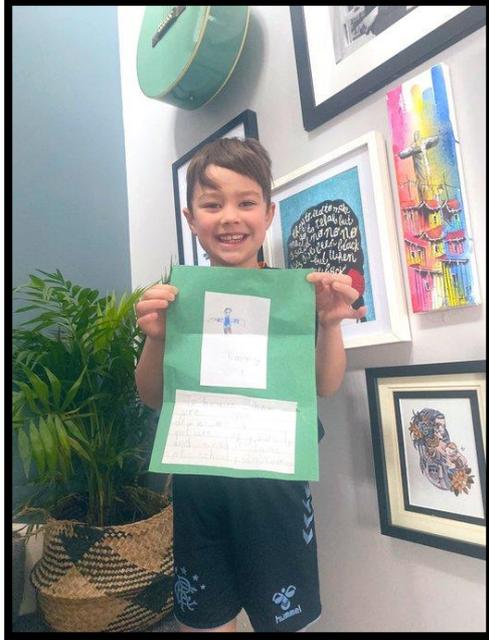
Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

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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PEN PALS



Thank you to Georgie from Year 5, who introduced a 'Penpal Initiative' during this lockdown – this has been really popular and lots of letters have been going backwards and forwards via Mrs Southcombe.

It really is a lovely way to keep in touch. If you would like to write to one of your friends, please send your letter to Mrs Southcombe

admin@cottinghamprimary.co.uk

Who will be happy to act as postman!!!!



OH NO SNOW

The recent snow fall did not stop Ash/Willow children learning in the den building area. As well as team work, co-operation they also created their own angel art in the snow!



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Academic Year 2020 to 2021

INSET Day Friday 26th March 2021

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
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

Academic Year 2021 to 2022

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Wednesday 1 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 21 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Term 5	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022

INSET Days 2021 to 2022

(Please note these could be subject to change. Sufficient notice will be given if possible)

1. Wednesday 01/09/2021
2. Thursday 02/09/2021
3. Friday 03/09/2021
4. Tuesday 04/01/2022
5. Monday 21/02/2022

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FRIDAY WORSHIP

Children and parents are welcome to log in to a weekly Zoom Friday worship, every Friday during lock-down. It will be an ideal time to get back into the rhythm of worship and share prayers, listen to stories and reflect upon the week. Two worships for different classes/key stages....

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Thursday 4th March 2021

You may be aware that next Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. At Cottingham C of E, our aim is to actively encourage and promote the love of reading among our pupils and so we will be marking the day with lots of opportunities for your child to enjoy reading even though we will still be learning remotely. You will find more details on your class weekly planner.

In addition to this, we will be asking for as many children as possible to join in with class reading pledge times and Mr Scott's story times on offer throughout the week. You will find attached to this letter a 'loyalty card' which your child can 'stamp' each time they have joined in with one of the story times available to them. Those children who have joined in with the maximum number of story times/reading pledges available to them can then be entered into a prize drawer for the chance to win a book of their choice.

Two winners will be drawn from KS1 and KS2 respectively and the prizes will be given out on our return to school during the week beginning 8th March. In order to be entered into the prize drawer, your child's loyalty card must be emailed to Mr Scott (head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk) by the end of the day on Friday 5th March. In the email please also state which book your child would like to receive as a prize (choices only available from Amazon)

You will also find the loyalty card in your child's 'class materials' file on Teams.

Happy reading everyone!

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READING TIME

Mr Scott has enjoyed reading to the children after school during the last few weeks. He has read a number of books including the Mr Men books. One pupil actually designed and made her own t-shirt to wear during a Mr Men story time recently!



CONTINUOUS PROVISION

Although Willow class has not been its usual busy place with many children, those children in attendance have still managed to enjoy the continuous provision provided for them. Some super activities can be seen in these pictures including drafts and foam work!!!!



PICASS-YOU

More super art work was spotted in Ash class with some super Picasso style portraits being completed.



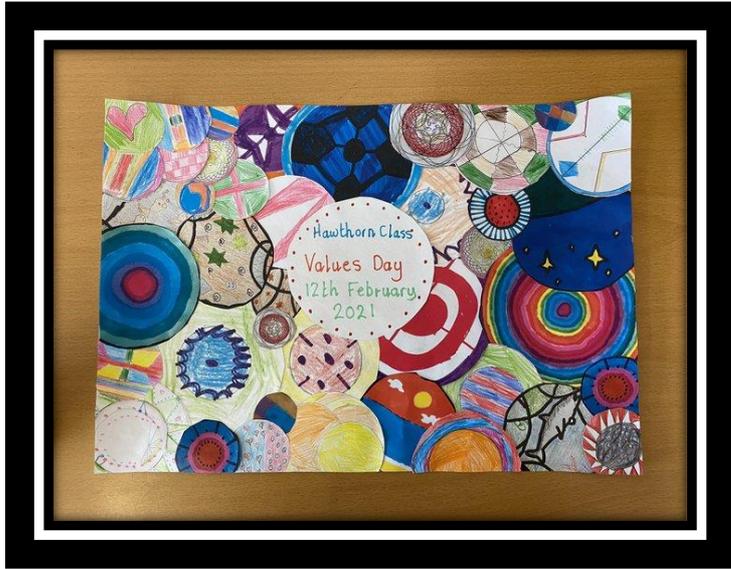
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VALUES DAY

Our recent spring values day was a day of friendship and mindfulness. Children joined in lessons at school and at home wearing bright rainbow colours or their clothes inside out! We took a moment to think about mental health and to those less fortunate than ourselves. The children were involved in a number of activities that included creating art wheels that have been made into wonderful class collage.....



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