

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

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'Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!' Isaiah 30:18

Dear Parent/Carer,

The first week back of opening the doors to all children has gone really well thanks to the hard work of the staff and the flexibility of the children. You are also thanked for trusting what we offer and for sending your children to school. On Friday morning, we had 100% attendance which was a lovely way to end the week with all of the children being healthy. We will continue to follow government advice and guidelines in the hope that we experience NO positive cases of Covid-19 within our school. This is something that we will still adhere to even when restrictions are relaxed somewhat.

You may have read that it has been recommended to us that face coverings should be worn in school where social distancing cannot be maintained. **'In primary schools and early years settings, we now recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas.)'** In regards to this advice we still expect and ask all visitors/parents who come onto the school site to wear a face covering. Please continue to do so when collecting children from the playground for example. This is another way that we can help to reduce the possible spread of Covid-19.

The Easter holiday is just around the corner. The government has announced that certain restrictions placed upon wrap around care are to be relaxed. CSD will be providing holiday care during the holiday. I would recommend their service and the chance for the children to socialise further after missing so much time at school recently. **'This Easter sees the expanded launch of the Holiday Activities and Food programme, as well as easing of restrictions on wraparound care and out-of-school activity providers for children and organised sport for all ages.'** More information has been sent to you and you will see details within this news edition.

Hopefully, the children all returned home on Friday exhausted by their efforts during the first week of full teaching. From your feedback it seems as though there were many smiles and children happy to see their friends, teachers and to get back into some routine. It is strange that we only have a couple of weeks remaining of the spring term before we are again off school for the Easter holidays. Talking of Easter, I hope that your preparations are going well and that you have stuck to any 'giving up' or 'trying new' for Lent. I have managed to keep to a light jog three times a week so I am hopeful that I have the willpower to continue to do so.

Have a great week, Mr Scott



SAFEGUARDING

Please read the information below regarding government guidance and use of public playground spaces.

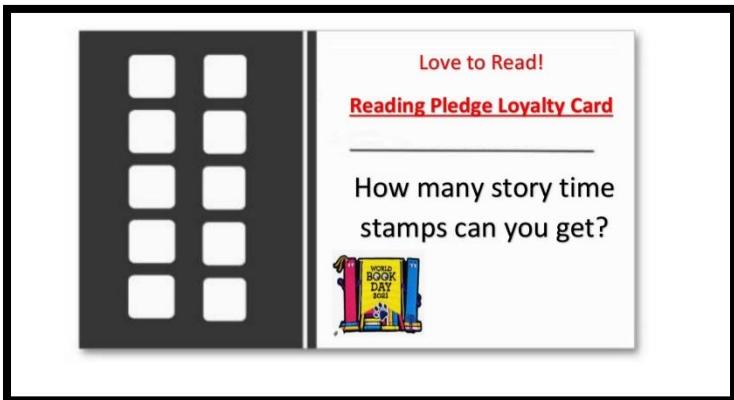
'Playgrounds are open to use by all children but are particularly important for those children who do not have access to private outdoor space. Although parents, guardians or carers can take children to a playground for play, they should avoid socialising with other people while there.' It was pleasing to see that the village green public park was being cleaned this week to help protect all of its users. Please adhere to the above guidance when using the park after school. Again, the more that we can do to help protect our children, staff and parents the better!

WILLOW OUTDOORS

Thank you so much to our parent volunteers who have begun to tidy parts of the Willow outdoor space. These new areas will provide plants that will attract insects and can also be utilised in daily learning. Watch this space for more transformations!!!



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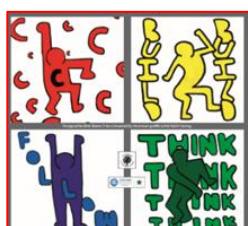
Loyalty Card

Thank you to all of the children who took part in our WBD loyalty card scheme. It was great to see so many children join their own class reading time and also Mr Scott's story time. Some lucky winners were presented with super books during worship this week! The love of reading was certainly present at Cottingham CofE and at home!



Road Map

We have shared this Covid-19 road map with you via Parentmail and would recommend you sharing with your child at home. It is very pictorial and certainly child friendly.



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REAL GYM

Mr Stafford, this week introduced **REAL Gym** to the children. Along with Real PE, the children will have weekly Gym (Dance coming soon) lessons that work in the same way as our approach to Real PE. All staff have access to plans and follow these when delivering the lessons. PE skills are covered along with team work skills for example. As you can see, the initial lessons in Beech class have gone down well!

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Sports Update

This term we are going to be looking at REAL Gym which is an introduction to gymnastics alongside our normal PE lesson on a weekly basis. Last week I was lucky enough to work with all year groups and it was great to see everyone back and in PE kits enjoying the lessons, remember on allocated PE days that children are able to wear PE kits all day.



Our next values day is on Wednesday 24th March and the sporting activity for the day will be orienteering, this activity will be taking part both on the school playground and on the school field so please can all children please bring a spare pair of trainers along with a bag to put them in as well as wearing team colours.



We are still listening closely to government guidelines and are hoping to be able to run some form of sports day this year, we will keep you updated as and when we know more but fingers crossed we can have a sports day!



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EYFS

The children who have returned to Willow class are obviously our younger children. We have been so proud of how they have returned and gotten stuck into learning straight away! We hope that you are also proud of them.

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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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REAL GYM

Some more pictures of children, this time from Ash class, enjoying their first steps into Real Gym. Some great strength being used by the children.



RED NOSE DAY

With Red Nose Day coming soon - children are more than welcome to wear Red Nose Day items on Friday 19th March. Otherwise it's uniform as normal please. There is no need to make a donation to school. Noses are available from @ArgosHelpers £1.50. Look out for a rare Gold one!



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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

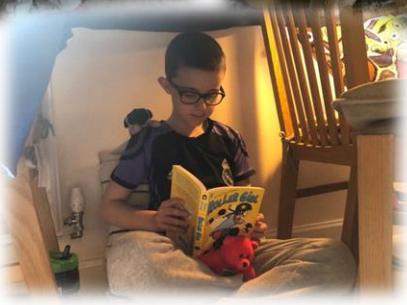
(Please note these could be subject to change. Sufficient notice will be given if possible)

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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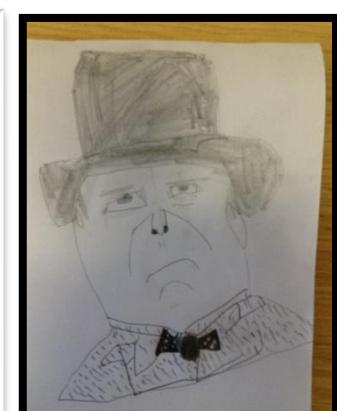


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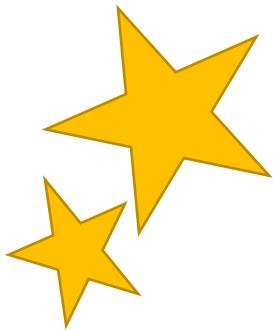
BEECH ART

As part of their termly Quest, Beech class have been learning about portrait art. They have started by drawing their own self-portraits and then moving on to draw a portrait of Sir Winston Churchill. Here are some examples of the art work produced just this week!



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HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNER

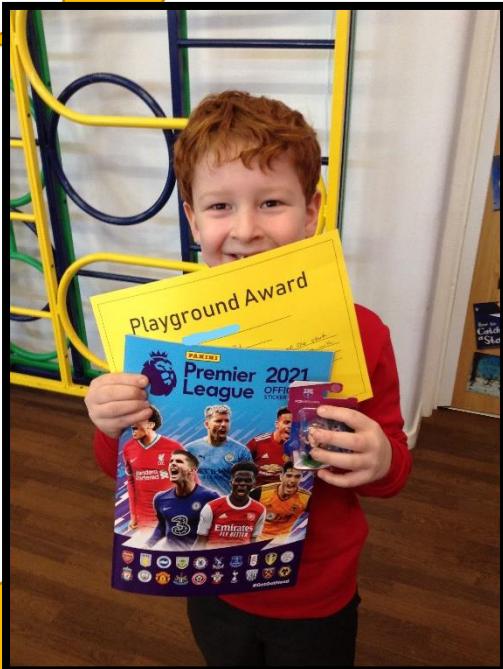


STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS



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PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS



HOPE FOR FAMILIES



Welcome to Hope for Families - a not-for-profit organisation based in Corby. We want every family to know there is hope for them and we are passionate about building strong family relationships through three main streams - parent support, couple support and faith in the family. We are a Christian organisation, passionate about working with all families, wherever they are on their journey of faith. Our new website - <https://hopeforfamilies.org.uk> - has just launched and it's full of information on the support we offer, upcoming events and a little bit about our story. You can also follow us on social media @hopeforfamiliesuk. We would love to support you and your family in whatever way we can so please do get in touch!

