

# The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 5 – Week Ending 12th November 2021

**“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12**

Dear Parent/carer,

I cannot believe that we have been plagued by a few wasps recently! I didn't think that we would have the pest man out in November to rid any remaining buzzing friends. We seem to have almost seen the last of them now! That is the beauty of my job. Every day is different. From wasps to odd socks each day is so rewarding. During the last few weeks I have also played the role of waiter and delivered chocolate milkshakes to my Autumn 1 Headteacher award winners. A little treat but one that gets all others looking and hopefully trying their hardest to win the award next. As you know, we have again been able to invite parents/carers into the hall and as always it is one of the things that I enjoy doing. The Rock UK worship was special as we had 30+ parents altogether! The next large gathering will hopefully be on the evening of December 14<sup>th</sup> when we will invite you and the local community to 'Carols by candlelight.' We hope that all children will be able to attend and sing their class carols to you. This is just another amazing event that is being run by the PTFA. Other events including book sales, DISCO, movie nights and raffles are very much appreciated by all at Cottingham CofE.

This week is the National Anti-bullying week. I am never a huge fan of the various national days/weeks that we take part in. Anti-bullying should be a week that is seen every week throughout the school year. No school should say they do not have 'bullying' in their school. I do hope that where such incidents occur, the children feel that they are safe and can rely on adults to help them. What I would say is that incidents involving bullying are rare. Our mission to CARE 'for ourselves, each other and the environment,' is certainly well played out amongst the children. If your child ever comes home and complains of being 'bullied,' I would always ask that you speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Bullying can of course happen outside of school and on various social media platforms so please do be vigilant and ask for help when required.

We are almost into the Christmas season at school that brings with it so many exciting activities alongside the regular learning. This year, the children will have the chance to meet Santa twice on the same day. There might even be a rare chance to have a picture with him. Due to Covid-19 restrictions he couldn't join us last year so fingers crossed he will make it this time. We will also have the Panto bus visit us – Oh yes we will! The children will enjoy their very own, in school performance of Aladdin. We will also be welcoming a real Christmas tree into the hall and will again need your CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK decorations! They can be brought into school from the 6<sup>th</sup> December!!

Have a lovely week, Mr Scott



## **SAFEGUARDING – Attendance**

Often, attendance can become a safeguarding concern. As a result, all schools will monitor attendance and challenge poor attendance where necessary. The DfE have also written to schools to explain that attendance remains a priority and that schools 'drive high levels of attendance.' At all times we will work with families to ensure children are attending school on a regular basis.

### **WE WILL:**

***Communicate clear and consistent expectations with regards to attendance.***

***Identify pupils who are at risk of disengagement and develop plans to support their attendance.***

***Use pastoral support to promote and ensure good attendance.***

***Make use of good practice and advice to support good attendance.***

## **Residential Trips 2022**



### **Beaumanor Hall**

**Year 2 will be visiting Beaumanor on February 10<sup>th</sup> for one night and Year 4 will be visiting from 18<sup>th</sup> May for 2 nights. More information and costs will be sent home after half-term!**

**These are two events that the staff and children look out for on the school calendar each year. Both residential events give the children an insight to what is involved so that they are then comfortable attending the Year 6 residential to Rock UK.**

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## Chocolate Milkshake

Mr Scott enjoyed being a waiter recently and serving chocolate milk shakes to last term's Headteacher award winners. Looks like the treats were enjoyed!



Anti-Bullying Week  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021



The National Anti-Bullying awareness week will be from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The focus of the week will be 'One Kind Word' – The MMT will lead the week – Watch this space!

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Corby safer Team will be in school to deliver Ant-Bullying Assemblies to children in KS1 & KS2 – followed by a stenciling activity for a small group of children.



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## 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

### TIME OUT FOR PARENTS - CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This 7 session course gives an opportunity for parents and carers of 3-11 year olds with a disability or additional needs to share and support one another. Each session focuses on helping you to meet your child's needs.

**Date and time:** Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm, 12th October - 30th November (with a break for half term)

**Cost:** £17.50 per household including accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99), additional resources and goodies. Bursary places are available for parents who qualify (providing a 50% discount on registration).

**Book here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/162286235499>

### LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

This 2 hour session is designed to help parents and carers to safely navigate the online world with their children. This session is mainly aimed at parents of primary aged children.

**Date and time:** Monday 26th October, 7:00-9:00pm

**Cost:** £7.50 per household including session notes, additional resources and goodies. Bursary places are available for parents who qualify (providing a 50% discount on registration).

**Book here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/171109131017>

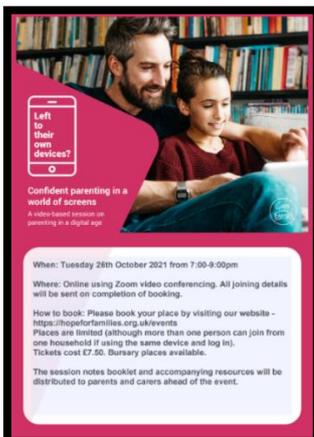
### HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY (MORNING)

This 4 session course focuses on how you and your child can understand and manage anger in a safe and healthy way.

**Date and time:** Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30am, 17th November - 8th December

**Cost:** £10 per household including accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99), additional resources and goodies. Bursary places are available for parents who qualify (providing a 50% discount on registration)

**Book here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163342853873>



**Left to their own devices?**

Confident parenting in a world of screens

A video based session on parenting in a digital age

**When:** Tuesday 28th October 2021 from 7:00-8:00pm

**Where:** Online using Zoom video conferencing. All joining details will be sent on completion of booking.

**How to book:** Please book your place by visiting our website - <https://hopeforfamilies.org.uk/events>

Places are limited (although more than one person can join from one household if using the same device and log in). Tickets cost £7.50. Bursary places available.

The session notes booklet and accompanying resources will be distributed to parents and carers ahead of the event.



**Time Out For Parents**

Care for Family

**Children with Special Needs**

Sessions for anyone parenting children with special needs aged 3 to 11

**Dates:** Every Tuesday, 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
12th October - 30th November

This course will be run online via Zoom

Book your place online  
Visit [hopeforfamilies.org.uk](https://hopeforfamilies.org.uk)

For more information contact  
Hope for Families on 07764 333825 or email [hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk](mailto:hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk)

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## Sports Update

We had a wonderful takeover day with the Northampton Saints last Thursday, every class had a 40 minute session with Ben learning the basic rules of rugby and lots of fun games. We look forward to welcoming other local clubs to the school throughout this school year.

Some children in year 3,4,5 & 6 have been invited to a hockey event hosted by pacesetters on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November. We will be working on basic hockey during PE to prepare the children for these tournaments.

Our sports star of the week is Nathaniel who has recently started playing Football for Medbourne, during the game Nathaniel kept a clean sheet and also starred on pitch! Well done Nathaniel!



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## Academic Year 2021 to 2022

Please note – school will re-open to pupils for Term 1 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022

### Remaining INSET Days 2021 to 2022

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

**Tuesday 04/01/2022**

**Monday 21/02/2022**



## Academic Year 2022 to 2023

The consultation on term dates for the 2022 to 2023 school year is now closed

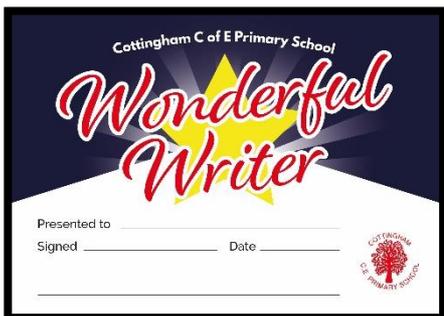
The term dates for the 2022 to 2023 academic year have now been confirmed.

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023

### INSET Days 2022 to 2023

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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## Young Voices Choir



*We are delighted to continue our choir practise each Monday @ 12.05pm.*

*Please encourage your child to enter the Young Voices Music Room to practise the songs and dance moves. This should be done on a regular basis this term as we lead up to the YV concert...*

This can be accessed through Google and password is YV2021

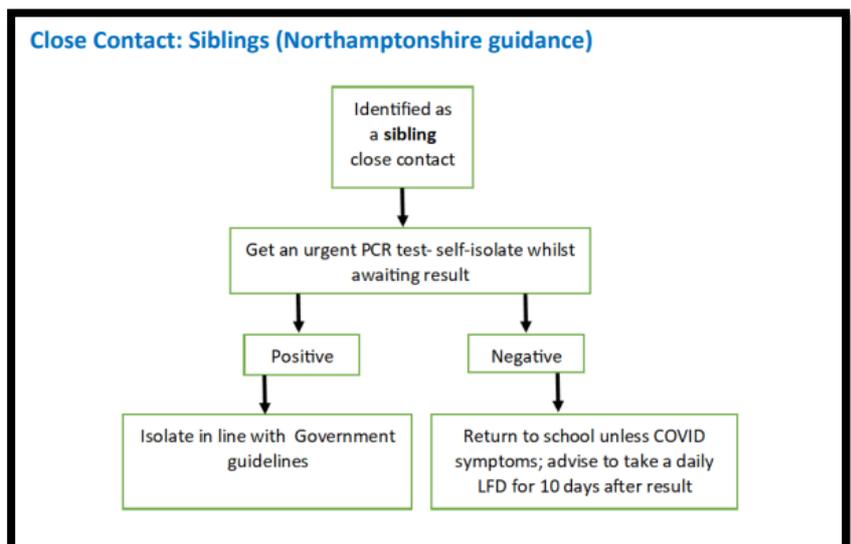
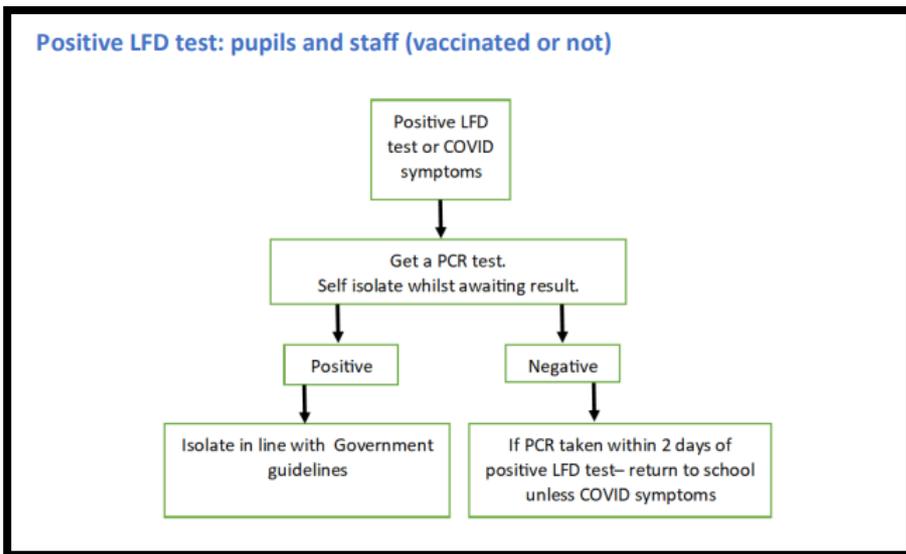
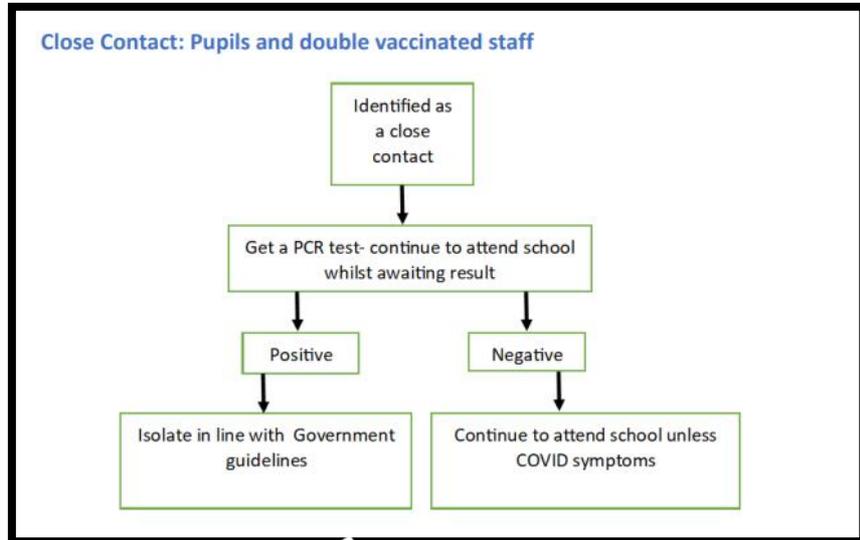
Happy singing :)x



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## COVID TESTING GUIDE

Please see below a useful guide that has been put together by PHE and local councils. As always, please do contact the school office if you would like a second opinion for example. We would also encourage you to use the chart to assist any decisions that you may have to make.

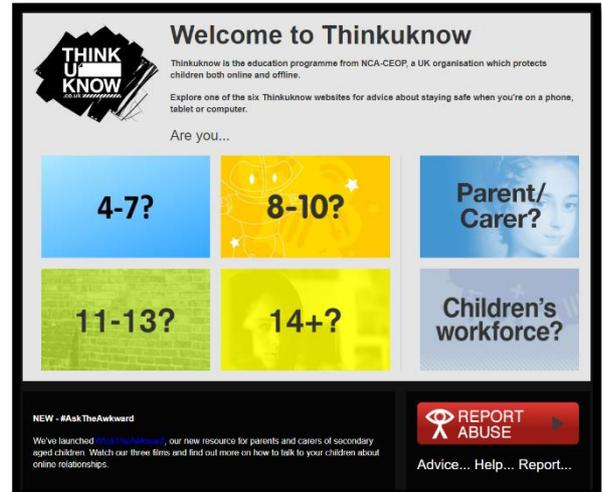
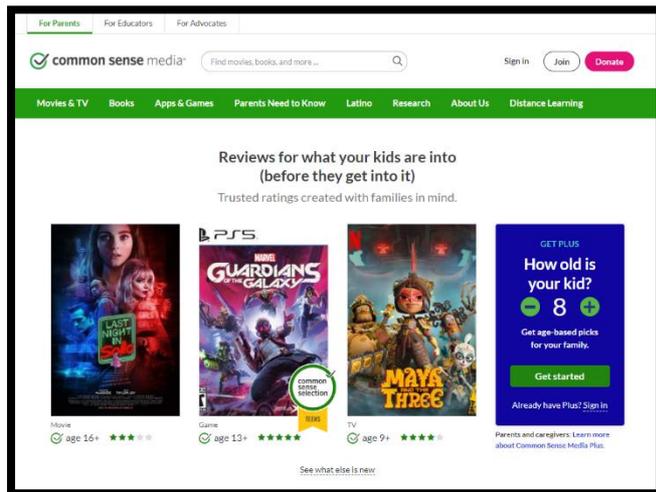


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## SAFE ONLINE?

Thinkuknow is a CEOP website that has lots of advice to help young people keep safe online and what to do if they are worried about something that has happened online that has worried or upset them. You can access Thinkuknow by clicking here: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) there is also a parent and carer section that offers advice and information.

Another useful website to use is: [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)



## Reading Spaces

Does your child have a special place that they like to read in? This reading area was created inside a wardrobe! Such a cosy and quiet place to enjoy a fav reading book. Please do send in a pic ([head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk)) or Tweet a picture showing any special reading locations that your child has. All entries will be shown in the next edition with a £5 book voucher to Mr Scott's favourite one!

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## Christmas at Cottingham



- School Panto – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Jumper Swop – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Carols by Candlelight – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Dinner – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- School Discos – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

PRESENTING...THE GREATEST SHOWMAN!

# MOVIE

## Nights at Cottingham

BRAND NEW! The PTFA and CSD are delighted to be introducing film nights to Cottingham C of E! The first movie night will be taking place for KEY STAGE ONE ONLY ON THURSDAY 18TH OF NOVEMBER FROM 3:15PM - 5:30PM! KEY STAGE 2 TO FOLLOW ON DECEMBER 9TH. In the school hall on the cinema screen!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

ONLY £3.50  
INCLUDES POPCORN  
AND A DRINK!

To book on go to -  
[www.csdactivitycamps.co.uk](http://www.csdactivitycamps.co.uk)  
or call 01536239314

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Cottingham C of E Primary PTFA  
present:

## NON-UNIFORM DAY

### FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

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Dress as colourful as a rainbow!

Instead of making a £1.00 donation we are seeking donations of items to make up our Rainbow Hampers. These will be raffled off at our Carols By Candlelight event.

Thank you in anticipation of your support!

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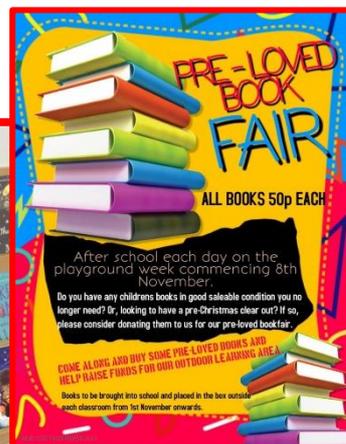
## POPPIES APPEAL

Thank you for all of the many donations towards the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021. As always snap bands sold out!!! We will let everyone know the amount that we raised soon. All children had time to show their respects and to learn more about the memorial that they all walk past every day.



## Leaf Pickers

The leaves are keeping the children busy in Ash and Willow. The job of official leaf pickers could well be one that we can offer one day. We would certainly have many candidates amongst our children!



## Book Re-cycle

We were so pleased and grateful to everyone that supported the PTFA and helped raise almost £100 from recycling your unwanted/read books from home. It was such a super idea that will certainly take place again!