

# The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

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**'If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, if your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him'**  
**Luke 17:3**



Dear Parent/Carer,

It seems a while since I last wrote a message to you. We have been so busy at the end of term and at the start of this one. The children have enjoyed a residential, skipping day, football fundraiser, lots of learning and today a basketball taster with the World's tallest basketballer!!! They are so lucky and there's more to come.

As we enter the second spring term, it's time for the year 6 children to knuckle down in readiness for their end of year tests known as the SATS. For obvious reasons, these haven't taken place during the last two years so we await to see what will occur in May. The year 4 children will also be taking part in multiplication checker assessments. This will be the first time that these national tests have taken place. Hopefully, all of the Times Table Rock Stars work will help them!

I was pleased to be able to write to you recently with the end of a few Covid-19 restrictions. I am looking forward to Thursday when we will be welcoming year 2 parents to worship. This will be the first time we have welcomed more than a few guests so it will be a super occasion. Fingers crossed that the reduced restrictions continue. Please be reminded that you are always invited to a Friday Worship, even if your child is not being awarded an award. We would love to see more of you join us for hymn, prayer and celebration. All we ask is that you RSVP so that we can put chairs out and make space etc.

I hope that you and your families were able to enjoy the spring half term holiday. I have heard of a few stories from the children that have included many adventures both in the UK and abroad in the sunshine. I have just booked my summer holiday so will have that to look forward to at the end of the term. Let's hope nothing changes and we can all enjoy a break away somewhere.

On behalf of the staff and pupils, I must say a huge thank you to you all and to the PTFA for organising the Pro-Strike football event. Raising £1500 for the school is super and allows us to give the children further experiences such as today's visit by the World's tallest basketballer! Whether your child raised £1 or £100 it was an amazing effort. You are all great. As I type, the music is pumping in the hall and current Willow are bouncing their basketballs and having a super time. I wonder if today will unearth a future NBA star!

Finally, I received news that Duncan Mills (Former CEO) had taken ill and was recovering in hospital. Duncan, who retired recently, has supported our school many times and we all wish him well. Please do take time to maybe have him in or thoughts/prayers this week.

Have a super week, Mr Scott. Take care.

## **SAFEGUARDING**



**As you know, safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. We all must work together to ensure that our children are safe in and out of school. This includes being safe at drop off/pick up times. You will have seen the new Zig Zags by the zebra crossing. Please DO NOT park over these lines at any time. We are now awaiting the installation of a new 20mph speed sign!!! Watch this space!**

## **Year 4 Residential – Beaumanor Hall**



**Following the success of Year 2 Residential to Beaumanor last month, we are busy preparing for the Year 4 visit. Children will be visiting for 2 nights from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Letters will be sent home this week – outlying costs, payment details, kit lists etc etc**

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## Children's Mental Health Awareness Week



Plant me.....

Water me.....

Watch me grow.....

We are looking forward to seeing some lovely blooms in the spring – well done to all who have planted their bulbs. Please send in photos for us to share.....



Thank you for all your donations of non-perishable food items sent into school. These items will be made up into lovely hampers for people in the local community. This is in line with our school values....CARE, BUILD, FOLLOW, THINK.....showing CARE to our local community!



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## Sports Update

Well done to our key stage 1 curling team who were in the district finals representing Cottingham C of E and Corby! The team performed terrifically and managed to secure a second place finish overall, well done to all who attended!

This week we welcome former world's tallest man and ex Harlem Globetrotter basketball star Paul Sturges to deliver a day of basketball with the children, all classes will enjoy an assembly as well as take part in a taster session, look out on twitter for pictures!

A massive well done to Asher Hodson who is this week's sports star of the week! Asher has been working so hard on his triathlon and his efforts were noticed as he was awarded star of the week for maximum effort!



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## Academic Year 2021 to 2022

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 4	Tuesday 22 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

## Academic Year 2022 to 2023

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



*The Young Voices Concert has now be rescheduled and will take place on Thursday 19th May 2022. Letters will be sent home to parents whose children will be attending this event.*

**Choir practice is every Monday lunchtime @12.05pm – please encourage your child to practice songs and dance moves at home**



### FUNDRAISER!

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise funds for our school. Through sponsorships, we raised over £1500 that will be spent on super learning opps. The children and staff enjoyed their day with Alfie firing a speedy shot and taking the title of fastest shooter!



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**THINK  
BEFORE YOU PARK**

**The extra time taken to reach an incident could cost lives!**

## School Parking Rules

Inconsiderate parking endangers **YOUR** child/children and puts other lives at risk. Parking on zig-zag lines or pedestrian crossings causes visibility issues to drivers and people walking on the pavement alike. You **MUST** ensure that there is adequate space for an Emergency Vehicle to access the school and nearby properties.

**White zig-zag lines indicate the length of the road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited**

White zig-zag lines are enforced by the Police and prohibit stopping or waiting (Highway Code Rule 240 applies)

**Yellow zig-zag lines indicate the length of the road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited**

You **MUST NOT** wait; park or stop to set down or pick up passengers on school entrance markings (Highway Code Rule 238 applies)

**Inconsiderate parking can prevent an Emergency Service vehicle from getting to an emergency**

You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road (Highway Code Rule 242 applies)

**Stopping or waiting on a double yellow line is strictly prohibited**

Double yellow lines prevent vehicle owners from parking or waiting in that area at any time (Highway Code Rule 238 applies)

**DO NOT park near a school entrance**

As well as anywhere that prevents access for the Emergency Services, you must not park at or near bus stops; opposite or within 10 metres of a junction; over a dropped kerb or in front of an entrance to a property (Highway Code Rule 243 applies)

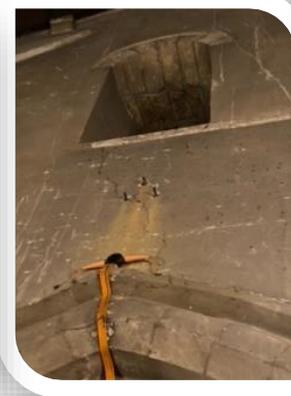
The Highway Code is for **ALL** road users and if you disobey many of the rules you are committing a criminal offence. You may be fined, given penalty points on your licence or be disqualified from driving. In the most serious cases you may be sent to prison.

Northamptonshire  
**NSRA**  
Safer Roads Alliance



**TIMES TABLES  
ROCKSTARS**

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## CHURCH HIDDEN GEMS!

Have you been to your local church lately? St Mary's and Magdalene Church has so many amazing features. When you next pay a visit why not see if you can spot some of these images. Some of them date back to Norman times. When you do visit the church, look UP – DOWN and AROUND. There's always something new to see.



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## YEAR 2 ADVENTURERS!

Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Wilson and Mr Scott recently spent some time away with the year 2 children. The children had a super time on their overnight residential at Beaumanor Hall, Leicestershire. During the two days, the children dressed as pirates, looked for treasure, dipped the pond and had a lovely dinner in the Grand Hall. The children will be looking forward to showing off what they did on Thursday during their special worship. Next up will be the turn of the year 4 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 get in touch!

## HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

This is a short 4-week online course for parents of children aged 5-16 years. We will look at how we can manage and handle anger in a safe and healthy way, starting with ourselves as parents and carers and then with helping our children.

**Date and time:** Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30am from 8th - 29th March

**Cost:** £12.50 per household including accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99) and 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/256065096597>

## LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

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

**Date and time:** Tuesday 8th March, 7:00-9:00pm

**Cost:** £10 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/212527805387>

If you have any questions about any of these courses/events, please do get in touch!

