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Issue 3 – Week Ending 21st October 2022

‘Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.’ Hebrews 13:7

Dear Parent/Carers, It is the end of the first term! I know that I sound like a broken record when I say ‘I can’t believe how time flies.’ I do know that everyone deserves and will enjoy a break next week. I hope that you and your families/friends will be able to take time away from work/home and enjoy a get-away. If that isn’t possible then please enjoy what time you do manage with your lovely children. I am looking forward to a few days away in Derbyshire where I will be driving around in a hired motor home! Hopefully I will enjoy a Bakewell Tart along the way.

I loved being able to see children dig up actual fresh vegetables recently from our own allotment. The little sale we held was very well received and the donations will help re-stock the beds. I know that Mr Stafford and the children have already planted garlic amongst other produce. If you would like to volunteer and help to keep the allotment area tidy and well-stocked, please do email me or drop me a message. Your support both during the school day and at other times would be very much appreciated.

Currently, the whole school attendance across the school stands at 94.9% which is slightly lower than our annual target of 95/96%. Some children’s attendance has fallen below 95% and in some cases 90%. I am duty bound to challenge and support families where attendance is concerned and I have written to those families where attendance is lower than 90% this term. I am always happy to discuss attendance with you especially where I can possibly help. Again, please do contact me if I can help or signpost you to support. Much of any lower attendance is unfortunately due to term time holidays which, as you know, I am unable to authorise. I would always ask/encourage you to take holidays out of school time for obvious reasons.

Thank you to the PTFA this week for organising both the pumpkin competition – I will be judging shortly – and a visit by PC Brad to talk all things road safety. The children heard some important messages regarding stopping distances and being aware of crossing the road between parked cars etc.

The children are still enjoying TTRS and some are scoring very highly. As we do not really set homework during the holidays, please do encourage the use of the App. Please do ensure that it IS actually the child who is logging in and accessing the App and is they who are completing the challenges!!! As always, we will announce the weekly leaders in worship on a Friday. Whilst I mention worship, please be reminded that you are ALWAYS invited to attend on a Friday even if your child is not the recipient of an award. I/we would love to see more parents/carers and family members in attendance.

Have a lovely break next week – See you all back at school on Tuesday 1st November from 8:45..... Mr Scott



SAFEGUARDING

Emergency Contact & Medical Information

It is imperative that we have the correct and most up to date contact and medical information for your child. Please ensure you contact the school office if any information has changed by email:

office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

GDPR

Privacy Notices

The latest Privacy Notices can be found on the school website www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk

Photos

Please let the school office know if you **DO NOT** want photographs of your child taken and used in the newsletter, twitter or any other social media

Incidents / Accidents



If your child has received medical assistance (after school hours) following an incident/accident during the school day, please email the office to update staff on the injury sustained and any treatment received. All incidents/accidents are reported to PDET via our Smartlog reporting system and it is vital to have accurate information. This is especially important if a child received hospital/doctors treatment. Thank you

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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 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Friday 31st March 2023



Harvest – Thanks Poems

The children and staff had a lovely visit to the church and we left our poems of thankfulness. Reverend Amanda used the poems to create a harvest display that was seen by visitors during the weekend of harvest. Again, thank you for all of the kind donations that were collected on behalf of the Corby Foodbank.

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THE ROLE OF A MAGNIFICENT MIND CHAMPION

TO WORK AS A TEAM WITH THE OTHER
MAGNIFICENT MIND CHAMPIONS
AT MY SCHOOL

TO RAISE
AWARENESS OF
WELLBEING AT MY
SCHOOL AND TO HELP
TO CREATE A POSITIVE
CULTURE AROUND THIS

TO SPREAD LOTS OF
POSITIVE MESSAGES
ABOUT WELLBEING
AT MY SCHOOL IN ANY
WAY THAT IS IN
ENTHUSIASTIC
(WHETHER THAT IS IN
THE PLAYGROUND AT
BREAK TIME OR IN MY
CLASSROOM DURING
OUR LESSONS)



Mental Health Awareness Day



I was very proud of all the children on Mental Health Awareness Day. They came to school dressed in bright colours, a cheerful sight for our local community as they walked to school. Children enjoyed a whole school Yoga session and gave some very positive responses to questions about mental health and how to look after themselves and others.

'Lest we forget'



Remembrance Sunday falls on 13th November in **2022** and is an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms. From Tuesday 1st November, the Magnificent Mind Team will be going to classes each morning, to sell poppies. If you would like to, please send your child in with a contribution in exchange for various items that are available.
Thank you

A Bowlful of Pennies



Thank you to a very kind neighbour who donated a bowlful of pennies to our school. The Magnificent Mind team will be busy counting them up after half-term and then they will given to the PTFA to go towards something lovely for the children.

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Sports Update



A fantastic end to the sporting term has seen silverware return to Cottingham CofE Primary. Over the term, 55 different KS2 children have taken part in external sports competitions, which shows how committed the school is to sport for all.

KS2 children have enjoyed learning how to play hockey, honing their skills and abilities as the term has progressed. KS1 children have enjoyed their Real PE lessons, which help them develop different physical skills. I am sure they will be looking forward to their first external competition next term.

In school, Sports Crew have continued to deliver a varied lunchtime sports programme.



MINI BUS

We are very grateful to both Cranford CofE and Great Addington CofE, schools within our trust, who allow us to borrow their mini bus. Using these buses for sports fixtures and educational visits allows us to reduce the cost of travel to you. We are still very keen/hopeful that we would one day have the use of our own bus. We are desperately seeking sponsors or even a full donation that would allow us to own a bus. If this is something that you would like to help with or support further, please email head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk to discuss further.

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FOOD BANK

As written earlier, all of your kind donations for Harvest were collected on behalf of the Corby Foodbank. Here is Reverend Amanda collecting the donations from our school and Wilbaston CofE also. So many local people will benefit from the donations and we should all feel proud that we can help in some way.

WILLOW KITCHEN – WHITE GOODS SPONSORS

Thank you so much to a kind family for donating/sponsoring a brand new washing machine that will soon take its place in the new EYFS kitchen. As you can imagine, having a washing machine of our own will be so useful and mean that staff do not need to take home bibs, aprons and spare uniform to wash. It is very much hoped that the kitchen will be fitted by the time the children return on November 1st. There has been a slight delay due to unforeseen circumstances. If you are a dab hand with tiling and/or decorating then we would love to hear from you. We may well need some help from next week.....



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ALLOTMENT

Here are the children gathering fresh vegetables including; carrots, lettuces, peppers and beetroot from our own allotment. As you can see they had a particularly good harvest.

ART JOURNEY

If you follow both our Twitter/Instagram accounts, you will have seen the amazing art journey that all of our children have been on this term. The staff and children are very proud of their efforts and so they should be.



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FOREST SCHOOL

Our very own Forest School is now well and truly in full swing. Each Wednesday, children from Willow class attend a session with Lucy and Mrs Nicholson. They are able to spend time in the fresh air and develop new skills in the area. Usually, the children will receive the treat of a hot chocolate and/or marshmallows. Again, outdoors learning such as this has been made possible by the PTFA (and your donations) as well as the Government funded sports grant. Next month, Mrs Nicholson will begin her own Forest School journey and at the end will hold the necessary qualification. This will allow her to continue to offer Forest School session without the need for other support. It would be great if anyone would be able to volunteer to assist with adult/child ratios during the sessions. From January especially, we will be looking for extra pairs of hands. If this is something you would like to help with and you don't mind being outside in all weathers, please email head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk for more information. I/we would love to hear from you.

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Sport School of the Year- Primary 2022

Wednesday 16th November 2022
Kettering Conference Centre, Kettering, NN15 6PB

WORKPLACE WELLBEING AWARD 2022

North Northants Nominations

You may have seen that we have been nominated for two North Northants awards. We will be attending the awards ceremony in November where we would hope to take one of the awards home with us. We are thrilled to be nominated and recognized for such awards highlighting the extra-curricular offer that the children receive on top of the daily curriculum offer. It is hoped that we will receive some extra invitations that we can then offer to pupils who can join us on Wednesday 16th. Watch this space for further news in a future newsletter.



20 YEARS!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Southcombe, who has worked at Cottingham CofE Primary School for 20 years. This week, she held two special celebration breakfasts during which time the children enjoyed their food but also a dance and even a conga! Mrs Southcombe was thrilled with the lovely cards, flowers and gifts that she received. Next up for Mrs Southcombe will be to find out if she is the recipient of the Pearson's gold award! Fingers crossed and we will update you in a future newsletter.

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SUCCESSFUL READERS

At Cottingham Co of E we aim to ensure that all children become successful readers and are deeply committed to nurturing a love of reading in our pupils. We firmly believe in the partnership between families and school and believe that reading at home as well as in school has a huge, positive impact on helping children learn to read and enjoy reading.

In order to support you as you help your child to read at home, we would like to invite you to a parent workshop which will focus on how we teach early reading here at Cottingham and provide you with ideas and resources to use in the home. The workshop will run for approximately 40 minutes and will be very informal, interactive and hopefully fun!

We will be running the same workshop twice. The first will be from **1.00p.m on Friday 4th November**, directly after Love to Lunch. Following the workshop, you are then welcome to 'stay and play' with your child in the classroom environment where we will be providing some special Bonfire Night themed activities.

We will repeat the workshop via Zoom on **Wednesday 9th November from 6.30-7.15p.m.** We understand that not all parents are able to attend events during the school day for a number of reasons so we hope this will make the workshop accessible for all.

There will be some very important messages in the workshop so we strongly recommend that you attend one of the dates. This will also be an important refresher if you are parent of a Year 1 pupil and you attended the workshop we ran via Zoom last year.

Please let either myself or Mrs Delo know which workshop you plan to come along to either face to face at drop off/pick up time or via email:

n.delo@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

c.wilson@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

PLEASE ATTEND



Time Out For Parents

Handling Anger in the Family

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

Date
Every Thursday 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd November - 24th November 2022

This course will be run online via Zoom

Book your place online
visit www.hopeforfamilies.org.uk/events

For more information
Contact Hope for Families on
07784 333825
or email hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk

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Children learn, parents learn, families thrive. Join us to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.





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Power up your parenting for the online generation

Parents have a vital role to play in helping their children use the internet in a way that is safe and positive. Despite this, parents can feel out of touch with their child's online world and concerned about how to protect their children from dangers.

Based on the book by Katharine Hill, *Left to Their Own Devices?* is a one-session, video-based resource to give parents an understanding of the online world that their children inhabit. It addresses challenges while giving practical tips on how to be a great parent in a world of screens.

Join us at *Left to their own devices?* where we'll explore:

- The advantages of the online world
- The challenge of time and money
- The challenge of gaming
- Conduct, content and contact
- The challenge of pornography
- Practical ideas
- Passing on your wisdom and values

Spend time with other parents discussing practical ideas and experiences



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Confident parenting in a world of screens

A video-based session on parenting in a digital age

When: Tuesday 8th November 2022 from 7:00-9:00pm

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

How to book: Please secure 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 £10. Bursary places available.

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

