

# The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 5 – Week Ending 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

‘The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.’ John 1:9

Dear Parent/carer,



So much has happened and taken place since I last wrote to you. In the last ‘fortnightly,’ you found out about the wellbeing/active award that we achieved at the North Northants awards evening. You now know about the amazing award that Mrs Southcombe won. The Pearsons National teaching awards are a prestigious event and it still hasn’t sunk in that our very own Mrs Southcombe won the GOLD award in the ‘unsung hero’ category. The coverage since winning the award has been crazy and far spread. From the One Show to the Evening Telegraph, the whole local community and further afield has found out about the award. I nominated Mrs Southcombe some time ago. Judging from all of the kind messages, I know that I made the correct decision. The award isn’t just in recognition of what Mrs Southcombe does but also dedicated to the whole Cottingham community including staff, pupils, parents and of course the children. You may well have seen via various social media sources that the actual awards evening took place on Saturday in London. I was lucky to be able to join Mrs Southcombe and members of her family along with Mrs Wason, Mr Sharman and Mrs Ferguson. The trust CEO also joined us. It was a special ‘Oscars’ type evening and much fun was had. It was quite surreal seeing other gold award winners, whom I had seen on the One Show or via Twitter, at the event. All in all, an amazing celebration to honour what Cottingham CofE is all about.

As we enter the period of Advent, I would like to thank children and their families for the Christmas decorations that have been made at home and are now looking superb on our Christmas tree. I do hope to see many of you over the next few weeks during which time you can enjoy the tree and the decorations whilst listening to carols, guitars, choir and/or drums. As always, keep an eye on Twitter/Instagram/Facebook for news of events. I am looking forward to being able to dust down my Christmas jumper. It will be worn well at the end of term whilst also raising funds for Save the Children. Talking of raising funds, thank you for all of the donations towards our cake sale. The Magnificent Minds were very happy to be able to donate to Service Six, a charity that supports child welfare and one that often supports our own pupils. We also received thanks from the Corby Food bank for our donation of 96kg of food and other items collected at harvest. Well done to us all.

This week has highlighted that the children at Cottingham CofE receive a broad and well balanced curriculum. On Tuesday, I welcomed a school improvement advisor from the central team who observed history, science and DT taught by the staff. Today, I welcomed colleagues from Isham CofE who observed PE being taught. I am very proud of the curriculum that we offer our children and I do enjoy the opportunity to see learning in action. Children this week have visited East Carlton Park and the River Welland and will use the field trips back in class. I look forward to seeing the writing and data produced across the school. Thank you for supporting these visits and for the extra adult help too.

The lights are on in the hall, the star is at the top of the tree and the first advent candle has been lit. As they say, ‘It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.’ Have a lovely week..See you soon.



## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Epi-Pens/Inhalers**

**It is parent’s responsibility to ensure all Epi - pens/Inhalers are in date. If you are not sure please contact school office. Please do this TODAY!**

### **GDPR**

### **Privacy Notices**

The latest Privacy Notices can be found on the school website [www.cottinghampriamary.co.uk](http://www.cottinghampriamary.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. Please DO let us know.**

## **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**

**[office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)**

**[01536 771391](tel:01536771391)**



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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 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

### Additional Bank Holiday

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

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## Time Out For Parents

### Handling Anger in the Family

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

Date  
Every Monday 7:00-9:00pm  
23rd January - 13th February 2023

This course will be run online via Zoom

Book your place online  
visit [www.hopeforfamilies.org.uk/events](http://www.hopeforfamilies.org.uk/events)

For more information  
Contact Hope for Families on  
07784 333625  
or email [hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk](mailto:hello@hopeforfamilies.org.uk)

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www.hopeforfamilies.org.uk

## Time Out For Parents

### Handling Anger in the Family

Positive Parenting Time Out for Parents courses from Care for the Family provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.

If you have children aged 5 to 16, then Time Out for Parents - Handling Anger in the Family is for you. Over four sessions, you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to help you and your children deal with the ordinary, everyday anger that all families experience.

### The Sessions

Session 1 Managing our anger - part 1  
Session 2 Managing our anger - part 2  
Session 3 Helping children manage anger - part 1  
Session 4 Helping children manage anger - part 2

Care for the Family Tovey House, Cleppe Park, Newport NP10 8BA  
Tel 029 2061 0800 [www.cff.org.uk](http://www.cff.org.uk)  
Care for the Family - a Christian response to a world of need.  
A registered charity (England and Wales 1066805, Scotland SC238405)

## HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY (EVENING)

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:** Monday evenings 7:00-9:00pm, 23rd January - 13th February 2023

**Cost:** £12.50 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/475293625027>

## 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:** Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm, 1st February - 22nd March (with a break on 15th Feb for half term)

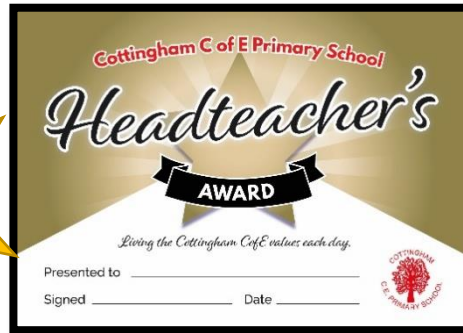
**Cost:** £17.50 per household including accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99), additional resources and goodies. **Bursary places are available for parents who qualify (providing a 50% discount on registration).**

**Book here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/475297075347>

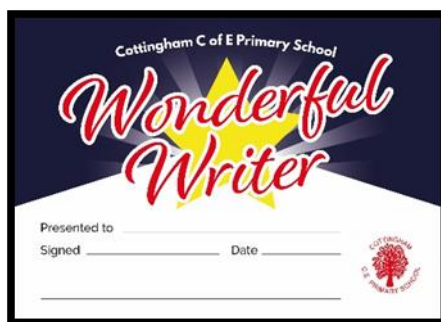




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## Magnificent Mind Cake Sale



Thank you to all of the MMT who stayed to help at the PTFA pre-loved uniform and cake sale. The profits were divided by 50% - the MMT will donate their money to Service 6 – a Children's Mental Health Charity. Thank you to all those that supported the sale. The yummy cakes didn't last long and we hope that you managed to purchase some pre-loved uniform.

## Sports Update

*In the last edition of the 'fortnightly' we told you about gold and silver winning success at the year 3/4 hockey event. Since that, the year 5 team has also returned from a similar event with silverware. One of our teams finished second only on goal difference. It was an exciting event and the children in both teams show good team work and also skills taken from their REAL PE lessons. We will certainly require a new trophy cabinet at this rate. We are already looking ahead to the spring term to see which competitions and events can be entered. At Cottingham CofE, it is not always about the winning but ensuring that all children have opportunities to represent the school.*

*We will also be hosting more 'sports try outs' during the year, with a skateboard try out being mentioned along with Frisbee! Watch this space.*





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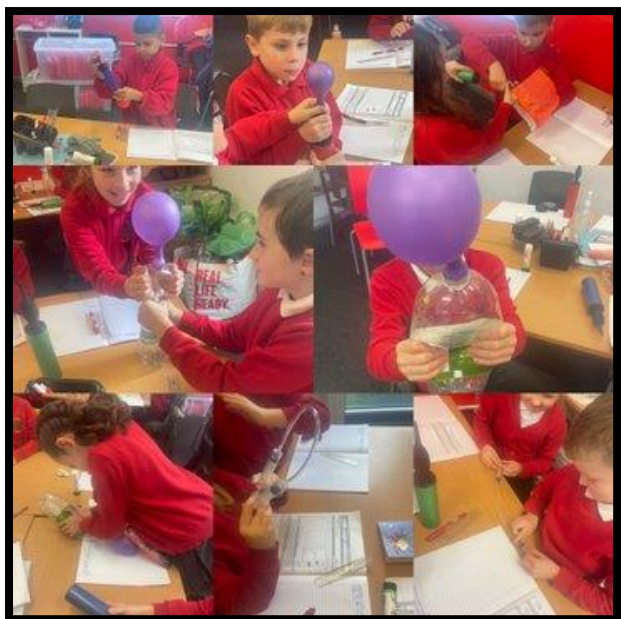
## GOLD AWARD

A few pictures to act as a little reminder of the super Gold award that was presented to Mrs Southcombe by the One Show's Alex Jones. It was a pleasure to welcome Alex and the One Show crew to school for the celebration. Thank you to the whole Cottingham community for your part that was played in achieving this award.



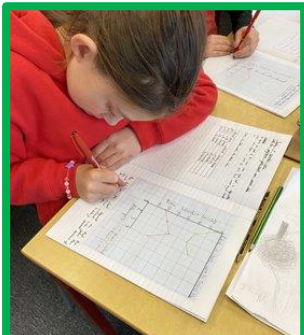


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## DT Pneumatics

*The designers of the future were busy in Oak class this week as they enjoyed investigating pneumatics. They observed lots of different air blowers and will use some of their findings when designing their own toy during the next part of their journey. Watch this space!*



## Geographers

*We have many resources in school that are used to help learning in all subjects. In Geography, it is very important that children visit local landmarks, and this week, KS2 did just that. The field observations will be taken back into school and have already aided learning in maths for example.*

## PLACES AVAILABLE

*We have a few spaces available in both year 2 and 5 at the moment. We would appreciate you passing on this information and also reminding family and friends that they are welcome to visit us especially if looking for school places for September.*



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*It's beginning to look a lot like  
Christmas....*



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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2022 7:00PM

GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL

Featuring  
Valley Voice: Welland Valley Community Choir  
Soundpost  
Gill Irons

There will be a raffle. Feel free to bring your own drinks.  
Tickets £10 including mince pie and mulled wine or soft drink

Available from Kathy on 01536 770223 or Diana on 07811 098581  
or e-mail Pete at [psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk)  
or Lesley at [thesparkydoggys@gmail.com](mailto:thesparkydoggys@gmail.com)

Please note there will be no car or contactless facilities. Cash only on the night



## Christmas Dinner

This years Christmas Dinner will be held on

Tuesday 13th DECEMBER 2022

This must be booked by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 2022 at Midnight

Please book in the usual way at  
[www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk)

Not registered for dinners?  
Then go on-line, register and book.

Need to contact us?  
Please e-mail us on  
[enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk)



Children and staff may come into school from **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** onwards, wearing their Christmas Jumpers for a small donation towards the charity. More details will follow closer to the time. Please note CHRISTMAS THEMED JUMPERS ONLY, no non-school uniform hoodies or sports tops....Jumpers can then be worn on days following the event until half term. Wearing Xmas jumpers is optional as school uniform is welcome also....We would love to receive Tweets of your Xmas wardrobes this year....

