



# The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

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‘So, the shepherds went quickly and found Mary, Joseph and the baby.’ Luke 2: 16-17

Dear Parent/carer,

It is hard to believe that it is the end of the autumn term. We have completed 1/3 of the school year. This time of year in school is magical and it is a pleasure to see and feel the children's excitement as Christmas draws ever closer. As I write these notes, it is day 14 of Advent and I really hope that our CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK mission helps children to reflect on the Advent story and also take time to think about those less fortunate than them. I have had the pleasure today in seeing donated Christmas presents picked up by some parents. We hear of such sad news these days so to see happy news first hand is a pleasure. There are some generous people about who always want to be anonymous. There have certainly been tears of joy and happiness today.

I am sure you will have seen or been told that we had a visit from Santa this week. It was lovely seeing children ask for a cuddle or a fist bump. Whichever greeting they chose, I am sure Santa was happy to meet and greet them. He was able to enjoy a Christmas lunch with us and share presents and crackers kindly provided by the PTFA. At this time of year, it is great that the PTFA can help to fund such activities and I look forward to the Carols around the tree this week also during which time the PTFA will be serving you with teas and mince pies. I know that the hall will be packed out and I do hope to hear you all singing and see you wearing your festive jumpers.

On a freezing cold Wednesday, I was pleased to see children from Willow class in the forest school area. They were so cold yet still enjoying the activities lead by Lucy Fitton from Oundle CofE and our very own Mrs Nicholson. In fact, today was Mrs Fitton's last session with us. In no time at all, Mrs Nicholson will have qualified and will become our very own forest school lead. I am really excited to see her take the forest area further in the new year. If at any time you would like to help out as a volunteer, we would certainly look for extra pairs of hands when outdoors. Please do drop me an email to [head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

In this, the last edition of 2022, I have included a page dedicated to the KS2 DT journey. Nothing pleases me more than seeing the children learn new skills in a particular curriculum subject other than maths and literacy. I know that the children will have taken home their pneumatic designs and talked about their learning journey. The children in Hawthorn are currently using a number of sawing skills to make their own cam toys. I look forward to seeing these before the end of the week. I am sure there will be some Tweets or Instagram posts of their work.

This week, we saw the children in Willow and Ash class perform their own re-telling of the Nativity story. Many parents/carers were able to come along and the added 'cute' factor will have gone down well. We have changed how we offer the Nativity retelling and I am sure that the majority of the children could tell the story using the various drama skills used this term. We certainly saw lots of happy and confident young children that bodes well for performances in the future. Talking of performances, I must mention the drummers, guitarists and singers who performed to us this week. As always, it was a pleasure to hear/see their work.

If I don't manage to see you this week, please have a lovely, safe holiday and enjoy this special time. Merry Christmas and a happy new year!



## **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**

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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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## 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>





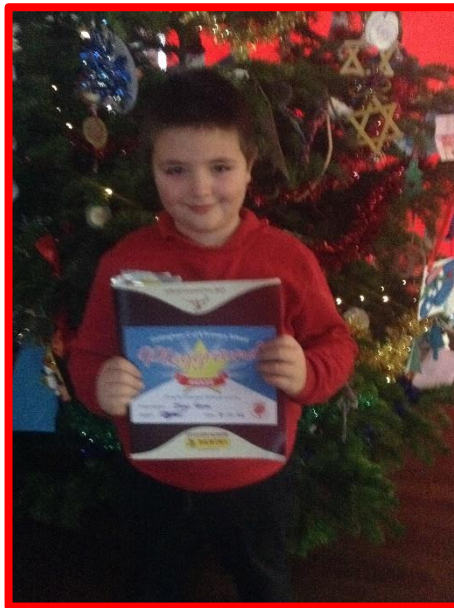
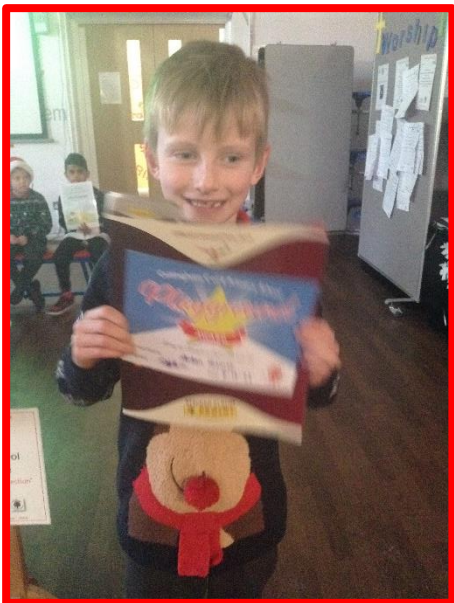
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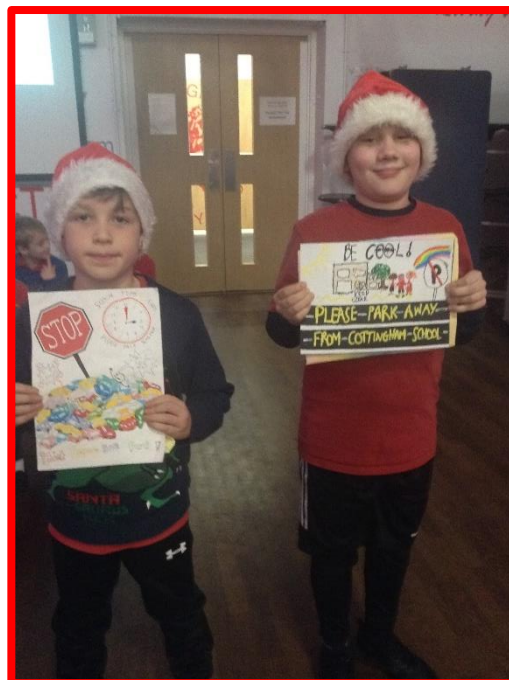


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## SLOW DOWN – PARK AWAY!!

The winner and R/Up of the PTFA poster competition arranged by the PTFA. The posters are dotted up out and about. The designers ask politely that you consider their request to SLOW DOWN and PARK AWAY!



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### Corby Foodbank - Christmas and New Year Opening Dates &Times



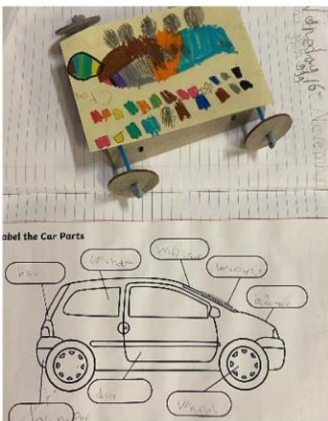
Monday 19th December 2022 - St Peter & St Andrew's Centre - 1.30pm to 3pm

Friday 23rd December 2022 - St Peter & St Andrew's Centre - 1.30pm to 3pm

Friday 30th December 2022 - St Peter & St Andrew's Centre - 1.30pm to 3pm

Friday 6th January 2023 - St Peter & St Andrew's Centre - 1.30pm to 3pm

Normal Monday and Friday "opening" from Monday 9th January 2023 onwards.



## KS1 DT

**The children in Ash and Willow also enjoyed their DT journey this term. They designed and made model mini buses for our school!**



**Christingle and Carols around the tree were a huge success during the penultimate day of the autumn term...**





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## In Pictures

During the last couple of weeks, the children have been involved in a number of performances. In the pictures on this page you will see the drummers performing so well. Cecillia's Young Voices choir also gave us all a sneak peek into what we can expect at the forthcoming YV concert. The children have been wearing a range of colourful and interesting festive jumpers lately. Finally, 'Oh Yes it Is.' we all watched a super performance of Cinderella. Thank you to the PTFA for putting this panto on for us!





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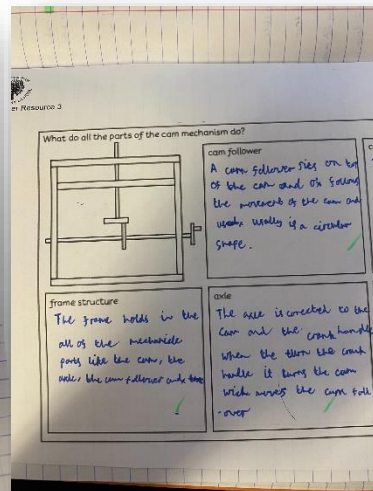
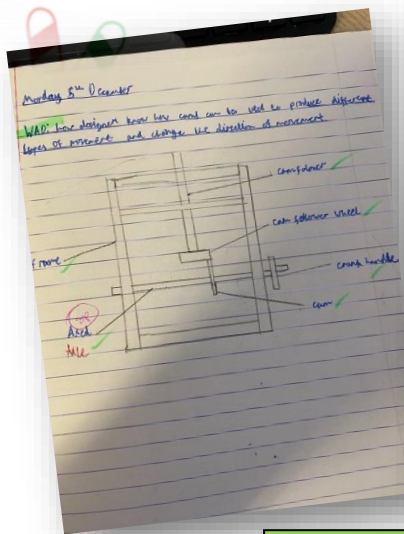
So much has taken place in the very last few days of term. These pictures show the children making their Christingles ready for our own Christingle worship. A huge thank you to Co-op (Market Harborough) who supplied 150 oranges! We also had a lovely donation from a grandma! The Willow stars were shining and jumping this week as they helped re-tell the Nativity story. The children enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner whilst welcoming Santa who took time out of his very busy schedule. The reindeer biscuits were very tasty! Thank you Kingswood Catering for cooking for us. Some lovely festive memories were created with more to come soon!!!





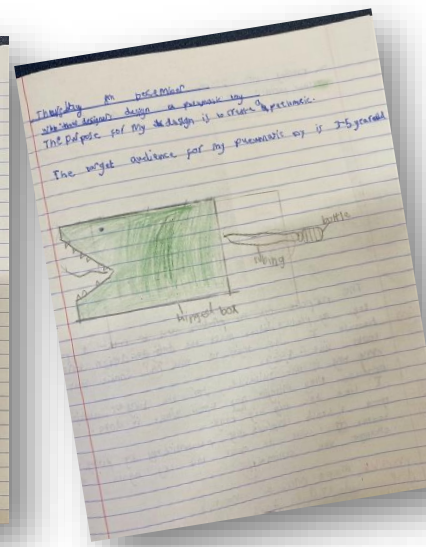
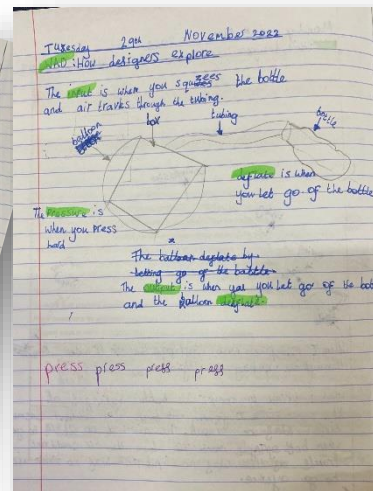
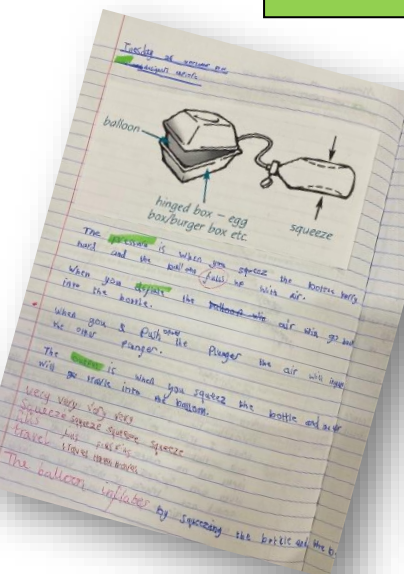


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## THE KS2 DT JOURNEY

These are just a few images showing the children in KS2 on their various DT journeys this term.



They have learnt how designers design, make and evaluate. All of these skills may well be handy one day when certain children look for careers in the DT world. For now, they used the skills needed in the cams and pneumatics learning. Didn't they do well?!

