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The Fortnightly

Issue 9

'Bear with each other and forgive each other if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.'

Colossians 3 vs13



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/carer,

I must begin my welcome by quoting Sarah Morell (Book author) who recently visited the children. I was thrilled to be told that our school was **'the best primary schools that she had been too.'** Sarah explained that the children were very well behaved and also willing to get stuck into the various workshops.

Further in this newsletter, I have included information regarding attendance. The trust (PDET) have recently issued a trust wide attendance policy along with suite of Attendance letters. This will make our approach to attendance consistent with other schools from within the trust. I have provided a link to the attendance policy and will shortly send out examples of the various letters that could be sent home where attendance is a concern. Please DO contact me if you would like to discuss any attendance related matters.

Mrs Southcombe has updated the Fridge Dates for the term and beyond. As always, we are beginning to enter the territory of 'busy times.' As always, please do keep an eye on all forms of communications to keep an eye on dates/times. Further in the news you will see information regarding parent day dates. I would encourage everyone to book a time to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher.

It was a joy to read and see all of the various Tweets from the recent Year 2 residential to Beaumanor Hall. I have already thanked the staff but cannot thank them enough for their time. Thank you to the children for taking part so well and to you, the parents/carers for funding the residential. You will see some great pictures further on in the news. As I left school after the residential, I received the most pleasing email from a parent of one of our pirates. This particular pirate had a number of anxieties and had the greatest time. The words in the email were as follows: **'This has been fantastic for her and my thanks go out to yourself and the rest of the staff involved. She was fairly apprehensive about going. Of course she loved it. At home we are trying our best to instil resilience in our children. This has been an excellent lesson in this. I do hope resilience features in the schools agenda. There are of course many examples in the bible.'** These words meant a lot to me and highlighted exactly the reason why we provide a year 2 residential. It provides both children and their parents/carers with resilience and so many life skills. These year 2 children will now be so ready for the year 4 and 6 versions in years to come.

You will see an update regarding after school clubs further in the news. A FREE code has been issued, on a first come, first served basis, for Tuesday 2nd hour Table Tennis and Thursday 2nd hour Activity Stations. Please take advantage of a freebie and use the code 'FREE2hr' at checkout via the CSD website. Unfortunately, if the second hour sessions are not popular the run the risk of being cancelled in the future.

As I write this welcome, the school looks quite different today with the usual red uniform swapped for various costumes representing favourite book characters.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Scott







Safeguarding



Medication/Inhalers/Epi-pens - please ensure you keep school up to date with any medical conditions or concerns. It is parents responsibility to ensure all Epi-pens and Inalers are in date. If

you are unsure - please email office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk Carolynn will be happy to check on your behalf.

Contact Information - It is imperative we have correct contact information for your child. Please email office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk to update our records accordingly. Parents are also asked to update their Parentmail accounts with any changes. Thank you

Parking is safeguarding! As you know - from time to time, I receive communications from local residents with regards to dangerous and inconsiderate parking. The most recent correspondence was with regards to parents/carers parking irresponsibly during the recent KS1 Love 2 Lunch. As you can see, parking on the grass verges left quite a mess. Following this correspondence, bot the neighbour and I contacted the Parish and town councils. As a result you will notice a couple of areas that have had wooden posts and cones/tape placed upon them. Hopefully this measure will allow time for the grass to grow back. As always, please do park safely and with consideration for others.





Parent Survey



Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent parent survey. We were so pleased with the number of responses and with the actual results. You can check out the results by following this link.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?AnalyzerToken=pHmG5QUagmraAXAq6etr3BhGjsa0QT&id=OaXKyoGyzUuzvqYjVxcvQkb3jbo1zPpNkfkqaKLtfohUNE5POEEyMjQ3TVpVTjRWOEVMR0xaQk00Ui4u>

Please read on with a short summary with regards to some of the feedback that you provided.

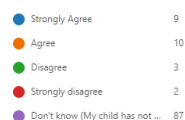
2. My Child is happy at Cottingham CofE?

Strongly Agree	73
Agree	36
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Don't Know	0



Happy children is always our main aim. The responses to this question were very positive. At the time, parents/carers felt that two of our pupils were not happy. We would always urge you to contact staff throughout the year if this is ever the case. We can then work together to ensure we have 100% of our children working and attending school happily..

4. My child has been bullied and Cottingham CofE dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively?



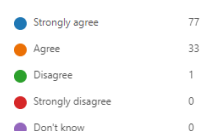
'Bullying', unfortunately is something that occurs in all school settings. Where you feel that your child is being 'bullied' or if a child confides in you that they are. Please always speak to your child's class teacher. Any 'bullying' discussion is noted on our monitoring portal (My Concern) and then investigated. Having a record of a 'bullying' incident allows staff to observe, investigate and monitor and where required put plans into place to support both the victim and the perpetrator. More information can also be found on the school website [Cottingham CE Primary School - Behaviour Policy \(cottinghamprimary.co.uk\)](http://Cottingham CE Primary School - Behaviour Policy (cottinghamprimary.co.uk))

10. Cottingham CofE let me know how my child is doing?



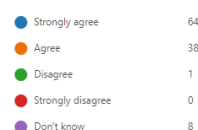
Communicating is important to us. In order to keep you up to date with how well your child is doing - staff offer three written reports throughout the year. These include summary reports at the end of autumn and spring with a final more detailed report in the summer. All throughout the year we offer an insight into learning via social media etc. If you would like to suggest other ways we could update you on your child's letter please do offer suggestions. The results do suggest that you are happy with the communications at present.

15. My child feels safe at Cottingham CofE?



Safety of children and staff is paramount. Having almost 100% replies that say your child feels safe at school means everything. We do believe we offer a safe/secure setting and were thrilled that you agree. As with any areas of school life, please do tell us at anytime if your child feels unsafe and why. Without such feedback we can not act upon it.

17. If I have a safeguarding concern about a child/family I know who to contact?

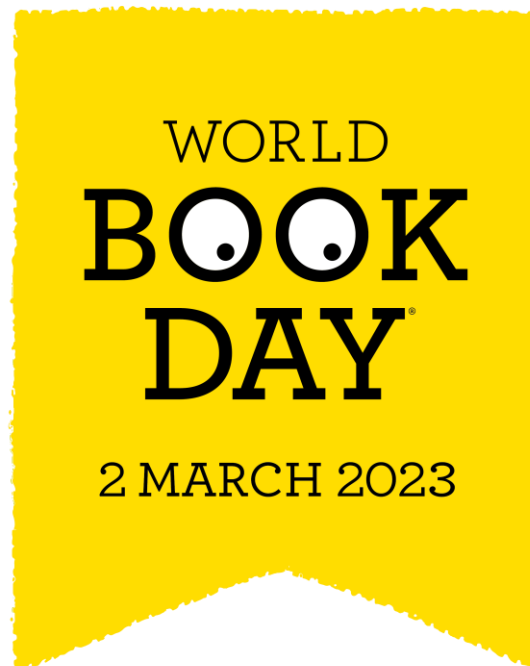


Safeguarding trumps everything we do. Through the regular newsletter, website and posters around the school, we believe you are kept well informed of who to contact when you have a safeguarding concern. All schools have a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and that is Mr Scott. he is joined by

a DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) who is Mrs Wilson. At the time of writing, both Mrs Cox and Mrs Lloyd were due to become part of the safeguarding team. More info can be found at [Safeguarding - Cottingham Primary](#) Always remember that **Safeguarding is 'everyone's responsibility.'**

Please do take the time to view the rest of the parent survey responses. The results were VERY positive and show how well we all work together. Contact Mr Scott if you would like to discuss any of the results including your own submissions.

World Book Day



Following our request for super new books from our Amazon Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/2NZCyp4> we have already started to receive your donations. If you do donate please drop an email to c.wilson@cottingham.pdet.org.uk as we would love to know who you are! Our first book arrived in the post this week and will make its way to the KS2 library in due course. We will add 'donated by' stickers onto the books that arrive and we know who has sent them....If you missed World Book Day - do not worry as the Wishlist is still live and available to you to access.

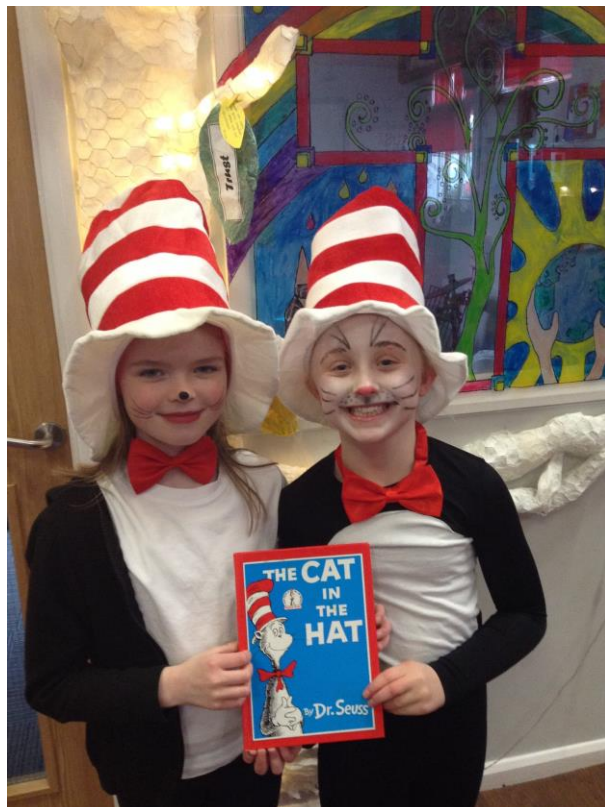
Mr Scott, announced a competition to coincide with World Book Day. Children could make a veggie/fruit book character and post onto TEAMS. Mr Scott has been busy looking through of the entries and has revealed his chosen favs. Check them out in the above welcome. Well done to all of the children who entered. Everyone will now be entered into a draw to receive one of five £5 vouchers to spend at the forthcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Check out some of the wonderful entries in the photo stack.

World Book Day gave the children a chance to ditch their usual uniform and dress up as a favourite or current character. They looked amazing as you can see in the photo stack. The children were really proud of themselves as we were of them. Again, thank you for the wish list book donations also. Which characters can you spot? Can you name the books that they appear in?











At the end of World Book day the children buddied up with a younger/older child in their CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK team. The children enjoyed listening to their buddy read a story to them. The younger children were in awe of their elder readers as you will see in the picture stack. The children also enjoyed choosing a book to hear being read by an adult. It was a lovely end to a wonderful day.











After School Clubs



Use Code:
CottT4



**TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL
CLUB EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT**

At Cottingham Primary School

3:30pm - 5:30pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

TIMETABLE

Basketball (3.30-4.30)
Lego filmmaking/Minecraft (3.30-4.30)
Football (3.30-4.30)
Baking (3.30-4.30)
Table tennis (4.30-5.30)
Dodgeball (3.30-4.30)
Science club (3.30-4.30)
Den building (4.30-5.30)
Multi skills (3.30-4.30)
Arts&Crafts(3.30-4.30)
Activity stations (4.30-5.30)
Gymnastics (3.30-4.30)
Minecraft (3.30-4.30)

**From £4.30
Per Hour**

**Early Bird Discount ends
17.02.23**

Book Now at www.csdactivitycamps.co.uk
Or email enquiries@csdactivitycamps.co.uk

For sports and outdoor activities please make sure you child has kit to change into!

As you may already know, due to low numbers, some of the planned after school activities for this term have been re-arranged. The updated flyer has more information. Please do access various FREE codes that you might have received also. A selection of children can access the multi skills session FOC. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding can access one free session per week. Not all of these voucher codes are being used. Due to its popularity, Minecraft club is now taking place twice a week. Other clubs such as football and gymnastics are popular and places are snapped up quickly.

A special FEE code for Tuesday 2nd hour Table Tennis and Thursday 2nd hour Activity Stations has been sent out to you. Please make the most of the FREE code for both of these activities for the rest of term. Register in the normal way and please use the code 'FREE2hr' at checkout

Santa Run



Nathaniel has just about recovered from his 5K Santa fun run. With the help of everyone who sponsored him, Nathaniel was able to raise £420.00 -along with the rest of his teammates in the Eagles & Kestrels. They were able to donate 30% of their total raised and therefore were able to donate **£500.00 to Prostate Cancer**. Well done Nathaniel and his team mates. If any children ever have a charity that they would like to support - they should speak to Mr Scott or Mrs Wilson. We are always open to suggestions for future fundraisers. In the past we have raised money for the Alzheimer's charity for example. Children then become a courageous advocate.

Attendance Matters



As you may know, when your child's attendance falls below the expected %, a letter is sent to you. In the first instance the letter will be to inform and to offer support. Subsequent letters will be to set targets and future expectations. All schools within the trust have now been provided with an updated attendance policy and this is available via the school website:

[attendance policy \(feb 2023 - feb 2024\) .pdf \(cottinghamprimary.co.uk\)](#) The updated policy will also be sent to you via Parentmail along with examples of updated attendance correspondence.

As a parent/carer, it is your responsibility to:

- ***Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.***
- ***Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).***
- ***Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.***
- ***Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.***

Good attendance is only possible when school-families work well together.

As a school, it is our responsibility to:

- ***Have a clear school attendance policy on the school website which all staff, pupils and parents/carers understand.***
- ***Develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance.***
- ***Accurately complete admission and attendance registers.***
- ***Have robust daily processes to follow up absence.***
- ***Have a dedicated senior leader with overall responsibility for championing and improving attendance.***

Further information provided by the DfE can be found via this link

[School attendance matters - a parent's guide \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

All staff are committed to ensuring that your child attends school on a regular basis. Mrs Cox (Newly appointed pastoral/support) will work closely with families where we have concerns regarding attendance. I am sure you will all appreciate that our main aim is to have children in school and to support you when attendance becomes an issue.

GDPR



GDPR - PDET have issued new Privacy Notices for all staff, parents, pupils and volunteers. These have been sent out via parentmail, but may also be found on the school and PDETs websites along with other important documents for your information.

Photo Consent is requested when your child first enrolls in school. However, our policy is to request specific permissions for every trip/event. If you DO NOT want your child's photo used on our school's social media platforms, you must inform school immediately. Thank you

Governors Update



Introducing Peter Smith our Church Governor who is a member of the Parochial Church Committee at the St Mary Magdalene Church in Cottingham. Peter lives near to the school in Middleton and runs a local garden landscaping and maintenance business having previously been a teacher in both primary and secondary schools. You will also find Peter practicing with the local choir at the school of an evening adding to his connection with the school!

Peter's links to both the church and our local community, plus a background in teaching, makes for a great skill set that Peter brings to our Academy Governance Committee. Should you wish to make contact with Peter he can be emailed at; p.smith@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

This is also a good opportunity to advertise a vacancy we have for another Church Governor. If you know someone who is connected with a church and is not a parent of a child at our school, please make them aware of this opportunity and encourage them to make contact!



Award Winners





Well done to all of the latest Headteacher award winners...





Well done to all of the latest Star of the Week award winners...





Well done to all of the latest Playground award winners...


Cottingham C of E Primary School

Wonderful Writer

Presented to _____

Signed _____

Date _____





Well done to all of the latest Wonderful Writers...

Parent Days

Parent Days are on the following dates for each class. From **Monday 6th March** you may phone the school office or email Mrs Southcombe - office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk - to make your appointment. These appointments will take place in school.

- Hawthorn Class 29th March
- Ash Class 18th April
- Oak Class 19th April
- Beech Class 20th April
- Willow Class 25th April

Please do take the time to book a slot with your child's class teacher. You will be able to discuss current attainment/progress as well as teacher targets for the end of the year. Spring reports will be available from the 29th March and can be a focus of discussions. The 15 minute slots will also be used to discuss strengths and areas for development. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the days. If for some reason you are unable to attend on these dates, please arrange an alternative date/time with your child's class teacher.

Pancake Day - LENT

Last week, Reverend Amanda spent the afternoon with the children explaining the link between pancake day and LENT. The children watched a pancake making demo that showed how we give up some of the sweet things that we like in readiness for LENT. A chance to clear the cupboard was talked about. The biggest challenge of afternoon was finding out if staff could flip a pancake under pressure. Hopefully you all enjoyed your own tasty pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and are thinking of giving something up for LENT. In worship at the end of the day the children, forty of them to be precise, gave suggestions of something they could DO rather than give up! Let's hope they act out their ACTS OF KINDNESS!











Year 2 - Pirates



A massive thank you to Mr Stafford, Miss Hurn, Mrs Wason and Mrs Nicholson who gave up their own free time to support our Year 2 pirates last week. Mrs Wilson and Mr Scott have heard all about the residential and are super proud of everyone. You will no doubt have seen many pictures already via Twitter/Instagram and Facebook etc. For the children who attended, the skills and experiences gained will certainly help them in the future.

Without parents/carers funding these activities, without children wanting to attend and without staff willing to attend, these experiences just do not happen.

Please enjoy looking at some of the pictures in the stack.







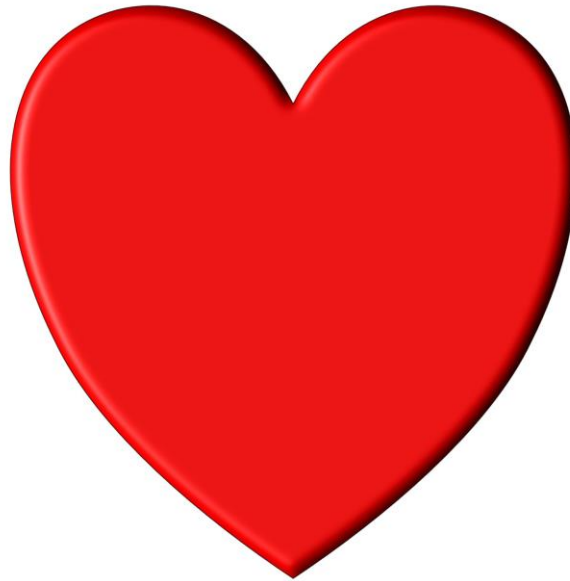






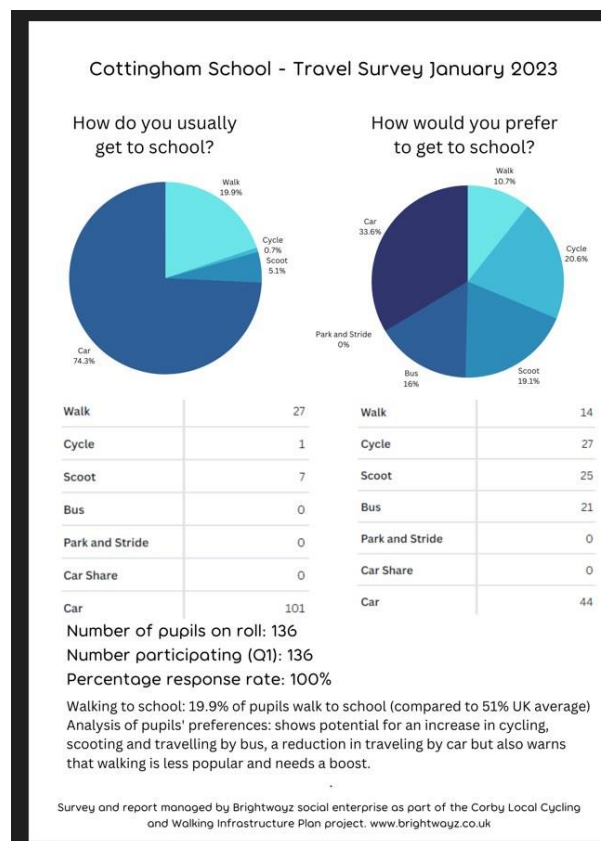


Love 2 Lunch



The children and parents from KS1 really enjoyed Love2Lunch on the last day before half-term. Love2Lunch for KS2 is on **Friday 10th March** - letters have been sent home via parentmail. If you would like to come, please save the date! Paper copies will be sent home after half-term and all food orders need to be submitted by Monday 27th February. Thank you

Road Safety - Pupil voice



The results of a recent travel survey carried out with the children showed that the majority travel to school by car. Interestingly 52 children said that they would like to have the opportunity to travel to school by bicycle or scooter. This would certainly be a more healthier way but is it practical? Well, we do have the smart scooter/cycle storage so perhaps it could well be an option. The lighter mornings and evenings would certainly make travelling to school via these means more safely than during the winter. Approximately half of our number on roll live out of the catchment area. This certainly explains why so many children attend via car. Perhaps you could devise a plan so that children put their scooters/bicycles in the boot. That way they get to use their preferred mode of transport for some of the distance. Parking away from the school would certainly keep our neighbours happy. We would certainly urge you to listen to the requests of your children. Perhaps they could even travel by bus as a one off special treat! ***Happy travels everyone.***

Term Dates



Academic Year 2022 to 2023

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

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

Thursday 30 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**

Additional Bank Holiday

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th 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 9th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)**
- **Wednesday 10th May: English reading paper**
- **Thursday 11th May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)**

Friday 12th May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Fridge Dates

The latest fridge dates are:

SPRING

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day

Friday 3rd March – Year 3 Bikeability

Friday 10th March – KS2 Love2Lunch

Thursday 16th – 22nd March – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Monday 27th March – Thursday 30th March – Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 30th March – PTFA Breakfast/Easter Events

Friday 31st March – INSET Day

SUMMER

Monday 17th April – Summer Term

Friday 28th April – PTFA Football Fundraiser

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th – SATs

Thursday 25th May – School Photos

Thursday 25th May – Sports Morning

Will write again soon.....

