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The Fortnightly

Issue 11

'But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.' 2 Chronicles 15:7



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/carer,

I am sure that you are all looking forward to the bank holiday Monday and an extra day for some quality family time. Of course, we then have another additional bank holiday Monday the following week for the King's Coronation. Next week also is the penultimate week before the year 6 children take part in the end of KS2 assessments (SATS). It is crazy how this time of year comes around so quickly. As in previous year's, the year 6 children will be invited in for breakfast and will end the week with some time at East Carlton Park. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck and to ask them to show the progress that they have made during their primary years. From May 15th, the children will then begin to get into their end of year production which will be ANNIE. The children have had their scripts and will soon be choosing a character that they would like to be. You will all then have the pleasure of watching their production at the end of the year. 'It's a hard knock life.' The year 6 children will also be visiting the theatre in Nottingham to see an adult performance of Annie. Exciting times ahead!

This last week has seen us welcome five new starters. Children have joined Willow, Ash, Oak, Beech and Hawthorn. As always, the current pupils have greeted them with open arms and have certainly helped them to settle in. Some of the children have settled in so well that they have already achieved a star of the week reward! Thank you also to parents/carers whom I am sure have helped to welcome the families to the Cottingham community. As a result, we now have 138 children on roll with a few spaces available here and there. This number has grown from 117 back in 2018 and shows the impact of everyone's hard work. Well done also to the new starters for showing such resilience and bravery to make a move mid year. we are glad they could join us.

As you know, I have recently consulted with you regarding the [Length of school day](#) and that we are currently short by 50 minutes per week. From September, in line with Government guidelines our school day will increase by x10 minutes per day. I have received a few questions thus far:

What difference will x10 minutes make per day? When you add the time over the year, it accounts to approximately 30 hours per year. That time can be used in school to extend foundation lessons in the afternoon as well as extra targeted intervention etc. It will also allow worship to start slightly later.

Will children be late out at 3:25? 3:25 is the end of the actual school day. Children will be let out after this time once they have cleared away etc. This is the same for 3:15 which is the end of learning and not necessarily the time children will leave the class.

The times could impact upon collecting siblings? Unfortunately, this is not something that we can assist with. Like with any timings, arrangements will need to be made by yourselves regarding collecting older siblings etc. Don't forget that after school clubs area always available.

Could it possibly be considered a five minute earlier start and five minute later end to the day? This has been considered but staff contracts/hours of work need to be considered with regards to start/end of the day.

Could the school open later than the gates closing earlier in the morning. Traffic near our house is chaotic from 8.30 onwards? As above, start/end times need to coincide with staff contracts etc. we

will be able to continue to offer the 08:45 start/gate open for early birds. As always, we ask that parents/carers are respectful when driving/parking at drop off and collection.

Please do offer any further feedback by the date given in the attached letter. I will then confirm September timings with you in due course.

Thank you so much for allowing your children to collect sponsors and take part in the football take over day today. As always, any monies raised will be collected by the PTFA and will then be spent upon education, learning and well-being activities. I am sure the total amount raised will be announced very soon. As we enter the summer term, well done to the children that have already taken part in sporting events including Gamble Cup football and County netball finals. Today, the KS1 children are also enjoying their weekly tennis session with Corby Tennis. I look forward to seeing their progress over the coming weeks..

Have a lovely extended weekend. Please DO share the news with the children who might want to spot themselves. Also be reminded that parents/carer/family members are invited to attend any Friday worship from 2:45 regardless of whether your child is to be rewarded or not!

See you soon, Mr Scott

Safeguarding



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Please ensure we have up to date emergency contact details and medical information for your child. It is imperative that all information is up to date. Without up to date information, we are unable to contact you in an emergency.

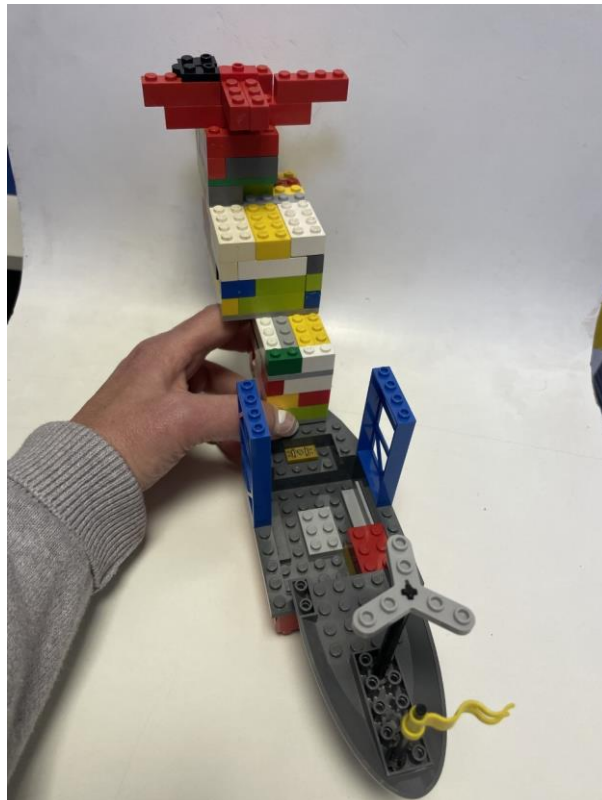
[The Safeguarding Team](#) is always available if you need to speak to anyone. As well as the designated team, ALL staff can be approached and will be happy to listen to and pass on your concerns.

Attendance

Quite often, attendance can become a safeguarding concern if no reasons are provided for non attendance or regular, frequent patterns of attendance start to appear and become a concern. If you have any questions or ever need support with regards to attendance, please do ask for help. More often than not, working together can solve many attendance issues. At the time of writing, whole school attendance is at **94.3%** compared to a national average of **93.6%**. Our target is always set at **96%** so we are currently slight behind. Persistent absence is currently **16.3%** compared to the

national **20%**. This accounts for children who have fallen below 90% attendance and will certainly be a cause for concern due to many missed hours of learning and social interaction. Unauthorised absence currently stands at **2%** and will include absence for term time holidays or when no reason has been provided. Authorisation cannot be given for term time holidays. Currently **0%** of children are late to school which is great - thanks for your support and we would look for that to continue from September with the changes to the school day.

Family Support



1 - Lego Therapy Group 2



2 - Lego Therapy Group 1

Welcome to the first update from Family support.

The last few weeks I have facilitated 2 groups of Lego Therapy! Lego Based Therapy is a child based therapy structured around the use of language communication and social skills. Its also a lot of fun!

Lego Therapy is a child led therapy, they set their rules before we start the session, we re visit the rules that are set every session. The children are great at remembering them. They then have to work together to create their build, from planning to final creation.

Andy Goldsworthy Journey



The children in Ash and Willow went to East Carlton Park to begin their Andy Goldsworthy learning journey. They used natural resources to begin creating their own 3D work.. They will continue with the journey back at school...Thank you to parents/carers who came along. Look out for more art

work on the grass by Mill Rd gate. Maybe at home you could work together to make some family Goldsworthy pieces in the garden? Please do Tweet and of your masterpieces.





















Kings Coronation - Volunteer for a day



Monday 8th May

KING'S CORONATION VOLUNTEER DAY



Cottingham Primary Clean a Road Sign

The British public are being encouraged to take up a volunteering activity on the bank holiday following the King's coronation.

The School's Academy Governance Committee would be delighted if children head out on this day to clean a road sign near to where they live following a winter build-up of dirtiness.

Send in photos of your great work!

SAFETY FIRST

Avoid signs on busy roads, keep off the road and children only to clean signs at ground level.

3 - The AGC have come up with this great idea with regards to 'Volunteer for a day.' As you will read in the flyer, you are being invited to clean a local road sign/street sign. If you are able to safely take part please do tweet a picture or send your pictures over. We would definitely love to see your clean road signs sparkling. Thank you to David Sharman for this idea.

Wax on, wax off!!!

Class News

Cottingham C of E Primary School Termly Information

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new term at Cottingham. I hope you have all had a lovely Easter holidays and the children are ready for another busy term ahead! Throughout this summer term, we will be welcoming Mrs Johnson in to our class who is completing a placement with us for her teaching training. Please be assured that I will still be in class and the Oak class teacher and if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me either at school or through email. I hope that the children have another positive and successful term. Many thanks Miss Hum

Class: Oak
Term: 5

Homework

This year in Oak, maths homework will continue to set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Children should also be reading on a daily basis. Termly spellings will be sent home shortly. These are organized into weeks however please review these frequently.

Connective Worship

Our value of the term is "Perseverance & Endurance" which will be explored in both whole school and class worship. Collective worship will take place this year on a Monday and Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday. We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. *Keep your mind on Jesus... Then you won't get discouraged and give up! Hebrews 12:3*

Maths

In maths, we will be looking at our 6x, 6x and 7x times-tables. (whilst recapping them all) Please find attached on page 2 of this document the instant recall multiplication and addition facts that each year group should know. Children should be accessing TT100 as it is part of their homework, it really secures their times table knowledge, helps them in other aspects of the maths curriculum and helps Oak class to win the TT100 trophy!

Reading for pleasure

As a class we have been reading the A head full of magic by Sarah Murrell and I look forward to seeing what book we will vote on as a class for our next reading pledge book. In the meantime a book I would recommend is A pocketful of stars by Asha Bhusley

Significant person

This year we will continue to introduce to our curriculum a significant person. This is a person who has had a strong impact on our way of life or culture and that we would be proud to tell the children to know about. For this term, we have chosen Chanté Adams who is most known for her poetry. He changed his country's literary scene through his rebellious opinions and art.

PE days

This term, PE in Oak will take place on a Tuesday and Friday. Children will be allowed to come to school in their PE kit on these two days.

Important information

Please note that children in key stage 2 are only allowed to take food or veg out onto the playground at break time for their snack. Please note we are a nut and food free school. Please can children refrain from wearing any additional jewellery to school (necklaces/brooches/earrings). Please can I ask that all uniform is named, at the end of term we had several lost and unnamed items every day which we are unable to return to their owner.

As you know, termly news is sent out to you with a welcome from class teachers alongside other news. All editions of the class news are uploaded to the school website and files sections within class Teams. We always ask that you refer to the news and do share with children. The news will update on any changes to PE days and also set the scene for learning that term. Below are links to where you can find summer term 1 news at www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk

[Willow Class](#)

[Ash Class](#)

[Oak Class](#)

[Beech Class](#)

[Hawthorn Class](#)

SG Pathway Takeover Day - April 28th!



On **Friday 28th of April**, SG Pathway Academy carried out a takeover day to help raise funds for our school. Children were given a chance to have a go on both our football inflatable dartboard as well as a football speed cage. Children will shortly receive various gifts by raising different amounts of money. There is no requirement for a child to raise a certain amount of money as all children will be able to take part in the takeover day. Lots of children wore a football shirt in return for raising £1...

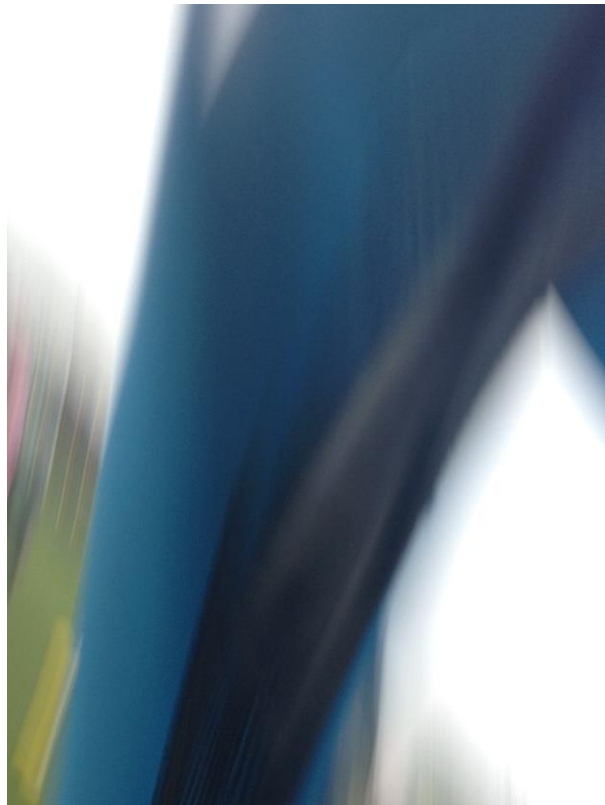
If you have not returned the sponsor form by **Friday 28th of April**, please do so ASAP. Gifts will hopefully be handed out to children no later than **Friday 5th May**. Please note that all money received by the school must be CASH ONLY in an envelope with child's name and year group clearly indicated. There is no option to pay online.

[Sponsor form](#)















KIRFS

COTTINGHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Key Instant Recall Facts
EYFS Autumn 1**

I can say the numbers from 0 to 5 and back from 5 to 0 in order

By the end of this term we aim that children should know these facts instantly

In order:
0,1,2,3,4,5

And back again,
5,4,3,2,1,0

Key vocabulary
Zero
One
Two
Three
Four
Five

Top Tip:
Please practise these little and often, at times like when you are on your way to school or doing tasks in the house. Make them a part of your everyday routine.

How to practise this skill examples:

- Counting when you are tidying up
- Singing number songs like 5 speckled frogs
- Finding things outside to count
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

CARE - BUILD - FOLLOW - THINK

Logos: Star, KIRF, EYFSP, Community, etc.

The school has recently introduced a new set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) to support children's mathematical learning. Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the meeting last week.

The idea behind KIRFs is that if children have these facts as instant recall, it firmly supports their mathematical understanding and abilities to do both mental and written calculations. The children will learn these KIRFs both in and out of school and we are sharing them with parents to ask you to help by regularly reviewing them with children at home.

Each of the areas covered in the KIRFs are not new to the curriculum, however we have organised them so children are given a clear focus for each term and we have also created documents so that the teaching of these can be supported at home.

Each year group has a different set of KIRFs and included are activities for supporting at home. On each year group document is the explanation in more detail as to what KIRFs are and how they should and can be used.

Faye Wason - f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Governors Update



Accepting Nominations for Parent Governor Election

The school is seeking interest in parents to join our Academy Governance Committee (AGC). Parent governors are valuable members of the Committee; we rely on them to help us keep in touch with what parents are thinking.

Our school is part of Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET) who have delegated to the AGC a range of duties/responsibilities. In the role as a Governor you will be supported in your duties by other experienced members of the AGC, the Headteacher, the PDET's Central Team and the Clerk to governors.

All governors need:

- Commitment to improving education for all pupils
- Commitment to supporting the Christian ethos of the Trust and the Academy
- Ability to work in a team and take collective responsibility for decisions
- Willingness to learn

The level of commitment required is:

- Attendance at 6 AGC meetings per year on a weekday evening (approx. 1.5 hours each)
- Attendance at training as required
- Undertaking structured monitoring visits to the school – at least one per term
- Working outside of meetings reviewing policies and other documents and/or on task and finish groups.

Our school is totally committed to safeguarding children and so the successful applicant will require a DBS check prior to taking up the appointment.

Parent governors play a vital role in the governance of the Academy, bringing parent viewpoints and insights to the AGC in the interests of the school as a whole.

To register your interest please contact;

David Sharman (Chair of Governors) | d.sharman@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Hopefully you will by now have checked out the summer 1 editions of termly learning planners. As always, all editions of the planners are uploaded to the school website and files sections within class Teams. We ask that you refer to the planners and do share with children as they will explain learning in store this term. Below are links to where you can find summer term 1 termly planners at www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk

Willow YR



Willow Y1

Ash

Oak

Beech

Hawthorn

 Cottingham CofE Primary School Termly Overview	Class: Ash Term: 5	 Petersborough Education Trust <small>Primary School</small>
Key Text: <i>Amazing Antebellum</i> Text on Oregon Focus: Non-fiction - writing an information text Narrative- describing a character Purpose for writing: To inform the reader to 'entertain' the reader	Writing Focus: Coding Children will be using the new machines will be able to: • To understand what instructions are and predict what might happen when they are followed. • To code to make a simple computer program.	Reading Year Multiplication & Division This unit will be used to develop skills in calculating in 10's. The children will learn to multiply and divide before learning how to make their own multiplication and division tables. They will learn how to use the tables in practical ways before learning how to extend this ability. They will also learn how to make simple square games by drawing and making a table of multiplication by grouping.
Writing: We will begin the new term by completing our unit on well-known authors. Following this, we will be writing a story and presenting the story of Keatsen and the Gipsy Child, using the text 'A Small Ship' as a model for the children to follow.	Reading The children will be using this unit will be through play based activities. The children will learn by making up games. This will help them to find a text, a subject and a character to write about. They will learn about characters, and traditions and non-traditional characters. All of this learning will be formalised and shared, upon 5th June.	Year 5 - Fractions This unit will be used to develop skills in working with fractions. The children will learn how to add and subtract fractions. They will also learn how to multiply and divide fractions. They will also learn how to convert fractions to decimals.
Grammar: In Year 5, we will continue to focus on accurately constructing a sentence in the present tense. In Year 5, we will learn about adjectives.	Reading Quest Word Writing The children will be using this unit will be through play based activities. The children will learn by making up games. This will help them to find a text, a subject and a character to write about. They will learn about characters, and traditions and non-traditional characters. All of this learning will be formalised and shared, upon 5th June.	Year 5 - Fractions This unit will be used to develop skills in working with fractions. The children will learn how to add and subtract fractions. They will also learn how to multiply and divide fractions. They will also learn how to convert fractions to decimals.
Word Reading / Comprehension: We will be learning how to retrieve information from text and use it as well as having some vocabulary.	Reading Biography: Procedural Knowledge This term we will be focusing on developing our ability to work procedurally. In particular, we will be looking about how to: • learn to ask questions • learn to observe closely • learn to identify and classify (objects and living things)	Year 5 - Fractions This unit will be used to develop skills in working with fractions. The children will learn how to add and subtract fractions. They will also learn how to multiply and divide fractions. They will also learn how to convert fractions to decimals.
Reading: Comparing Non-fiction and Fiction In this unit of learning, the children will be learning about fiction and the similarities/differences between them. Non-fictionally they will learn about how the historical events of the world and how a continuing to develop their knowledge of world Geography.	Reading Physics: Physical Units The children will be using this unit will be through play based activities. The children will learn by making up games. This will help them to find a text, a subject and a character to write about. They will learn about characters, and traditions and non-traditional characters. All of this learning will be formalised and shared, upon 5th June.	Year 5 - Fractions This unit will be used to develop skills in working with fractions. The children will learn how to add and subtract fractions. They will also learn how to multiply and divide fractions. They will also learn how to convert fractions to decimals.
Reading: Relationships We will be continuing with our new PSHE: 'Agreeing Relationships' programme. The theme of the unit is 'Relationships' within the unit, the children will learn how to make friends and how to use friendship problems when they occur. They will also learn how to use to show respect to how they treat others and how to show respect to how they treat others.	Reading Physics: Physical Units The children will be using this unit will be through play based activities. The children will learn by making up games. This will help them to find a text, a subject and a character to write about. They will learn about characters, and traditions and non-traditional characters. All of this learning will be formalised and shared, upon 5th June.	Year 5 - Fractions This unit will be used to develop skills in working with fractions. The children will learn how to add and subtract fractions. They will also learn how to multiply and divide fractions. They will also learn how to convert fractions to decimals.
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With the lighter evenings now upon us, we are able to offer the opportunity to hire the all weather surface. We can offer a reasonable hourly rate suitable for 1:1 coaching, small group coaching or possibly birthday parties. If you are interested, please email head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk for further information. Please do share this information with anyone that you believe could be interested. On the odd occasion we can also look at hiring out the pitch for a birthday party. Again, contact Mr Scott for further details including costs and availability.



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...

[Term Dates](#)

INSET Days 2023 to 2024

Mon 4th/Tues 5th Sep

Thurs 4th/Fri 5th Jan

Mon 26th Feb

Magnificent Minds - Healthy Schools Award



I am delighted to inform you that along with the Magnificent Mind Team we have now begun working towards the Healthy Schools Award. This award targets:

- ***Mental Health,***
- ***Physical Activity***
- ***Healthy Eating***
- ***PSHE***

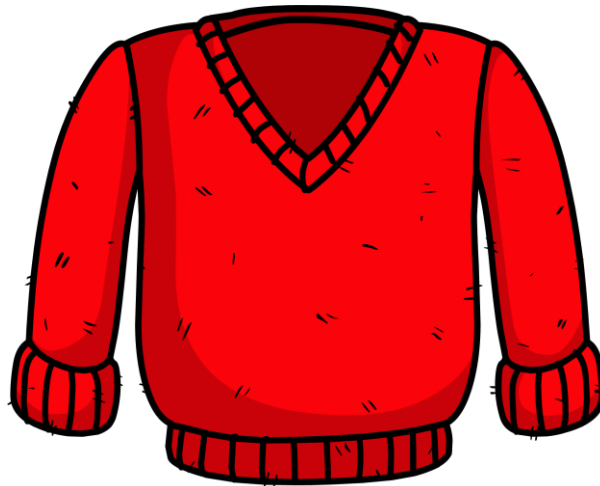
All the above are in line with Ofsted guidance and will really benefit the school. Staff and pupils will begin by completing surveys, answering questions on the above points. More information will follow.....

Rockingham Flower Show

Children are invited to enter the Pumpkin Competition taking place at the Rockingham Flower Show on Saturday 9th September @ 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Pumpkins seeds/pots and compost have been sent home along with instructions on how to grow.

Please send photos / tweets of pumpkins as they grow....

School Uniform



Summer is a busy time for our school uniform provider - please order any uniform required for next September as soon as possible. Orders may be made on-line @ www.yourschooluniform.com Please be reminded that we do not expect children to wear logo uniform. **PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM!!!!**

Please also check out the [uniform page](#) on the school website. Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children look smart and ready for learning every day,

King Charles III Coronation - Menu

If at any time your child would like a hot lunch (or packed) please do order with plenty of time. From time to time, children do say that they do not like a particular lunch. When ordering lunches it might be a good idea to do this with children to ensure that lunches ordered are enjoyed.



Coronation Celebration

Celebratory Menu for Friday 5th May in honour of
King Charles III Coronation

Main	Great British Fish and Chips with Garden Peas Tomato Ketchup (optional)
Vegetarian	Sandringham Sausages and Chips with Garden Peas Tomato Ketchup (optional) (vgn)
Plant Based	Balmoral Burgers and Chips with Garden Peas Tomato Ketchup (optional) (vgn)
Packed Lunch	Coronation Chicken Roll, Cucumber and Carrot Sticks, Kings Coronation Crown Biscuit
Pastry	Kings Coronation Crown Biscuit (v)

(v) Vegetarian suitable
(vgn) Vegan suitable

Order via your school meals account or go to our below website to register.
Please order by midnight Wednesday 26th April 2023.

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

 KingswoodKitchen / Kingswood Education Catering Ltd 



KS2 Love 2 Lunch



KS2 Love 2 Lunch was a success. Loved Ones turned out in numbers and enjoyed Fish Friday with their children. We always enjoy giving parents/carers and other family members an insight into school life of which the lunchtime sitting is an important part. We are already discussing when our next Loved to lunch will take place so do watch this space. Hopefully the weather will allow an outdoor picnic!!!! Thank you as always to Kingswood Caterers and Mrs Southcombe for organising the lunch.





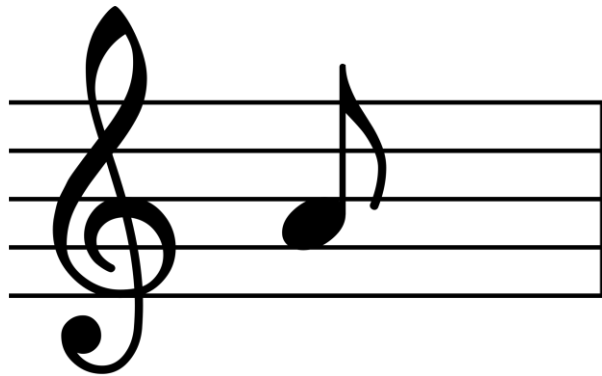








Musical performances



As you know, at the end of each term, the children who have instrumental/vocal lessons put on a concert for us all. Last term we heard drums, guitars and also choir who performed a number. It is great to receive positive feedback in our book and via email. This response make it all worth while:

'Really enjoyed the drumming concert today, you have some very talented musicians in the making. Love listening to the whole school getting behind them singing along & wriggling about to the music, fab performances & afternoon of entertainment. Well done all.'

This term, has already seen the first guitar, drums, keyboard and choir sessions take place. A few spaces remain for keyboard, choir, vocals and ukulele (KS1).

Oak class have this week begun a ten week journey during which time they will learn to play the recorder as an ensemble. They have already made progress in their very first session. We will invite parents/carers to a special Oak class performance later in the term. In the meantime, we would certainly encourage extra recorder sessions at home!









PE Update

It has been a busy start to the term in PE! Across the school, all children have started to learn tennis alongside their other REAL PE lesson. Corby Tennis Centre are giving sessions to KS1 and KS2 are

advancing their racket skills during their lessons. On Monday, Northamptonshire Steelbacks Cricket came in for a takeover day, providing all the children with the opportunity to enjoy a cricket coaching session. Last Wednesday, the Year 3/4 football team took part in the Gamble Cup. The team were played brilliantly, winning their group without conceding a goal. They went on to win the semi-final on penalties. After a tight final finished 0-0, the boys were extremely unlucky to lose to Woodnewton on penalties. However, they can be extremely proud of their achievements and all the children represented the school impeccably.























Will write again soon.....

