



W/E 9th June 2023

### The Fortnightly

Issue 14

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths " Proverbs 3:5-6**



## Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/carer,

The first week back has flown past. I hope that you enjoyed a lovely break last week. Some of you had a wonderful time further afield from what I was told by the children or saw via social media. Now we are back into the full swing of summer term 2. This is one of the busiest terms due to all of the many events that we have planned. The staff and children will certainly be ready for the summer break in July....

I recently sent out the Uniform Policy for your consultation/feedback. I did not receive any feedback. As a result the updated policy is now in place and will shortly be uploaded to the school website. Thank you for ensuring that our children are dressed smartly, safely and ready for learning. At the recent athletics events I did feel proud as to how the children looked and performed.

I wrote to parent's/carers of Year 6 children to provide you with an update regarding end of year events. Please visit this link for a reminder [leavers events](#) We hope to see you all at one of the planned events. More news will be sent out shortly to confirm dates/times etc.

This week, I have had the pleasure of supporting and administering the Year 4 MTC (Times Tables). As you know, the Government now expect all year 4 children to be assessed annually upon their multiplication recall. More information is available here [Parents Info](#) The results will be available at the end of the month. I saw lots of progress made by all children from when they have taken similar tests this year. It was very apparent those children who have been spending extra time of TTRS for example. Thank you for your support at home. The staff and I will always reiterate the importance of children having good multiplication recall.

This week, I had the pleasure of accompanying the year 3/4 and 5/6 teams at the Athletics event held at Corny Athletics. Just like the nearby tennis centre, the children are so lucky to have such facilities upon their door step. The year 3/4 children should be very proud of their bronze medals which I have asked them to show off in worship. At the time of writing these notes I was also due to attend a year 5/6 cricket event at Maidwell. I hope to share more news of that in the next edition. I am also very much looking forward to the year 4 residential next week and year 6 trip to see Annie.

The weather reports all point to a warm weekend so please stay safe and enjoy..

Write again 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.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Mr Scott [head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL):

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Mrs Lloyd [k.lloyd@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:k.lloyd@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

Mrs Cox

***Poor attendance can often become a safeguarding concern. Please do speak to us if you have any concerns or you are struggling to get your child into school. We will certainly work with you.***

## Term Time Absence - Holidays!



Current attendance stands at **94.6%** compared to the National average of approx **93.7%**. We think that this attendance is quite good and shows that the children enjoy attending school and that they are generally healthy which is great of course. Our aim is to always promote attendance with a target of **95/96%** annually. Of course, children have time off with illness and we would certainly support this time off including 48 hours for sickness and/or diarrhoea. Unfortunately, a number of children/families have taken term time holidays. You will see in the information below that this is not something a Headteacher can authorise unless for exceptional circumstances. There is always the possibility that the local county council partnership team could issue a fine (Per parent - per child) where a child has 5 consecutive unauthorised absences, leading to possible court proceedings in the future. Please bare this in mind when taking holidays during term time. ***Please do take time to read the DfE advice below.***

[Holidays during school term-time in England \(parliament.uk\)](#)

Parents cannot authorise absences; only schools can do this. Head teachers have discretion to grant leave during school term time, but this is not an automatic entitlement. The law governing such leave of absences was tightened up from September 2013. Under current regulations, head teachers may not grant leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

[Department for Education guidance](#) summarises the legal powers and duties that govern school attendance, and explains how they apply to local authorities, head teachers, school staff, governing bodies, pupils and parents. [Code H: leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday granted by the school](#) (p58) states:

- *215. Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable.*
  
- *216. An application for leave of absence should (and from certain schools must) not be granted unless it is made in advance by a parent the pupil normally lives with and the school is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstance of the case which justify the leave. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion.*

**Legal action to enforce school attendance.**

[School attendance and absence: Legal action to enforce school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**Parenting Order** This means you have to go to parenting classes. You'll also have to do what the court says to improve your child's school attendance.

**Education Supervision Order** If the council thinks you need support getting your child to go to school but you're not co-operating, they can apply to a court for an Education Supervision Order. A supervisor will be appointed to help you get your child into education. The local council can do this instead of prosecuting you, or as well.

**School Attendance Order** You'll get a School Attendance Order if the local council thinks your child is not getting an education. You have 15 days to provide evidence that you've registered your child with the school listed in the order or that you're giving them [home education](#). If you do not, you could be prosecuted or given a fine.

**Fine (sometimes known as a 'penalty notice')** Your local council can give each parent a fine of £60, which rises to £120 each if you do not pay within 21 days. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school.

**Local councils and schools can use various legal powers if your child is missing school without a good reason.**

## Socials!

We feel that communication to home is a strength of ours and we hope that you agree. You receive regular news letters etc via Parentmail as well as finding out information in paper copies of letters. We also have various social media APPS that we use to keep you up to date with most things. If you do not already follow our social media sites please do. We can now be found on Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok and Facebook. Don't forget that we also have the website: [www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk) that contains all of the statutory information that we must share with parents. Our latest trust review of the website gave us 10/10..Then there is the school office 901536 771391) or [office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk). There is NO reason to miss out on any news shared! Please do give us feedback from time to time also...

**TWITTER - @CottinghamCofE**

**INSTAGRAM - cottinghamcofe**

**Tik Tok - @cottinghamcofe**

Not forgetting that we use TEAMS to share termly planners, spellings and class news also.....We do hope that you feel that you are well communicated to! You also have the option to email class teachers....



## Fridge Dates



**Summer Term 2**

***June 2023***

Wednesday 7th June – Year 5 Swimming Commences x 7 weeks

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th June – Year 4 Beaumanor

Wednesday 14th June – Year 6 to See Annie in Nottingham

Thursday 15th June – Sports Day KS1am / KS2 pm. PTFA Events/Picnic on Field

Monday 19th June – Reserved Sports Day

Tuesday 20th June – KS2 Triathlon

Wednesday 21st June – New Entrants Evening

Monday 26th - June UCC Transition Day 1

Tuesday 27th - June UCC Transition Day 2

Wednesday 28th June – UCC Transition Day 3

### ***July 2023***

Thursday 6th July – Oak Class Recorders Performance

Monday 10th July – KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal – Afternoon (Manor House)

Tuesday 11th July – KS2 Performance – Afternoon (Veterans, Neighbours)

Tuesday 11th July – SATS Results

Wednesday 12th July – KS2 Performance – Evening

Thursday 13th July KS2 Performance – Afternoon and Evening

Friday 15th July – PDET Going for Gold

Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 Prayer Day

Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers in Church

Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Party Evening

Friday 21st July – School Closes

## **Coronation Art Competition - win £100**

Coronations are a time for national rejoicing, seeing the best of our nation and joining in the fun. They are also a time for reflection. What does a monarchy mean today? Why do we have one? What is it like to be a King or Queen? How do they serve and represent the nation?

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The top ten in each group will have their work exhibited and invited to the Finalist Reception along with their family in October. The winner in each category will be awarded £100.

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See attached letter and information!



*James Saunders Watson*  
Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire

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Dear Principal,

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To celebrate this significant occasion, it would be wonderful to encourage young people from across the County to express their reaction to the Coronation. Therefore, I am launching a Coronation Art Competition. I am keen for young people to be able to express their personal experience of the events that have taken place through the medium of art in its broadest sense, whether paint, photography, collage, video, sculpture or in word. By closing entries at the end of the summer I hope that everyone will be able to produce a work of art that reflects their feelings of the Coronation and the associated festivities, whether they be the official ceremony, street parties, concerts or volunteering.

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I am extremely keen for everyone to have an opportunity to participate in the Coronation Art Competition and I would be extremely grateful if you could encourage all your pupils no matter what their age or artistic/linguistic talent to enter. This is a competition for ALL.

I attach an information sheet giving details of the competition and please pass this on to your pupils, parent groups and anyone else you feel might be interested and encourage participation.

I hope you will agree that this is an imaginative way of engaging the young. I really appreciate your help and support.

James Saunders Watson Esq  
Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire

Email: [ll@rockinghamcastle.com](mailto:ll@rockinghamcastle.com)





## Annie - Ticket Info!

The children have been learning their scripts both at home and in school. You may have seen some sneak previews on Twitter. Please see details below regarding shows. You can book a seat via the school office soon. ALL children in KS2 will take part in each show. Some year 6 children will also have a main part to play in either CAST A or CAST B. Children will be informed. The first round of seats available will be limited per family with more seats then becoming available. We suggest that you attend the Matinee and/or evening performances. Seats will be priced at £5 per adult with children under 16 FREE. These costs will go towards the £500 license fee and props etc. Thank you.

We have planned to hold the performances on:

**Monday 10th July - Dress Rehearsal 1:30 (CAST A)**

**Tues 11th July - Dress Rehearsal 10:30 (CAST B)**

**Tues 11th July - Matinee Performance 1:30 (CAST A)**

**Weds 12th July - Evening Performance 6:30 (CAST B)**

**Thursday 13th July - Matinee Performance 1:30 (CAST B)**

**Thursday 13th July - Evening Performance 6:30 (CAST A)**

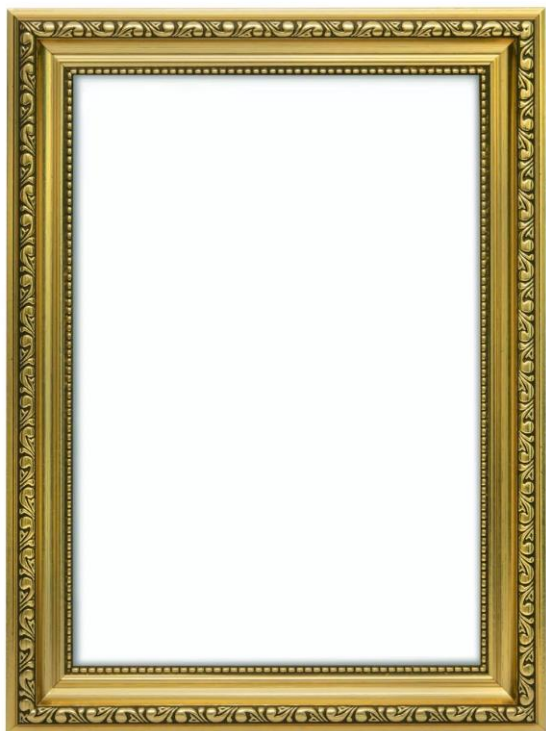




## Picture Frames **STILL** Wanted!

To display pupil's art work we are looking for donations of unwanted picture frames (See pics). The more fancy the better. Doesn't matter what colour as will be spray painted. The older looking, the better. Please have a rummage around and if you can donate a frame please do drop off at the office. Thankyou. Any size between A4 and A3 would be ideal...Thank you





## Family Support



Mrs Cox continues to work closely with children who, at the moment, require some extra support. Both Mrs Cox and Mr Scott have written a new leaflet that details some of the support that we could potentially offer your child. If we cannot support your child then we can certainly signpost to someone who can. Look out for the leaflet as it comes home to you soon...

## PE Update

It has been a busy start back to the final term! On Monday, athletes from KS2 took part in the QUAD kids athletics competition at the athletics stadium at Rockingham Triangle. All athletes did themselves proud with some exceptional individual performances. The Yr3/4 team came and impressive 3rd place, whilst the Yr5/6 team came a respectable 8th place. We will finish the week by taking a Yr5 and a Yr6 team to an invitational cricket competition at Maidwell Hall School. Sports Day is fast approaching and we have further competitions across the school throughout the term so please keep an eye out for letters and sign and return permission slips promptly.



































## Viking for a day

Hopefully the children returned home with details of their Viking experience day. Thank you to Mrs Wason for organising the day as part of the KS2 learning journey this term. The children looked



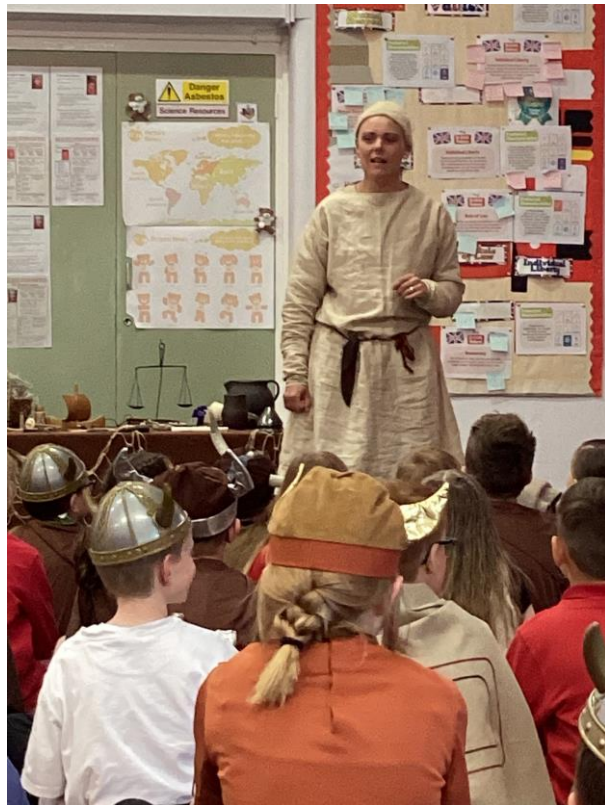
A collection of traditional hunting and fishing tools, including a net, antlers, and various knives, displayed on a brown cloth. The items are arranged on a brown cloth-covered table. In the foreground, a large, light-colored fishing net is spread out, with a dark, circular metal ring attached to its top edge. To the left of the net, a set of antlers is displayed. Above the antlers, a wooden comb and a wooden handle with a metal head are visible. In the center, a pair of black-handled pliers and a small, dark, circular metal ring are placed. To the right, a large, dark, curved knife is visible. In the background, a wicker basket filled with white material, possibly wool or yarn, is on the left. To its right, a wooden handle with a metal head is visible. Further back, a collection of small, round, metallic objects, possibly buttons or coins, are scattered. On the far right, a small, dark, rectangular object, possibly a pouch or a small bag, is visible. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.





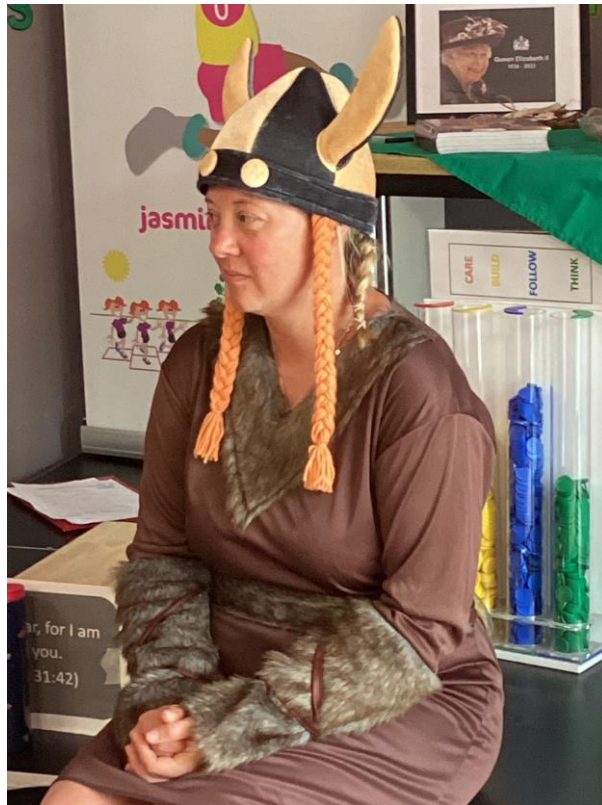












## Governors Update



### Parent Governor Update!

Following our recent advertisement for a Parent/Carer to join our Academy Governance Committee (AGC), I am pleased to announce that Charlie Simcoe will be joining the team. I am also very pleased to confirm that Ben Jeffs, a current Parent Governor, will continue with his role following his acceptance of a second term.

We look forward to welcoming Charlie to the AGC and in a future edition of this newsletter we will ask her to introduce herself!

Please do remember that our Parent Governors represent all Parents/Carers of the school from a school governance perspective, so please do make contact with them should you have a query or question.

David Sharman - [d.sharman@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:d.sharman@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Term Dates 2023/24**

### **Academic Year 2023/2024**

Term 1 Friday 1st September 2023 - Friday 20th October 2023

Term 2 Monday 30th October 2023 - **Wednesday 20th December 2023 (to be confirmed)**

Term 3 Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Term 4 Tuesday 27th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5 Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July 2024

### **INSET Days**

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

## Magnificent Minds - Helping Hands Teams



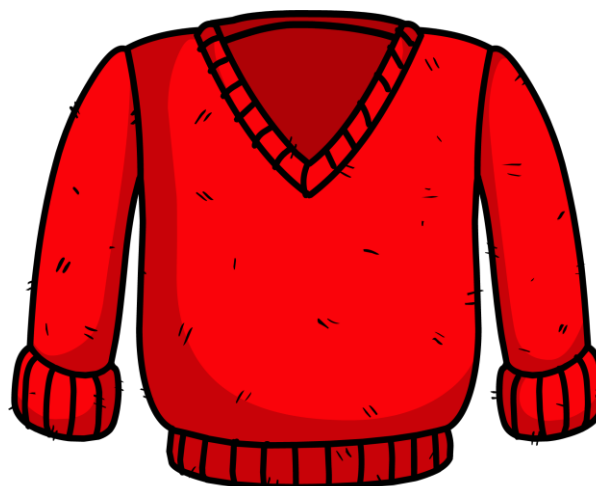
**Magnificent Minds** have been busy on the playground and evidencing acts of kindness in their diaries. They are being super wellbeing role models.

**The Helping Hand Team** have designed some lovely posters to promote safe parking - these will be displayed soon.

Next week 12th - 16th June is Healthy Eating Week. Healthy Eating Week is all about supporting and promoting healthier lifestyles.

Children from MMT and HHT will soon be helping me with my walking challenge and doing laps of the school field - every step counts!!! Please do support these very worthwhile causes and donate if you can.... Thank you x

## 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](http://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. Please do respond to the uniform policy that was sent out to you for consultation.

**Will write again soon.....**

