

# W/E 7th July 2023

# The Fortnightly

Issue 15

"Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me." Psalm 23:4



# **Headteacher's Welcome**

#### Dear Parent/carer,

Two weeks to go until we say 'Goodbye' to another Cottingham CofE school year. Our year 6 children will leave us and it will not be long until a new group of children and families join us in September. Some of these children have already enjoyed some stay and play sessions and I will look forward to a cuppa with their parents/carers next week.

As you know, we are almost ready to perform 'Annie' to you all. As well as rehearsing for Annie, the children in Oak class have been learning to play the recorder. On Thursday, they were able to perform some tunes to their parents/carers and they did so really well. Thank you to those who were able to attend. I wonder if any children will now continue to play at home. Next week we will have our final guitar/choir/drumming/musical concerts of the year. These concerts will showcase the children's skills and I am sure as many of you as possible will attend. A reminder that guitars concert will take place on Tuesday 11th July (9:15ish). Children in the choir and those who are taught by Cecillia will also perform. Then on Thursday we will all enjoy the drumming concert from 9:15ish also...See you all next week.

With just the two weeks to go, could we ask that you have a good look around at home for any reading books or football kits etc that have not yet been returned. We will then be able to audit what we currently have in readiness for September. Children can just bring these items into their class from Monday.

Once again, a huge thank you to parents/carers who have helped backstage on the Annie production. Your help is very. very appreciated. With the year 6 leavers party coming soon, any help with setting up would also be very much appreciated. It is hoped that all year 6 pupils will attend and enjoy a party wit dance, music, pizza, ice cream and candyfloss! Letters have been sent home via Parentmail asking for pizza orders. Parents/carers attending are more than welcome to order pizza also. Let's hope we have similar weather to previous years - if everyone can keep their fingers crossed and do say a prayer please.

On Friday next week, a small number of children will be joining me at the PDET 'Going for Gold' event. As reigning champions we are there to be got at! Keep an eye on the usual social media outlets for more information. On the sporting front, the staff took part in a trust wide rounders event last night. We were able to enjoy a picnic and play a few rounders games. In the end we lost to the Oundle team who won the final. We all had a great time and certain members of staff (me included) are feeling the burn today!

The weekend looks like it will be a hot one. Please do enjoy the weekend and ensure that the Annie performers get some sleep and have some last minute rehearsals with the hairbrush in front of the mirror. Please DO reserve your seats if you haven't done so already. As well as parents/carers of KS2 children, we would very much welcome parents of the future stars also. Come and see where your child may end up in a few years (On stage!)

See you all soon,

Mr Scott

# Safeguarding



#### Safeguarding

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.

<u>The Safeguarding Team</u> 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.

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# Athena (CSD) Holiday Camps



Athena Activities have asked that we send the Summer flyer out to all - on the poster they have a challenge that if they follow our social media pages they can get entered into a draw to win a free day at our summer camp. Social medias are all under Athena Activities. Please do support and enter.

## **Fridge Dates**



Summer Term 2

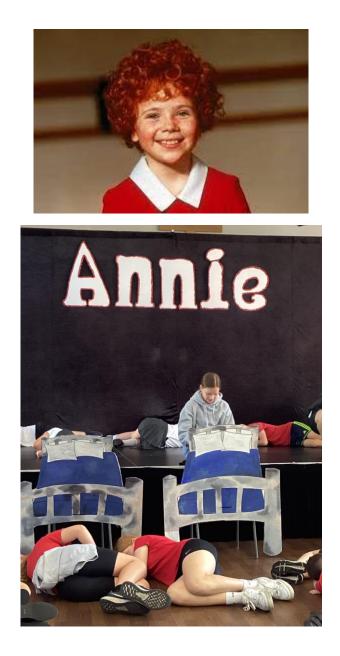
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Monday 10th July – KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal – Afternoon (Manor House) Tuesday 11th July – KS2 Performance – Afternoon (Veterans, Neighbours) Tuesday 11th July – SATS Results Wednesday 12th July – KS2 Performance – Evening Thursday 13th July KS2 Performance – Afternoon and Evening Friday 13th 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

## Annie - Ticket Info!

The children have been learning their scripts both at home and in school. You may have see 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)















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#### **Family Support**



There is a lot of change coming up for our children and Young people. Moving classes & moving on to new schools. If I can help or support in any way with their transitions please don't hesitate to contact me.



1 - Summer holidays are just around the corner and can get very expensive. Why not take advantage to eat out for free or very cheaply!

# **PE Update**

Lily & Chloe recently made their families proud with their dance performances. You can see in the pictures below that they were ready to go! For future newsletters, parents can share pictures of children taking part in sports at home. We can then include for all to see! It isn't only the children that get to perform in sporting events. This week, the staff took part in a PDET trust wide rounders event. Having lost in the semi-final we will attempt to go one better next year. The trust now has 33 schools so competition is tough!

Last week, the Yr5 football team played a friendly against St Patricks. The team played extremely well and won comprehensively. Next week, it is the turn of the Yr3/4s to play a friendly against Bringhurst. Thank you to Mr Stafford for organising and coaching the teams for these events.

KS1 visited the Corby tennis centre to draw to a close their term's tennis sessions. The children took part in a carousel of activities and enjoyed playing tennis on real tennis courts!

As the sporting term draws to a close, I would like to thank all the parents, pupils and staff for their support and commitment to PE and sport at Cottingham this year.

Mrs Lloyd









# **Online Safety**



At Cottingham C of E, Online safety is of great importance to us. Please do take the time to read the latest guide from the National Online Safety for parents and carers all about influencers and keeping children safe online. We will aim to provide regular online safety notices. In this day and age it is so important that we are keeping our children safe on line. In school, all children have their own passwords to access the IT. Our firewall is also very strong. Is yours at home?



If you have an online safety concern regarding your own child please contact Miss Hurn at <u>E.Hurn@cottingham.pdet.org.uk</u>

If you have an online safety concern about another child then please contact our safeguarding team.

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#### **Governors Update**



#### **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...

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





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

## Mrs Southcombe's Walking Challenge



I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you who have supported me and my fundraising for Your PTFA and Service Six

To date I have raised over a £1,300 - with the promise of more to come.....it is not too late!!!!

101.3 Miles Walked......

36 Hours 47 Minutes.....

246,865 Steps Taken.....

10444.9 Calories Burned...,...

And Relax.....

Carolynn xxx





## **Magnificent Minds** - Helping Hands Teams



The Magnificent Minds did a great job during our New Entrants Evening last week - looking after our new parents and showing them around our lovely school.

They, along with the Helping Hands Team, enjoyed a lovely walk around the village to clock up more miles for my walking challenge.

Next year both teams will be super busy, being excellent wellbeing role models and support our children on the playground.

We will also be introducing a 'buddy system' where the MMT and HHT will particularly look after our new entrants during lunchtimes. Keep up the good work - I am very proud of you all.....

Mrs Southcombe xxx

#### **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 <u>uniform page</u> 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......

