COTTINGHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Fortnightly

Issue 17

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's the end of the first full week of the 2023/24 school year. A week that has been fantastic for me to see all of the happy children looking splendid in their red uniforms and shiny new shoes. Thank you for sending them back into us with such great attitudes. During the INSET days, the staff and I discussed this year and that we wanted to really raise our expectations of both staff performance and that of the children. The children have responded well to a few changes and will make better progress in all areas as a result. I am sure that I will have your support as always with expectations.

Thank you so much for adhering to our new school timings. I believe there has just been one child recorded late. The gate is shutting on time at 8:55 just like we asked. Children are starting learning from 9:00 on the dot! Next week, this will include the new starters who will be in for the whole time! They have settled in so well and are a credit to you all. I look forward to sharing some pictures in the news news.

A huge well done to all of the children who not only started but also finished the summer library reading challenge. It was disappointing to not top the school charts and lose to my cousin, Mr Jones, school! Next year maybe. I enjoyed seeing and hearing about the achievements of children during the holidays. They have participated and performed well across so many areas. Well done to them all. Don't forget that children are very welcome to share awards or achievements outside of school during a Friday worship. Perhaps we can hold a special showcase event one day when we get to see some dances, gym routines, martial arts etc etc. A huge well done to Mrs LLoys who shared her medal in worship. Mrs Lloyd walked the equivalent of Corby to Luton and has so far raised £1700 for children's cancer charities. A great cause and achievement.

You will have hopefully logged onto the school website by now to check out Class news, termly planners and spellings. If you haven't done so then please do. Hopefully IT will sort Teams soon so I cam share there also. Much effort goes into preparing these docs for you so please do use them. Mrs Delo will send out the Willow class equivalents very soon. As a reminder here are the links again:

Spellings - Literacy - Cottingham Primary

Terrmly Planners - Medium Term Overviews - Cottingham Primary

Class News - Newsletters - Cottingham Primary

This is a fairly short news for this week. I look forward to having more information and pictures to share next time once we have settled back in to our routines. I also look forward to sharing end of 22/23 assessment info with you. Our children performed favourably compared to trust wide and national figures...

See you soon, Mr Scott

SENDCO

As you will know, Mrs Freeman left us at the end of the summer term. Fortunately I was able to replace her with Mrs Redman who is an experienced SENDCo. Mrs Redman will be with us on a fortnightly basis and she has posted this message below:

I feel privileged to have taken up the post of SENCO at Cottingham School. I live locally and have worked in several Northamptonshire schools as SENCO (and previously class teacher) since 2007. I have been fortunate to have worked with the Local Authority for part of this time, which has enabled me to develop a great network within local SEN circles which can be contacted to support children with SEND. My philosophy is simple - I work hard to support children as I would want my own two children (now 18 and 20) to be supported. There are lots of creative and often simple reasonable adjustments we can make in school to really make a difference for children in their learning. I have worked with children today to update their views on their passports. Staff are updating targets and I will email the passports out to parents when they are all complete.

I will be contacting parents over the next few weeks and we can meet to plan next steps for your child.

My working days here will normally be a Monday - once a fortnight. My days will be 18th September, 2nd Oct, 16th October and so on.... Communication is vital to my role and I welcome emails from you. I will respond as soon as I can to them. My email is H.Redman@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Safeguarding - It's everyone's responsibility.

During the two recent INSET days, both staff and Governors were introduced to the latest safeguarding documents that all school staff must be aware of. Staff have also begun various training courses that will all go towards ensuring the children are safe whilst in our care.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Mr Scott head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

Mrs Lloyd k.lloyd@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Mrs Cox s.cox@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Alternatively, you can contact MASH on 0300 126 7000. For urgent matters out of hours please call: 01604 626938. Further information can be found via the safeguarding tab within the school website.

Kingswood Catering

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We are delighted that Kingswood Catering continue to be our school meal provider. Please ensure you order meals well in advance and no later than 5.00pm the Wednesday before the week meals are required. If you order a UIFSM for you child, please ensure you cancel order if your child no longer requires meal. This will reduce waste and additional cost to the school. Thank you

Family Support

Welcome back to all our lovely children, they are all looking super smart and ready for the new school year. I know this is sometimes a hard time for some children, so if anyone is struggling with transitioning please get in touch!!

As you may have noticed on our social media we have Worry Aliens in school. One in KS1 and one in KS2, ready to receive any of your children's worries or happy thoughts. I would also love to hear about the good things that they do inside and outside of school! Please encourage them to use the box if they need to by popping a note in, if they are unable to see me in school and I will do my very best to catch up with them!

PE Update

PE lessons are in full swing already. In KS2, children are learning to play tag rugby and KS1 children have settled well into lessons and are enjoying the REAL PE scheme. Thank your to everyone for ensuring your child comes into school with their PE kit and appropriate footwear on the correct days. Please ensure that any jewellery (earrings) are removed on PE days if possible. A few children did NOT have the correct PE uniform so we will keep an eye on them next week.

Our sporting calendar begins very shortly with a girls football competition. Once again, we have a comprehensive sporting program for the year, which will provide opportunities for everyone to enjoy the experience of sporting competition.

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 live streaming. 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 E.Hurn@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

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

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Art

Ash and WIllow have already begun their Art journey this term. The children have begun to look at landscapes and cityscapes with a focus on famous artists such as Van Gogh. During their first lesson they looked at mixing white and black to make their work darker or lighter. These pictures are examples of a great start to the journey.

Landscapes
and
Cityscapes

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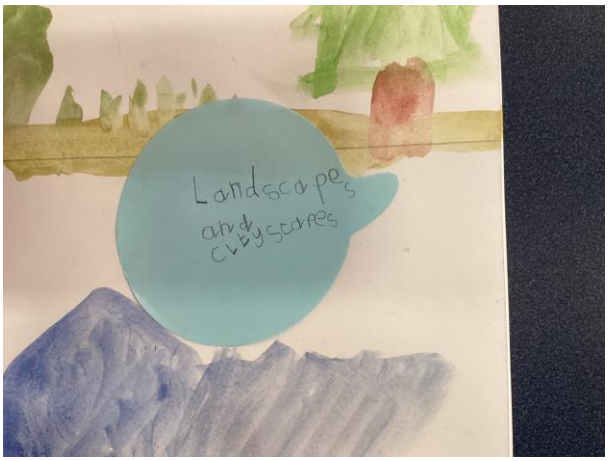
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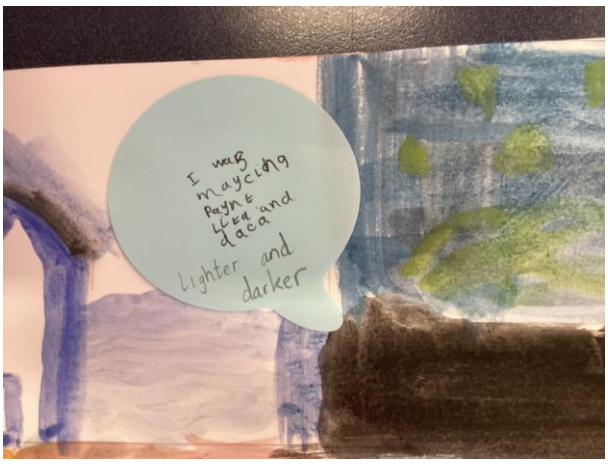


Governors Update

A warm welcome back from your Academy Governance Committee (AGC) and a "hello" to new parents. Your AGC is made up of seven Governors, often referred to as a “critical friend”. A Governor supports a variety of aspects of school life and is also there to offer a different perspective with the aim to keep the school compliant and aspiring to achieve the best for all children.

Our first meeting of the school year takes place this coming Tuesday, 19th September, and if you have a question to raise with the AGC you can contact your two Parent Governors as follows;

Ben Jeffs (b.jeffs@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

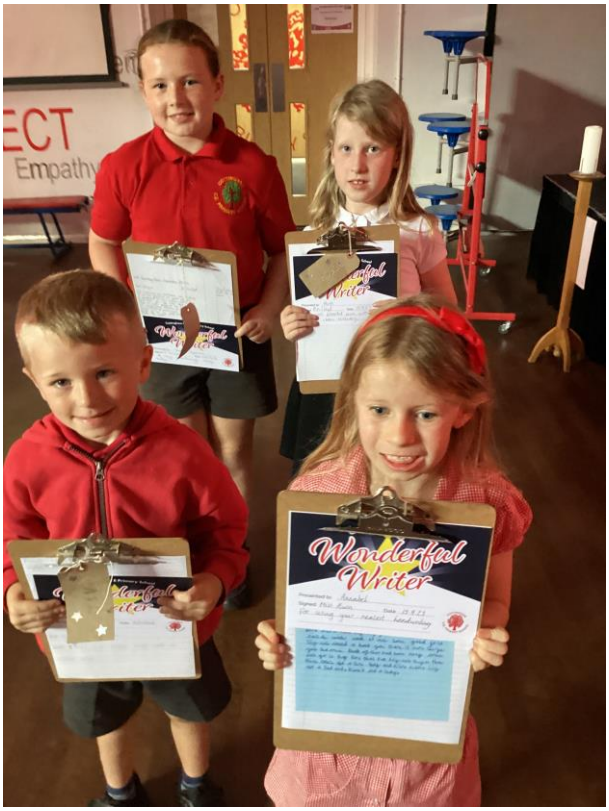
Charlie Simcoe (c.simcoe@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

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...



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

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023/2024

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

Term 2 Monday 30th October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023

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 - Tuesday July 2024

INSET Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Bank Holidays

26th and 27th December 2023

1st January 2024

29th March 2024

1st April 2024

6th May 2024

27th May 2024

26th August 2024

****These dates could be subject to change, please check directly with school if you have any queries.**

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Terms Dates 2024/25

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Key
School Holidays
Training Days
Bank Holidays
School Day
Weekends

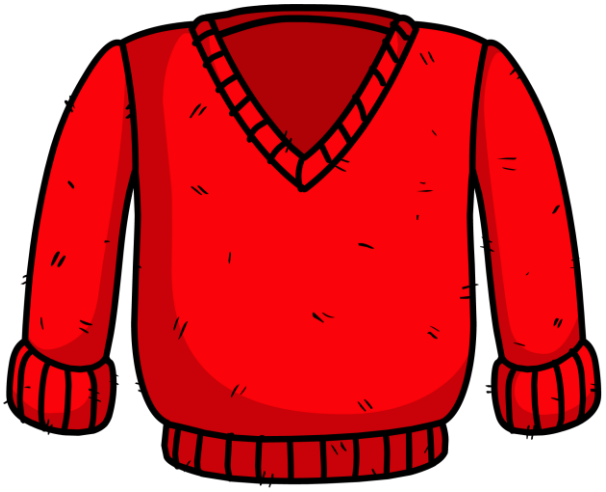
Magnificent Minds - Helping Hands Teams

The Magnificent Minds Team and newly formed Helping Hands Team have been wonderful role models in school, promoting wellbeing and healthy life style. I look forward to working with the children this year.

The MMT will be break time buddies for our younger children.

We also have lots of work ahead of us and will be organising lots of events for Mental Health Awareness Day which is on Tuesday 10th October....watch this space!

School Uniform



*1 - **Please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. We already have some items in school that are not named and can not be returned to you!***

Will write again soon.....