



W/E 29th Sept 2023

The Fortnightly

Issue 18

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, thank you to the parents who came forward to offer their help with providing new EYFS furniture (Pictured) The piece of furniture will be well received and well used. During my tours this week I was sharing, with new parents, how special our current parents/carers are. Your support and help is always very much appreciated and is used well to support the teaching and learning. This unit will compliment the brand new furniture that has been added into Willow class.

In this news letter you will see information regarding attendance and in particular term time holiday requests. Please do read the example notification that will now be sent out upon a request for term time holidays. This is based on national guidance and the expectations for children to attend school. I thank you for your understanding.

Today saw our school show their awareness and support for the local Lakelands Hospice. Children dressed in green will have raised a small amount of money that I am sure will be well received. We will also be looking at another local charity, 'Rutland & Leicestershire Air Ambulance' to show our thanks to the role that they play locally. We are very hopeful of a fly over depending upon call outs etc. On the same day, we also look forward to our first Love 2 Lunch of the year. I hope to see you here for bangers and mash. I would also like to invite you to the Church on Thursday to enjoy our 'thanks' harvest worship. Due to the two afore mentioned fundraisers, we are not asking for food donations this year.

A massive pat on the back to all of our new starters in Willow class. Already they are showing a keenness to work and play. They have attended whole school worship and are even being role models for some of their older peers. Thank you to Mrs Delo and Mrs McGeown for hosting a parents phonics session this week. We were disappointed to only welcome four parents to an important session. Hopefully you will now have received some further information from Mrs Delo with regards to phonics and how you can help at home. Mrs Wason will soon be sharing some news regarding maths and spellings homework so please do watch this space!

Enjoy reading and looking at the pictures within the news. Have a lovely weekend.

See you soon, Mr Scott



School Places



Visit **Cottingham** **CofE** Primary School

Currently we have 137 pupils on roll. At the moment we have one space in EYFS and two spaces in Y3. Please do spread the word and invite friends/family members to make an appointment to have a look around. With regards to September 2024 places in EYFS, it would be very much appreciated if you could share a date - Friday 3rd November - 9:30 or 10:30. We will also be sending home some flyers in the hope that you share them with family/friends that you know will be looking. Your support will be very much appreciated.

A huge thank you to the children who have become our 'faces of Cottingham CofE' and will be used in our new marketing campaign. Please do enjoy looking through their pics. A massive thank you to Mr Vallance for his help again with putting together these super postcards/flyers.





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Open Morning
Friday 3rd November
9.30am - 11.30 am

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Attendance (Holidays!)

Already this term, a number of requests have been submitted regarding term time holidays. As always, any term time requests for holidays will **not** be approved unless in exceptional circumstances. Currently, the whole school attendance is 97.6%. Unauthorised absence is at 1.8% which is above the national average.

making the best progress possible. Thank you for your support with ensuring that your children are in school on time with just 0.07% lateness at the moment.

This information is taken directly from the North Northants website with regards to penalty notices that may be issued.

- ***Penalty notices for non-school attendance - to issue a penalty notice, there should be 5 days (10 sessions) or more unauthorised absences in a 6 week period.***
- ***Penalty notices for term time absence - to issue a penalty notice, there should be 5 days (10 sessions) or more of consecutive unauthorised absence.***

[Further Information](#)

The text below is an example of what you could receive from school once a holiday request has been made. Any penalty notice will be issued directly from the local authority.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for filling out an absence from school form. I have taken your request into careful consideration.

If any family make a holiday request that is for 5 days, it can be reported to the local authority. The request for holidays in term time is UNAUTHORISED unless for exceptional circumstances. As an education provider, we are held responsible for academic progress and the impact of this due to time taken out of school. Therefore, a penalty notice may be issued by the local authority – North Northamptonshire Council.

Thank you for your understanding,

Headteacher...

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

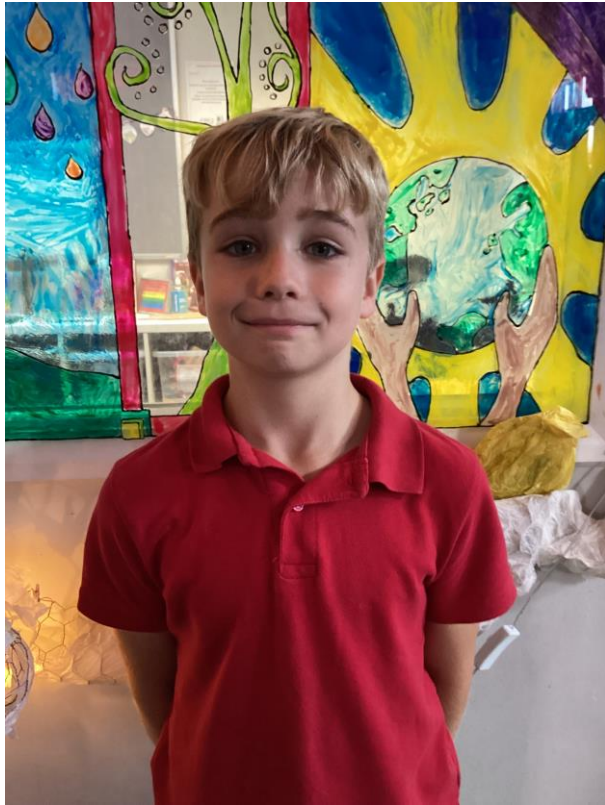
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Alternatively, you can contact MASH on 0300 126 7000. For urgent matters out of hours please call: 01604 626938. Further information can be found via the safeguarding tab within the school website.

Worship



Our Spiritual Council continue to carry out their worship roles this year. From October, they will begin to monitor worship and provide feedback to staff! Don't forget that you are always welcome to a Friday Special Worship from 2:55. We would love to welcome more of you along. You can also find the pictures below upon the school website.











Charity & Harvest



Today, the children and staff dressed in green to show their support for Lakelands Hospice. This is a charity on our door step and fits well into our vision 'We are a Christian School **serving our local community..**' We will have raised a small amount of money that will be well used to offer care and support for our neighbours. Thank you to everyone who took part and made a donation.

Due to todays fundraiser and a future event planned to raise money for the Air Ambulance, we are not requesting harvest items this year. The theme of our Harvest will be to '**thank**' those who help us. On Thursday, you are invited to the Church to listen to the children say their 'thanks'. Please bring your singing voices along.

If you would like to make a food/provisions donation then please do so at a local food bank/supermarket.



Lakelands Fundraising

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Our first photo sent in from our “Wear Green for Lakelands Day” today. Ewan’s school are taking part in the event and raising money for Lakelands Hospice.

Ewan’s Nannie who very sadly passed away recently used to be a volunteer at the hospice on reception and I’m sure she would be very proud of him.

If you have been taking part in this event please send your photos into us.











Parent Days

Please make sure you make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher at the first parent day of the year. It will be the ideal time to discuss how your child has started the 23/24 school year. You

will be able to discuss targets, support and behaviour also. We believe this meeting is very important and will certainly remind you to make a booking.

Parent days are as follows:

Ash Class - Wednesday 11th October

Hawthorn Class - Monday 16th October

Willow Class - Tuesday 17th October

Beech Class - Wednesday 18th October

Oak Class - Thursday 19th October

You may book your slot by calling the school office 01536 771391 or email:
office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

All appointment times are for 15 minutes



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!

Pupil Premium



UIFSM is for all EYFS and KS1 children. This results in these children receiving the current offer of a free lunch. You may still be eligible for **Pupil Premium** which is totally different. We actively encourage you to find out whether your child is eligible to receive this funding. You can find out more information on the school website via [Pupil Premium - Cottingham Primary](#) Each year our offer

will change according to funding and learning priorities. **Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you are in receipt of any of the benefits below:**

Eligibility

You may be entitled to free school meals for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following benefits:

1. Income Support
2. Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
3. Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
4. National Asylum Seekers Support
5. Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
6. Employment and Support Allowance
7. Universal Credit (Income Related)

All contacts will be treated with confidence and is a quick process.

Challenge



The Year 1 and 2 children have been introduced to a new 'challenges' passport. During a week they will need to complete a number of learning activities and do so independently. The passport ensures that all children access a range of learning within the continuous provision rather than just stick to one activity that they enjoy. This group of children were the first to complete a passport and took their work to show Mr Scott who was very impressed.

PE Update

Following on from the success achieved by the girls football team, this week the Yr5/6 boys football team took part in the small schools football tournament. Despite not losing a game or conceding, the boys were unlucky to lose in semi-final on penalties.

It was lovely to see the new reception children enthusiastically enjoying their REAL PE this week. They are already learning the necessary fundamental movement skills and learning behaviours which they will take forward in the PE journey at Cottingham School.



















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 Whatsapp. 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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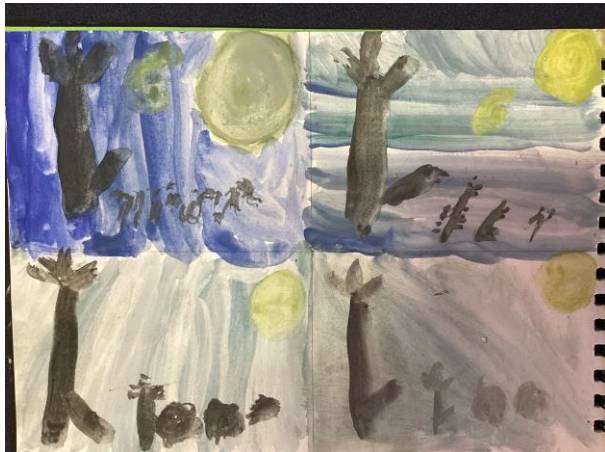
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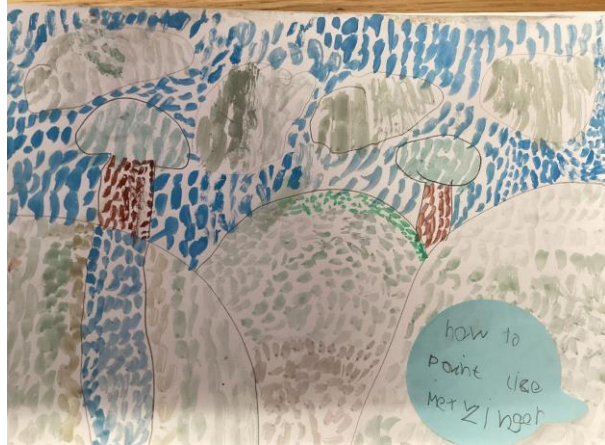
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ART

The children in Ash and Willow have continued with their drawing and painting learning journey this week. They have looked at the work of artists; Van Gogh and John Metzinger and produced their own landscapes based on their work. You will no doubt agree that the work they have produced looks great especially for artists so young! Please do fuel their artistic knowledge at home. Ask the children who they have studied and what they have learnt in art. We would love to see some examples of art work done at home.









GDPR

- It is imperative that you keep the office up to date with any change in medical conditions for your child and ensure all inhalers/epi pens are in date
- Please let the school office know if you **DO NOT** want your child's photo to be used on school's social media channels
- Please inform the school if your contact details/address has changed.
- All privacy notices and any other important documents can be found on the school website:

Governors Update



At the first Governors meeting of the year, Mrs Delo was formally welcomed as a staff Governor. The AGC also welcomed Richard Meekings who is an ex Headteacher within the trust. He now works for the Diocese to support church schools. During his visit, he talked about the newly formed church inspection known as SIAMS. The last inspection of Cottingham was way back in 2017 with the next due this/next year. One of the roles of the AGC and its Church Governors especially will be to monitor worship/RE across the school. They will also discuss the school's Vision to ensure it is understood by all and has its roots from within the bible.

If you have any questions relating to our role as a church school, please do contact:

p.smith@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

a.white@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...

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Playground

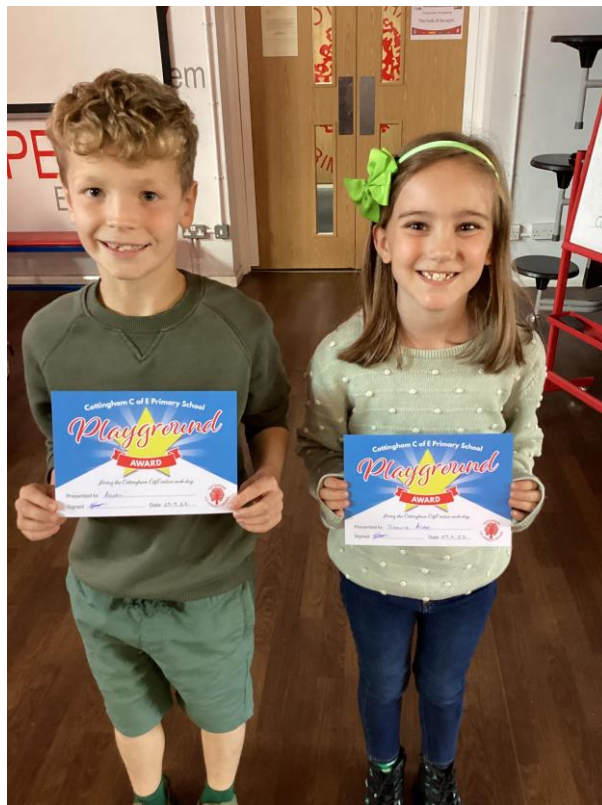
AWARD

Living the Cottingham C of E values each day.

Presented to _____

Signed _____ Date _____





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

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Wonderful Writer

Presented to _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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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 23rd 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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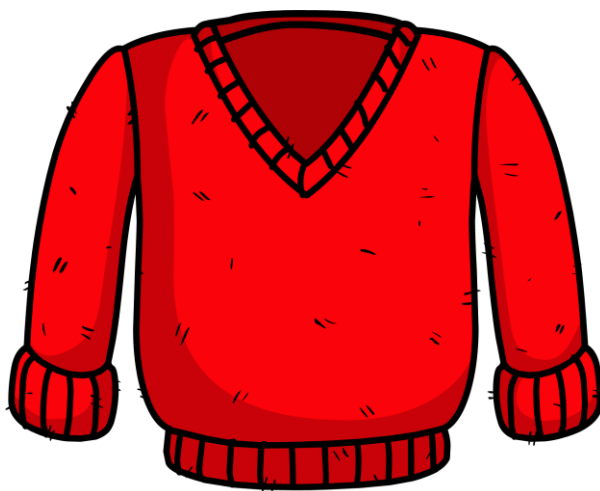
Magnificent Minds - Helping Hands Teams

This year's Mental Health Awareness Day is on **Tuesday 10th October**. The Magnificent Minds will play their role with leading events and initiatives. Look out for information with regards to a day planned to raise awareness and funds for the Rutland & Leicestershire Air Ambulance. Events will include a cake sale, walking bus, assembly and we are hopeful of a fly over.

Since the start of term, the Magnificent Minds have been great and have helped our younger new starters settle into school life. They have wore their Hi Vis on the playground and helped children where they can. The picture below shows the current MM team who all look very smart in their special Hi Vis vests. You can also find them on the school website.



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.....

