



W/E 1st Dec 2023

The Fortnightly

Issue 22

"He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young." Isaiah 40:9-11



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy two weeks since the last news letter. This week has focussed around the theme of advent and the Christmas tree was delivered on Thursday. Already, it looks very special due to the decorations made at home. The children can certainly take their decorations home at the end of the term. On Monday the 4th December, the Cottingham Santa Post office will open. I am looking forward to choosing children each day to sort and post any cards that the children post in the special Santa post box. Talking of Santa - who's coming to the Christmas Fayre tomorrow? There is a rumour that he will be joining us. I look forward to seeing you all in the school hall. From 12:30, the Young Voices choir will be singing two carols. Any other children who are there at that time can join in too (As can parents/carers)

Time has now passed since I attended the super residential with the Year 6 children. If you haven't yet seen the pictures, please do visit the video clips via these two links. Maybe show the other year groups as to what will be in store for them in the future. 2024 Rock UK is booked already.

[Rock UK Part 1](#)

[Rock UK Part 2](#)

It will soon be National CENSUS Day - At this time we would appreciate you ordering a UIFSM (Free school meal) as it will then help our funding. There will be a book voucher raffle for children who have ordered a dinner on that day. Mrs Southcombe has sent out a letter with dates etc. Your support is appreciated and the children will benefit in the long run.

Today, I was joined by Mr Stafford and the year 5/6 boys football teams. We have now won four tournaments in a row which is amazing for our little school. You will read more about this in the PE section and find some super photo's. The next sporting event will be for the selected Y1/2 children who will take part in the Winter Olympics. Watch this space for more news and who knows - more silverware. We came back to find that the school hall had been turned into a scooter/skate park today. Another sporting experience day had been arranged by Mrs Lloyd and all age groups enjoyed a day of scooting and skateboarding. If your children are interested then I would certainly recommend that you go and check out Adrenalin Alley. We are so lucky to have such a venue on our door steps.

In the pictures below, you will see Mrs Nicholson and Mr Stafford winning UNISON Runner Up and Winners awards in the East Midlands region. I nominated them due to their hard work and dedication to our school. They both started at Cottingham CofE as apprentices and are now fully fledged staff members. As you know, they both offer so much to the team we are all very appreciative of them. Well done to you both. It was great that the trust CEO - Ruth Walker Green could also attend to say a few words of praise and gratitude.

Please enjoy reading through the news and as always, do share with children and family & friends. I have got to prepare for Santa's visit now.. Happy first few days of Advent.

Have a lovely weekend.

See you soon, Mr Scott





Christmas Post

From **December 4th**, any Christmas cards can be posted into the Cottingham CofE post box in the hall. Specially chosen Post pupils will have the fund of delivering them. Children will need to write names/classes of the recipients. This will not only be fun, it will develop writing skills also. The children can even add their own home made stamps. If anyone can loan x2 post hats it would be appreciated.



Safeguarding - It's everyone's responsibility.



The safeguarding of our children is something we place huge importance upon. We would expect that you do too. We ask that you are always vigilant and share with us any worries or concerns that you may have about your own child or another child or parent for example. If you do ever have a concern, you can contact a member of the safeguarding team and your concern will always be dealt with confidence.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

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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.

TTRS

Well done to Oak Class who have again won the weekly battle this week although Hawthorn were only 26 points behind. Logan H, George S and John were our top 3 players in the battle this week and Logan, Sydney H and Jeevan were our most minutes played. Only 75% of pupils have been on the site this week though. Hawthorn and Oak managed to get 96% of their pupils playing- can we make this 100%? ***ALL children should be accessing weekly!***

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144 Club



Well done to all the new members of the **144** club- great to see everyone receiving their badges last week. Remember the challenge, for both staff and pupils, is to answer all of the **144** multiplication questions up to 12 x 12 in under 6 minutes. And then there's the leader board- the quickest to answer all of these questions correctly goes up on the board. Mr Scott managed to take the winning place last week so I hope that someone will be overtaking him soon- who will it be- staff or pupil? There are plenty of resources to try online and of course being on TTRS regularly will help anyone to get this achievement. It really will make such a difference to success in maths for anyone who is fluent with these **144** facts.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

Cottingham Primary and PTFA Christmas in December

We have some lovely events coming up over December and would like to share them with you.

These are events that are for children and their families. Specific individual event details (for example guitar concerts etc) can be found on the Fridge dates.

Friday 24th November- Festive Wreaths.

This **sold-out** event hosted by members of the PTFA invites guests to come together kick off the festive season with wreath making. Mulled wine, mince pies and some festive cheer whilst creating some beautiful door hangings. Missed it this time? Keep your eyes peeled next year for your opportunity to attend.

30th November & 1st December 3.25pm in School Hall- Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale.

Do you have any Christmas jumpers in the back of the cupboard that you would like to donate? If so, please bring them in and put them in the uniform box outside **Ash** classroom. Last day for donations is the morning of the 30th of November.

It is estimated that in Britain alone we will buy 12 million new Christmas Jumpers before Christmas Day and a huge percentage of these end up in landfill. Let's do our small bit to reduce this.

1st December- Bring a decoration in for the tree.

The Christmas tree will be delivered and put up a little earlier this year, please bring in any homemade decoration that the children have made for the tree in. remember to put your child's name and class on the back.

2nd December- Christmas Fayre 12-2.30pm Cottingham and Middleton village annex and School Hall

The Mill community hub, Cottingham Primary PTFA and Cottingham and Middleton Parish Council invite you to a fantastic Christmas Fayre. Join us at the Christmas fayre this year that will span both halls, offering locally made festive and non-festive crafts, tombola, and raffle. The bar will be open serving festive drinks.

In the school hall the space will be dedicated to the children, there will be a Santa's grotto, spin the wheel, poke a tree and lots more games and prizes to be won. The school choir will be singing some lovely Christmas Carols, performances from a Thistle & Toe dance school, with an opportunity for children to join in and back by popular demand Henderson's Hair Braids.

There will also be a cake sale and we are looking for **donations**, if you fancy baking something or donate some shop bought cakes (we aren't fussy) to the PTFA to sell at the event this would be incredible. All cakes to be brought into school on Friday 1st December.

Save the Children- Christmas Jumper Day 7th December 2023

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers (hopefully pre-loved) to school on 7th December in exchange for a £1 donation that will go straight to Save the Children. The PTFA will again be on the gate ready to collect the money. From the 7th until the end of the term children can wear their jumpers every day.

Carols Around the Tree- 15th December 9.15am

Children are performing the Christmas Carols they have been learning. Local Veterans and family members are welcome.

Christingle- 15th December (Church)

Families are invited to a whole school Christingle to celebrate with the children at the Church from 2:30. Please do expect standing room only. All children will make and have their own Christingle ready to light at the service. There will also be readings by different children.

School Christmas Lunch 19th December

Children can participate in a whole school Christmas lunch supplied by Kingswood Catering. Please see their website to book this. The children will then be greeted by a VERY special visitor and will receive a gift at the end of the day.

Last day of term- 20th December

Time for a break



Family Support



Tis the season.....

Lots of children can get overwhelmed at this time of year. Friendships can become hard work. concentrating on school work with all the excitement building can be hard. If you think your child could be struggling with any of these things please don't hesitate to contact me
S.cox@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Here are some nice ideas for you to do with you families through December!





CORBY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



CORBY & DISTRICT LIONS BRING FATHER CHRISTMAS TO CORBY!



Tuesday 5th December (6pm - 8pm)

PRIORS HALL - Sainsbury Car Park, Holland Square



Friday 8th December (4.30pm - 8pm)

CHRISTMAS MARKET - The Cube, George St, Corby Town



Tuesday 12th December (6pm - 8pm)

EXETER - Start from Autumn Centre, Counts Farm Rd, Honiton Gardens, Counts Farm Rd, Burghley Drive, Buckfast Square, Bideford Square, Burghley Drive, Autumn Centre



Thursday 14th December (6pm - 8pm)

CORONATION PARK - Cottingham Road, Corby



Tuesday 19th December (6pm - 8pm)

SHIRE - Start from Shire Horse Pub, Shire Rd, Medina Rd, Shetland Way, Willowbrook Rd, Dryden Rd, Rowlet Rd, Shakespear Rd, Welland Vale, Shire Horse Pub

**Come and meet Santa
on his sleigh!**



PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT US

Corby & District



Santa Special trains



Saturday 9th December 2023	(17.00 – 20.00)
Tuesday 12th December 2023	(17.00 – 20.00)
Thursday 14th December 2023	(17.00 – 20.00)
Saturday 16th December 2023	(17.00 – 20.00)
Tuesday 19th December 2023	(17.00 – 20.00)
Thursday 21st December 2023	(17.00 – 20.00)
Thursday 28th December 2023	(17.00 – 20.00)

Train Rides, Refreshments and much more??

Free Admission
Train Rides £1
Cash Only

CDMRS Headquarters,
Quarry Close, (off)
Kelvin Grove, Corby,
Northants.
NN17 1AZ.



Athena Activities

Festive Camps

Camp Venues
Corby Business Academy,
Kettering Science Academy (KCA will also be running here)
Wilby CoE Primary School
Cottingham CofE Primary

Visit from Santa 22nd December
Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December

WYFS
Wilby 9am-1pm
Cottingham 9:00am-3:30pm

Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th December
Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th January 2024

Transport available
Breakfast and Lunch Provided
4 credits on your voucher

Open 9:00am-3:30pm
BOOK NOW www.holidayactivities.com

Advent



In worship this week, our guest leads have introduced the theme of Advent. Both Pastor Damian and Reverend Amanda, talked about the true meaning of advent and on Thursday, we lit our first advent candle. We will ensure ALL candles are lit before the end of term. Perhaps you can have the final one at home to light also. As always, thank you to our guests in worship. We will see Reverend Amanda again soon and including on the 15th. She will join in with our carols around the tree (9:15) and welcome us in the afternoon (2:30) for Christingle. You are very welcome to attend both.









PE Update

It has been another busy couple of weeks in PE at Cottingham! Firstly, a big congratulations to those children who represented the school in the next round of the cross country competition. A huge congratulations to Ruben and Harry, who qualified for the county finals in the New Year.

On Monday 20th November, the Yr4 boys football teams took part in their Pacesetters tournament. Both teams played extremely well and enjoyed the experience. Well done to the Cottingham Utd team, who won the tournament. Well done also to Cottingham FC who finished a very close 4th place.

On Friday 1st December, all children took part in, and really enjoyed, either a scooting or skateboarding session. By bringing in experts to deliver these sessions, Cottingham children are given a range of different experiences. Hopefully, some children will continue with these activities outside of school. We would also like to remind children that we have storage facilities to enable them to bring their scooters (and bikes) to school - we feel that these are not being used to their full potential at the moment!

Also on Friday 1st December, Yr5/6 boys took part in a football tournament in Northampton. Once again, the boys played extremely well (and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!). Cottingham Utd WON the tournament and Cottingham FC finished a very strong 3rd place. A big congratulations to all the boys involved. This means, we have participated in the same tournament in Yrs 1/2 , Yrs3/4 and Yrs5/6 and won them ALL!!!!

Mr Scott and I had the pleasure of watching PE lessons this week. We saw Willow, Oak and Beech all enjoying their PE. As you will see in the picture stacks, the children enjoyed dance, fundamentals and sport specific lessons. The children were very well behaved and active during these session. 95% also had their correct PE kits so we thank you for supporting that. Can we make it 100% though? Enjoy the pictures and do share with your children.

Finally, please continue to send in any achievements and successes that your child has had outside of school on a Friday for our celebration assembly. We enjoy hearing about how well Cottingham children are doing outside of school.

Mrs Lloyd






PACESETTER GAMES

BOYS FOOTBALL - YEAR 3-4

1	COTTINGHAM FC
2	GUILSBOROUGH
3	WELFORD
=4	COTTINGHAM UTD
=4	MILTON PAROCHIAL
6	PITSFORD
7	YELVERTOFT
=8	COLLINGTREE
=8	KISLINGBURY



































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 the new updates to the online safety act. 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 so that they can become strong digital citizens. 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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Governors Update



An area of focus for school Governors is to review policies to ensure they are coherent and reflective of our school. There are no less than 25 documents on the school's website Policies page and are a useful source of information. <http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Page/Policies>

The AGC (Academy Governance Committee) will review each policy of the course of the school year. The following were recently reviewed and adopted;

- Charging & Remissions Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Allegations & Concerns
- Complaints Policy & Procedure
- Equality Information & Objectives

Your AGC welcomes you to contact us with any queries. In the first instance please contact your Parent Governors;

Ben Jeffs: b.jeffs@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Charlie Simcoe: c.simcoe@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Thank you.

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 Star of the Week award winners...

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023/2024

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

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 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.**



Terms Dates 2024/25

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Key						
School Holidays						
Training Days						
Bank Holidays						
School Day						
Weekends						

Fridge Dates

Friday 1st December – Scooting/Skateboarding Takeover Day

Saturday 2nd December – PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December – Young Voices Choir to perform at Manor House

Thursday 14th December – Drumming Concert

Friday 15th December – Carols Around the Tree. Veteran's in Coffee/Mince Pies

Friday 15th December – Christingle

Monday 18th December – House Teams Sports Competition

Tuesday 19th December – Guitar/Choir

Tuesday 19th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December – Break up for Holiday

Magnificent Minds/Helping Hands Teams

The Magnificent Mind Team have been super wellbeing role models for all our children.

Next term we are going to focus on fundraising for The Air Ambulance. Sonny from Year 6 has come up with the fantastic idea of a pre-loved book sale to raise some money. He wrote to Mr Scott recently asking permission. Please see below for letter.

he has also written to parents, asking for donations of pre-loved books.

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week - we have planned a fantastic week of activities. More information will follow after Christmas, but in the meantime see plans below:

Monday 5th February - Walk to School

Tuesday 6th February - Pre-loved Book Sale

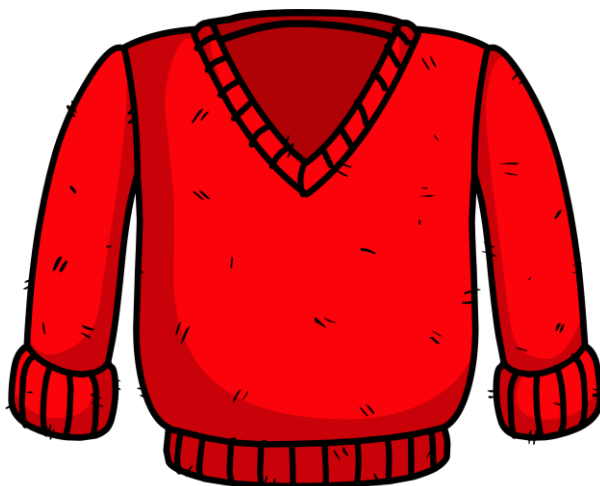
Wednesday 7th February - Whole School Yoga

Friday 9th February - MUFTI Day - wear a colour that makes you happy in exchange for £1.00. Also there will be a KS2 Love2Lunch

Dear Mr Scott
I would very much appreciate it if you would consider my "A pre-loved book-sale" idea. I would like to tell you more.
About the idea
I would like it if parents could bring in pre-loved books, so myself and the magnificent minds can sell the books after school one evening. Then, we will donate all of the money raised to the Air Ambulance Facility.
I would really appreciate you considering my idea again.
Thank you for your time.

SSC.
Sonny John Coombs.

School Uniform



*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! **Children should also be wearing suitable PE kits on their PE days...Thank you***

Will write again soon.....

