



W/E 12th Jan 2024

The Fortnightly

Issue 24

" Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Ezekiel 11:19



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

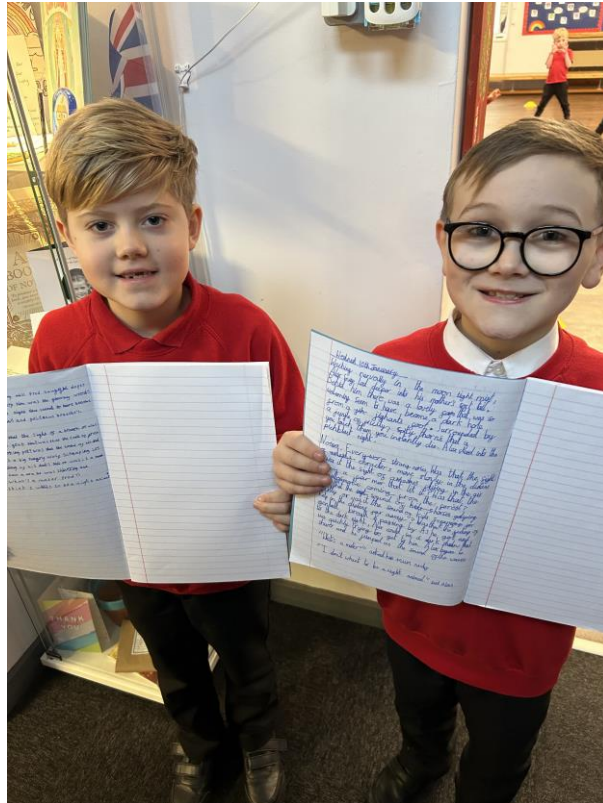
A very belated happy new year. It has certainly been a whirlwind start to the term in more ways than one. As you know, Cottingham CofE were asked by the Trust if we could support another school which is one of the 33 trust schools. Although I had the initial conversations, I class myself being asked as 'we.' During the holiday I was in communications with both Mrs Delo and Mrs Wason. Your kind Costa vouchers certainly came into good use during that time. Together, we agreed that our school was able to support colleagues elsewhere. At the time of writing this welcome, I have no further news that I can offer. We will continue to support and I have already shared a number of Cottingham initiatives that have been well received by colleagues and pupils at the school. When I have more information, I will certainly share it with you. I would like to reiterate that I am STILL the Headteacher of Cottingham CofE and will monitor and hold staff to account from afar. At the moment, the day to day running is in very good hands as always.

I was looking forward to coming into school on Friday to see everyone and then take the choir to the Young Voices in Birmingham. You will see more in the news if you read on. It had a lovely reception firstly from the two teams who were off to the Winter Olympics. They looked very smart in their new sponsored sports tops. Then I was greeted by two writers who were proud to share their writing with me. You can just about see their proud faces and the quality in the presentation of their writing. Unfortunately, I was unable to lead celebration worship but I am looking forward to doing so next week.

You will see in the picture that we had the use of Great Addington's super mini bus. One of the great things of being in a large trust is the sharing. I was able to borrow and drive the children to the Young Voices for a little short of £100! Compare that to previous costs for bus hire and the saving to you all is great. It is my goal to have a mini bus of our own. I have a meeting next week, when I will look at sharing a letter to you all and to local business in the hope of fundraising for a bus. When you see this information, I would urge you to pass onto friends and family and other businesses. Together, let's raise the funds to allow for a bus of our own. Watch this space.

I am going to end my welcome now and allow you to peruse the news. As always, please share with your children and friends and family. I look forward to seeing you all next week. As always, I access my emails daily so please do contact me if you would like to.

See you soon, Mr Scott



1 - Proud Writers



2 - Mini Bus Campaign!

Clubs

As a school, we are fortunate to be able to offer both pre and post school wrap around care. Mr Stafford continues to offer a breakfast club which you can book directly with him. Athena (Formerly) offer after school Clubs and holiday activities. At the moment, we do offer second hour care on a Tues, Weds and Thurs. These sessions are currently low in numbers and there may come a time when we have to take the offer away. Please do make use of the wrap around care offer. This term, we have offered Girls Football with FREE spaces up for grabs. The spaces are still available. Please email k.lloyd@cottingham.pdet.org.uk for more info.

Athena Activities

After School Clubs At Cottingham Primary

Run by qualified leaders all enhanced DBS checked

Extra 10% Discount if you book the whole term

Day	Activity
Monday	Gymnastics Arts and Crafts
Tuesday	Basketball/Fashion Design Table Tennis
Wednesday	Girls Football/Tablets Outdoor Activities
Thursday	Football/Junk Modelling Lego
Friday	Tag Rugby Dance

Monday 8th Jan - Friday 16th Feb

Prices from £4.75 per hour. Childcare vouchers accepted

After School Clubs Run 15:30-16:30
Tuesday, Weds, Thurs 15:30-17:30

Use code 13earlybird24 for earlybird discount Expires 31/12/23

Visit www.athenaactivities.co.uk to book
email enquiries@athenaactivities.co.uk or call 07399595022

3 - Super clubs on offer this term.

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):

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.

GDPR



- **Photo Permissions** - are sought at the start of your child's journey with Cottingham and for each individual event. It is really important that you inform school if you wish to withdraw photo permission at any time.
- **Privacy Notices** - and other important documentation is available to view on our website www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk
- **Emergency Contacts** - it is imperative that you keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details
- **Medical** - please ensure all medical details are up to date. It is parents/guardians responsibility to check that all inhalers and epi-pens are up to date. Any medication bought into school must be handed to a member of staff and a medication form must be completed. Thank you

When Santa came for lunch

At the end of last term, the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch and also a special visitor. Thank you to the PTFA who were able to provide the children with tasty selection boxes. Here are some reminders from back in December. The time has flown since!



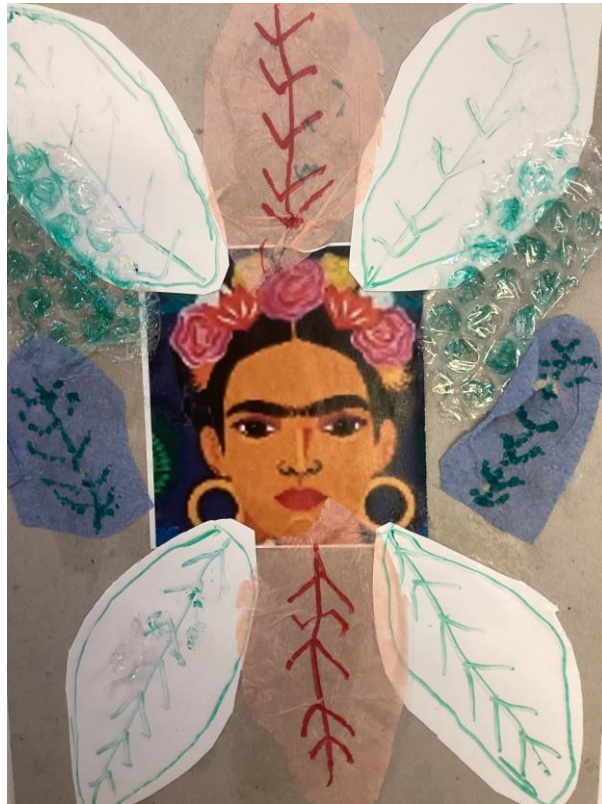
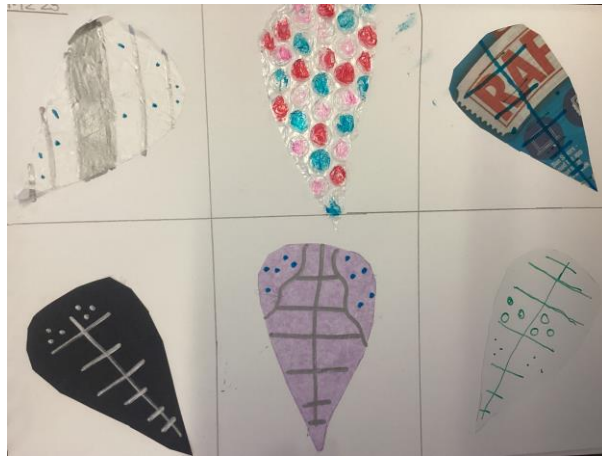






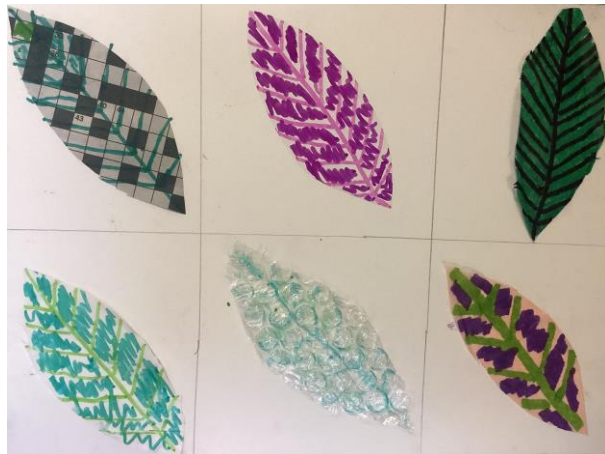
Art Journey

Frida Khalo was a very revolutionary artist. Last term, year 5/6 looked closely at her work and produced some fine art themselves. Please take a look at their art journey in these images.











Courageous Advocacy

Courageous Advocacy, is when children take it upon themselves to help others. It is something that schools have to promote. We do this in a number of ways that include setting the scene in worship

or inviting in guest speakers. We then hope that the children will be motivated and feel the need to take action. Mrs Southcombe has enthused children to be courageous advocates with the upcoming mental health awareness week. The letters below, were all written in their own time asking me if they could help. I have and will respond to them all. The children will then seek to raise £1000 for good causes.

To Mr Scott

I have thought about how magnificent minds can help mental health and the air ambulance.
My idea is I would like to organise a penalty shootout. With the school, here is how it works:

- All children can have a go
- Pay £1.00 to take 3 penalties.
- The class that scores the most penalties in total wins a small bag of Haribo sweets each - My mum said she would get them
- Can you please be in goal as goalkeeper. Maybe panny dress or in Football kit
- Can see if teachers want a go. Beat the teacher on penalties
- I have asked Mr Stappord if he can help.
- It would be in school time. Time up to you.

I hope you like my idea and everyone enjoys it.

From
Nathanid.

Dear Mr Scott

I would very much appreciate it if you would consider my "A pre-loved boot-sale" idea. I would like to tell you more.

About the idea

I would like it if parents could bring in pre-loved boots, so myself and the magnificent minds can sell the boots 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.

Dear Mr Scott

To raise money for the air ambulance
I thought we could do a pyjama day
for one pound, because it's fun for the
kids and the adults don't have to pay
anything.
Wouldn't you like to come to school
in your pyjamas?

I was thinking we could do it on the
last day of term before the Easter holiday?

Hope you like my idea

from Kya



8/2/24

Dear Mr Scott,

I have a great fundraising idea for the air
ambulance. please can I organise a cottingham crazy
hair day. I think it will be great fun. Every one who
wants to participate had to bring in 1 pound. we
could even have a prize for KS1 and a prize for
KS2.

Yours

Sincerely

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P.S The teachers could even take part if they
want to!

Dear Mr Scott

Our idea for raising funds for the Air Ambulance is an after school candy floss sale.

This will be held one afternoon, date to be discussed. It would be from 3.30pm – 4pm.

Each bag of candy floss we would sell for £1.

As we are unable to operate the candy floss machine ourselves, I have asked Mrs Smith to help Aaron and myself.

Many thanks
Arthur and Aaron

INSET

During INSE (Teacher Training), staff at Cottingham CofE were joined by colleagues from schools within the trust and Diocese. The Friday was a day of learning cantered around phonics. At Cottingham CofE the children receive super phonics teaching but there is always rom for improvement and next steps to be made. It was great that we could invite others to our school. We will host day two on the February INSET day.





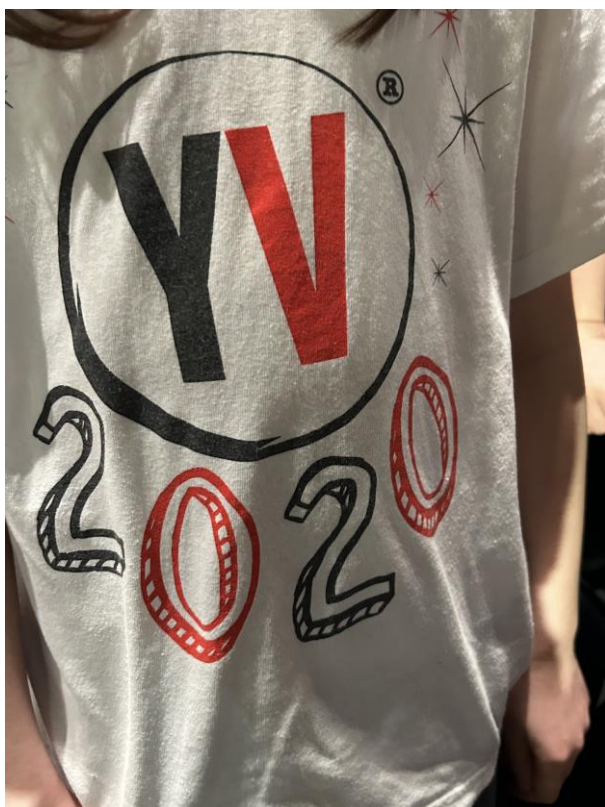






Young Voices 2024

Young Voices is now in its 25th year! On Friday, our small choir (14) went to Young Voices in Birmingham and joined 5000 more children for a day of singing. It was great as always. You will have seen the fun and laughter from pictures shared on social media. Here are some more for you to enjoy. We loved seeing some hand-me-down, retro t-shirts being worn!











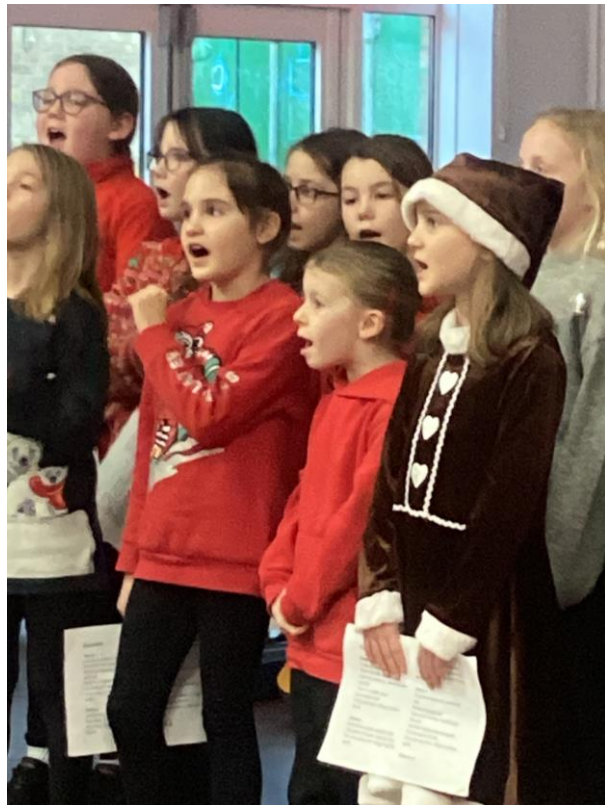
Music

Guitars, keyboards, vocals and choir lessons have become a staple diet of what we can offer the children. At the end of the term, we once again allowed the children to showcase their amazing musical talents. Sadly, we said Goodbye to Joe but we will still be offering drumming lessons with Jamie.









Family Support



NHS/Family Support coffee morning

Please come along on Wednesday for a coffee (or tea) and chat. We are here for your children and advise you should you need any extra help or support! Come and enjoy a coffee from 9:30 in the school hall.



PE Update

A quick update this week to celebrate super performances from our year 3/4 Winter Olympians. Look how smart they look in the new sponsored sports wear. More silverware returned on the bus and will be placed in our over filling cabinet. Look out for news of more sporting events in the next edition.



The image shows a results board for the Pacesetter Games Winter Olympics - Year 3-4. The board is set against a background of a soccer field with players. The header is green with the Pacesetter Sports & Wellbeing logo and the text 'PACESETTER GAMES'. Below this is a green banner with 'WINTER OLYMPICS - YEAR 3-4'. The results are listed in a table with a red header for the winner and blue rows for the others.

PACESETTER SPORTS & WELLBEING	
PACESETTER GAMES	
WINTER OLYMPICS - YEAR 3-4	
1	COTTINGHAM (USA)
2	ISHAM (FRANCE)
3	ISHAM (SWITZERLAND)
4	WILBY (ITALY)
5	WILBY (NETHERLANDS)
6	BOOTHVILLE (SWEDEN)
=7	COTTINGHAM (JAMAICA)
=7	THE BRAMPTONS (CANADA)
9	WALGRAVE (NORWAY)
10	WILBY (AUSTRIA)
11	BOOTHVILLE (DENMARK)
12	GREAT DODDINGTON (ITALY)



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 group chats. 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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Online safety day! - Parents



On Monday 22nd January, we will be welcoming Simon Aston who is from the West Northamptonshire council, to our school and he will be delivering online safety sessions to all the children over the day.

From 9-10am that morning he will also be holding a parent session, All parents are invited to come along to listen to any online safety/technology updates on keeping children safe online and a chance to ask any questions! Please do come along

We hope to see you there

Mr Scott/Miss Hurn

Magnificent Minds/Helping Hands Team



The Magnificent Mind and Helping Hand Team met with Mrs Southcombe on Tuesday to discuss Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, which will also include fundraising events for the Air Ambulance. Some children have been selected to act as fundraising champions and will lead several events during the week. They will be presented with special badges and fundraising packs to help them along the way. A letter will be sent home shortly - outlining all the events, to include KS2 Love2Lunch, Walk to School, Pre-Loved Book Sale, Crazy Hair Day, Penalty Shoot Out, Name the Bear and Candy Floss Sale.....very exciting!!!

Thank you to all the MMT and HHT for being super wellbeing role models in school x

Governors Update



Our first AGC meeting will take place on Monday 15th January. If you have any questions at any time, you can send them to your parent Governors:

b.jeffs@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

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...

Cottingham C of E Primary School

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...



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

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023/2024

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

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

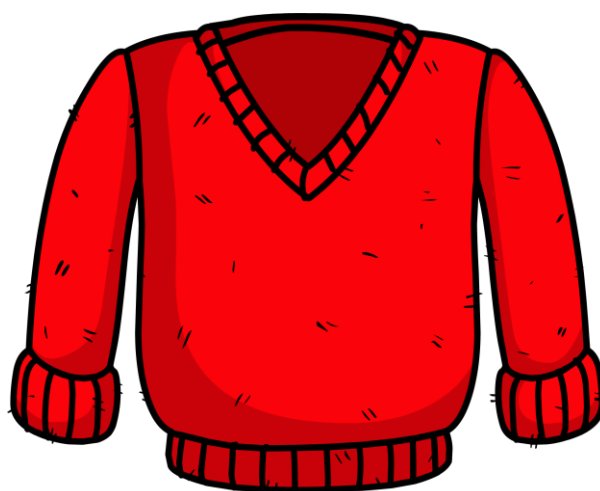
Term 5 Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

INSET Days

Monday 26th February 2024

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.....

