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The Fortnightly

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"God is love" John 4 : 8-16



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a while since the last news. In that time, so much has taken place both in and out of the classroom. As you will see in the news, children and adults have been so busy. We have had DISCO's, fundraisers, online safety day, Hindu experience, hockey taster session, UCC French, Beaumanor Hall amongst other things.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the news and please share with the children, friends and family. There is so much to see. As the Art lead at Cottingham CofE, I am extremely proud to see all of the amazing art work that is happening. The pictures will give you a good look at what I mean. The quality of the work is amazing.

There was a BUZZZ in Hawthorn class last week as they found out the title of their end of year performance. The year 6 children, accompanied by KS2 will be performing Aladdin to you all. They will also be visiting Milton Keynes to see the Broadway show live! Mrs Wason and I introduced the performance to the children with our own version of 'A Whole New World!' Apparently it was the best reveal ever.

As we come to the end of term, I will be monitoring attendance and as always will be duty bound to send out emails to parents when children's attendance is not 'Good'. As always, the letters can be just a reminder/notification as I am aware that illness and appointments will have been the case. In some instances, I will need to meet with you where attendance is a concern. The Government have this week updated the meaning of 'neglect' and have included attendance within this. I am sure you will all support me in ensuring that children are attending school on a regular basis. At the time of writing, 15% of our children are currently absent on a '**persistent**' basis which is something that is not ideal. Persistent absence is when a child is off school for 10% or more of their time. (90% or less attendance).

Thank you to the staff and parents who helped put on the Valentines DISCO this week. A huge shout out to DJ Wason who stood in for me at the last minute. Although it was great to hear about the enjoyment of most, it was sad to hear that there was some damage in the KS2 boys toilets which will need to be investigated further. I hope the behaviour of some does not spoil fun for others in the future.

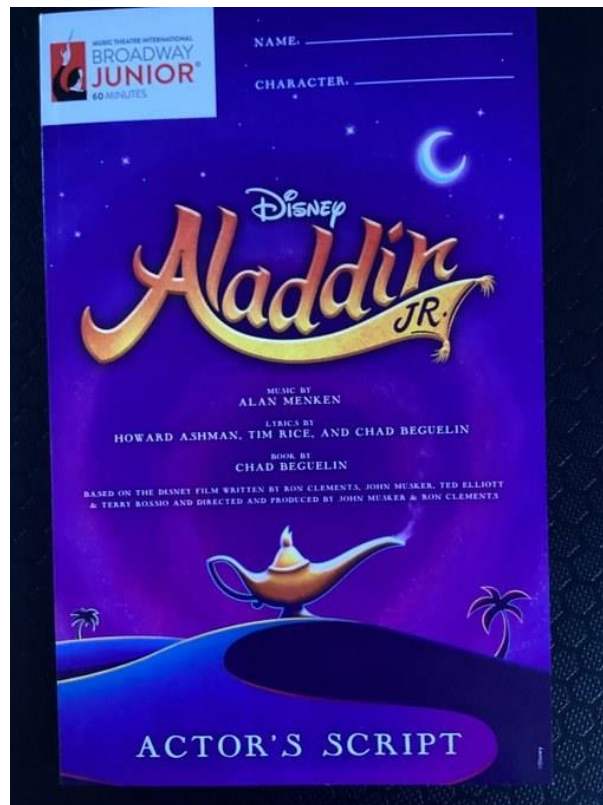
A HUGE well done also to the Magnificent Minds who demonstrated their Courageous Advocacy during the last few weeks. By doing so they raised over £1000 towards the Air Ambulance. Such amazing effort from everyone.

I will end my Welcome there and wish you all a lovely half term break. I look forward to seeing what the second half of the year has in store for us all.

See you soon, Mr Scott

PS - The hair dye finally came out!!!!







Mini Bus - We need your help!

Letters regarding our push to buy a mini bus have now been sent out to local business. We are hoping to drum up some interest as we have only received two offers of donations thus far. Please do spread the word so that we can have our own mini bus just like the one that Great Addington let us borrow recently. The cost of hiring their bus was a fraction of the cost if we hired from a coach company. The savings then benefit you the parents. If you know anyone who can help, please ask that they email head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk Thank you!



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.

Art Journey

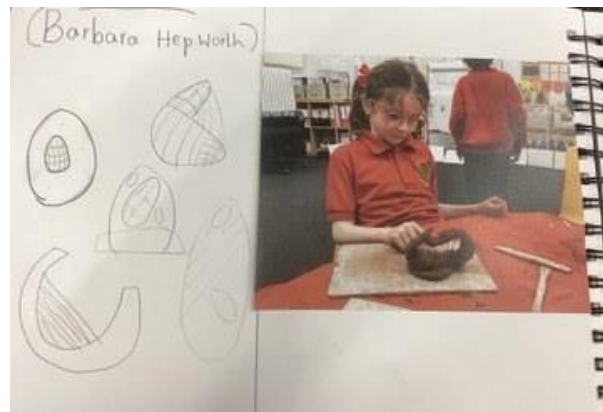
The Art Journey's at Cottingham CofE get better and better. This term has seen ALL children enjoy various activities during which time they learnt age appropriate skills and used different media and resources. The children are also learning about different artists along the way including Barbara Hepworth for example. Look at the pictures to really get a feel for the learning and the quality of the work being produced.





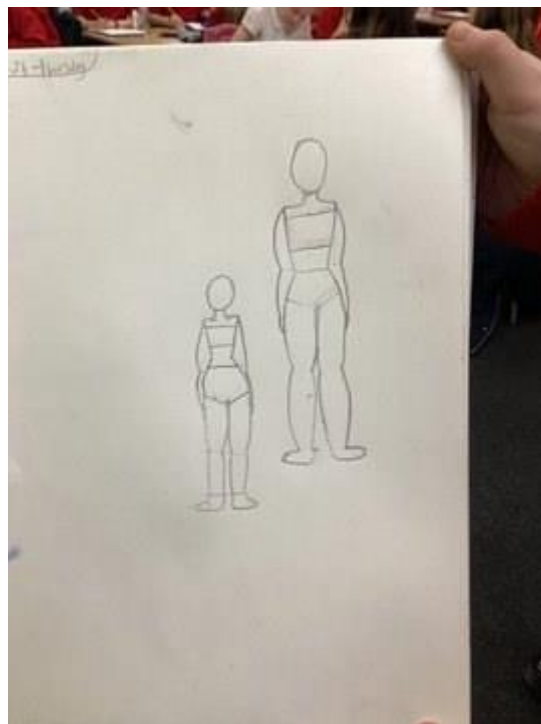
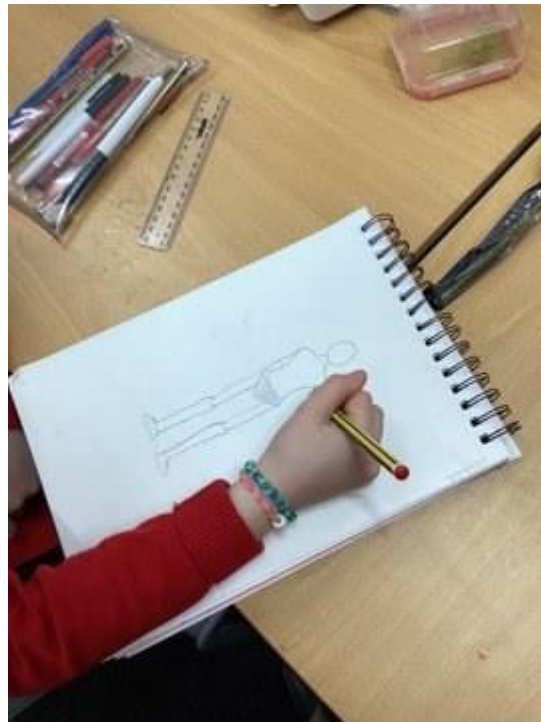




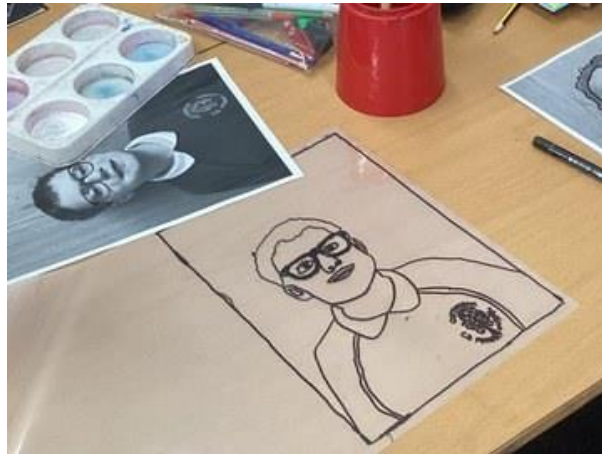














Terrific Times Tables



Well done to our new members of the 144 club and also to Ava who is our newest addition to the top 3 leaderboard.

I hope that you have all had the chance to practise your child's KIRFs with them over the course of the term but if not, please note that these can be downloaded for each year groups from both the website and also the class teams accounts.

It has been great to see that Beech have won the class tournament this week with a fantastic average point score of 1000! Oak were close behind in second.

Class participation- here is a run down of what percentage of each class have been on TTRS this week:

Hawthorn- 93%

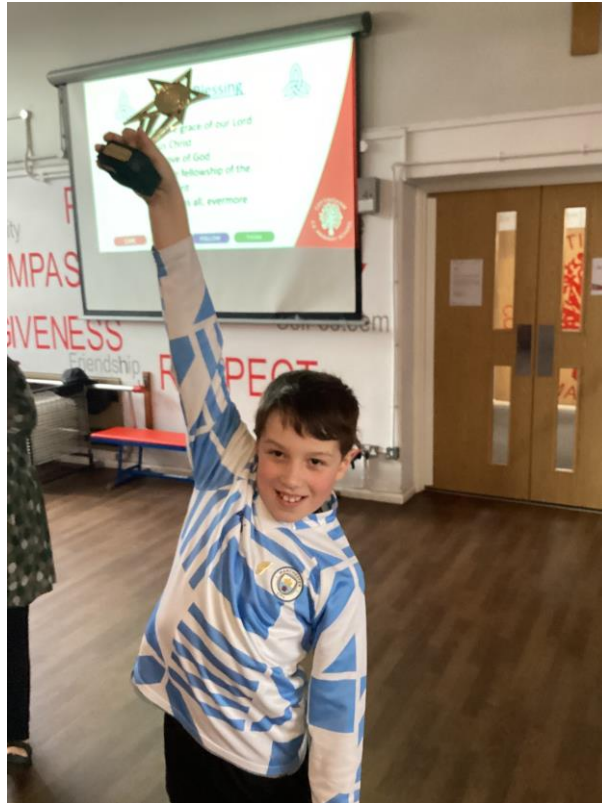
Beech- 100%

Oak- 97%

Ash- 47%

Great to see so many classes approaching (or getting) 100%. Don't forget that 15 minutes of TTRS garage mode is expected homework each week- **the percentage of children getting their homework completed is a lot lower than the percentage of children going on to TTRS.**





Family Support





Our new group of Kindness Ambassadors are now wearing there new orange lanyards. They will be wearing them whenever they are in school, so other children can identify who is part of the team and ask for help if they need it!

During Pancake Day, some children made delicious pancakes and decorated them with happy faces. They then enjoyed eating them!







PE Update

Whilst it has been quiet on the competitive front in school over the past couple of weeks, it has been fantastic to see children's achievements from home every celebration Worship on Fridays. What is especially pleasing is the variety of different activities the children are taking part in. As a school, we may be able to signpost local clubs so please let us know if you are looking out for an activity for your child to join.

This week, all KS2 children took part in a hockey taster session. The children enjoyed showing off their skills in passing and receiving a ball. The children in Willow class worked hard on their balancing skills as you can see in the pictures.

I was good to see that archery skills were used by the Year 2 children at Beaumanor Hall. They represented CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK whilst aiming for the bullseye!

Mrs Lloyd











Coventry City Vs Wycombe Wanderers



We are all very proud of Fred from Year 4 who represented Coventry City Under 9s in a match against Wycombe Wanderers this week. In Fred's own words:

"It was super hard, I passed the ball and as soon as our players got the ball, Wycombe were straight onto them! It was a great game and we won 3 - 2 from 2 nil down" - well done Fred!!!

Music - Half Term Clubs



ISM Music Academy Holiday Clubs February 2024!

We're bringing you two awesome holiday clubs this coming half-term!

On Monday 19th February (6-12 year olds) we have - Fun Music Club with Jason & Jamie

On Tuesday 20th February (6-12 year olds) it's - Vocal Club with Cecilia

You can sign-up using the link below or simply scan you QR code on the poster!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU5_4DbJcolV-zAb0qjWVz0ZANKv3JcT_k_ktzZBob6oc71g/viewform

If you have any questions please contact us: at 01536 521606 or ismmusicacademy@gmail.com

Cost is £24 Per Student - 9am to 3pm.

Events for Parents and Carers

Next 'Meet the SEND Team' Sessions:

Kettering	Thursday 7 th March	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Kettering Corn Market Hall NN15 7QA
Click here to book: 7th MARCH 4:30pm - 5:30pm			
Corby	Wednesday 13 th March	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Priors Hall Park Community Centre Corby
Click here to book: 13th MARCH 4:30pm - 5:30pm			
East Northants	Wednesday 20 th March	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Rushden Hall NN10 9NG
Click here to book: 20th MARCH 4:30pm - 5:30pm			
Wellingborough	Wednesday 27 th March	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Wellingborough Museum NN8 1XB
Click here to book: 27th MARCH 4:30pm - 5:30pm			

To register for the events, please use the Eventbrite LINKS or contact:

Sarah.Johnson-McMahon@northnorthants.gov.uk OR

karen.sharp@northnorthants.gov.uk or just drop in!

Parents and carers of all children and young people with additional needs are welcome, regardless of whether the children have an EHCP or a diagnosis. These sessions are free to attend.

These particular events are geared towards adults and unfortunately, we are unable to offer creche facilities. If families would like to be included but have difficulties with childcare, then please contact us and we will help find a solution.

We are the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Team, and we offer support to schools and parents & carers so that they can help young people when they are experiencing difficulties in school and home life.

Following the success of our recent drop-in parent events, we are holding further meetings in March. Please note that this term meetings are at 4:30pm – 5:30pm.

The local team look forward to meeting with parents and carers, finding out how we can provide guidance and help in supporting you and your child within your local area and just enjoying a coffee together. Please feel free to come to whichever session is best for you. Parking is available nearby to these venues.

Feedback from our last events show how much benefit families gained from these meetings.

'Talking about many different things, being pointed in the right direction'

'Meeting other parents, getting ideas from each other'

'Having the opportunity to share our worries and concerns and to be listened to - realising that we are not alone'

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 acts of kindness 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 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?

The children recently took part in activities during Safer Internet Day. In the pictures, you can see Beech class learning how to stay safe online.





All National Online Safety advice is for empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further advice, hints and tips for adults.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

14 WAYS TO BE KIND ONLINE

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, puts people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.

- 1. BE POSITIVE**
Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could lighten up someone else's day.
- 2. OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.
- 3. SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS**
If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it means so much.
- 4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY**
We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone else who may be having a bad day.
- 5. LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it. It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.
- 6. VIDEO CALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY**
It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine. Using apps like Zoom, Facetime or WhatsApp are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.
- 7. TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE THINKING OF THEM**
We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a message to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.
- 8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS**
If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem and help make people feel better about themselves.
- 9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ**
Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.
- 10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT**
Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.
- 11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING**
Being empathetic towards others and their situation is often an act of kindness and selflessness that gets overlooked. If you notice someone who is upset, drop them a message and offer to listen.
- 12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS**
You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you love and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.
- 13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS**
If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it the most.
- 14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS**
Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they've passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.

Meet our expert
This guide has been written by Anna Baranetski. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every child's learning, mental and physical. She is also a member of the Learning Group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health education pages.

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

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Magnificent Minds/Helping Hands Team - £1000!

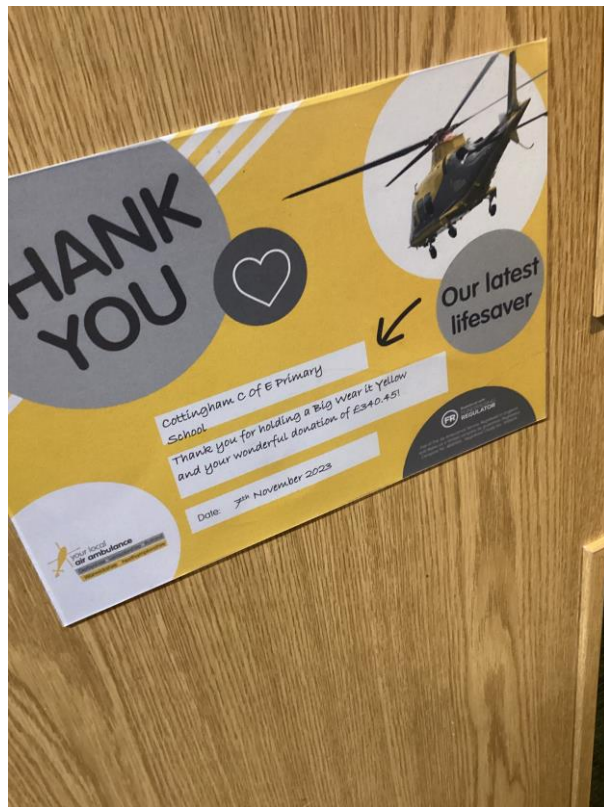


I am so proud of our Courageous Advocates this week. From organising book sales, to selling candy floss, crazy hair and penalty shoot-outs!!! They have done an incredible job fundraising for **The Air Ambulance**. A total of **£1005.40** was raised, this includes a very generous donation from one of our parents for this very worthwhile cause. The Air Ambulance visited us on Friday, along with their Mascot 'Blade' - who even tried their luck at the penalty shoot-out. They sent a lovely message as follows:

I just wanted to drop you a note to say huge, heartfelt thanks for inviting us along on Friday and for all of your support. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and it was especially wonderful to see how much fun all of the children were having.

We are so grateful to every single person at Cottingham for making us feel immensely welcome and for taking our charity to their hearts. Best wishes and thanks again, for everything.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week has been a huge success. Starting with Walk to School on Monday, Book Sale & Candy Floss Sale on Tuesday, whole School Yoga on Wednesday, MUFTI, Crazy Hair, Penalty Shoot Out and Love2Lunch on Friday. It was lovely welcoming parents into school to share this special time with their children.



























Governors Update



One of our roles as a Governor is to monitor the school's policies, admission arrangements, pupil and sport premium strategies, compliance with GDPR and British values, to name just a few. All of this information is on the school's website and is a great source of information. Whilst you may not need this information on a day-to-day basis, we would certainly recommend you having a browse and become familiar with the content... with a hot drink and biscuit too!

www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk

Although we do not currently have any vacancies at Cottingham CofE - If you are interested in becoming a Governor or indeed a Chair of Governors then Pytchley CofE have vacancies. Mr Scott would love to discuss these roles with you. Perhaps being a Governor at a school where your child does not attend would appeal to some.

Award Winners





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

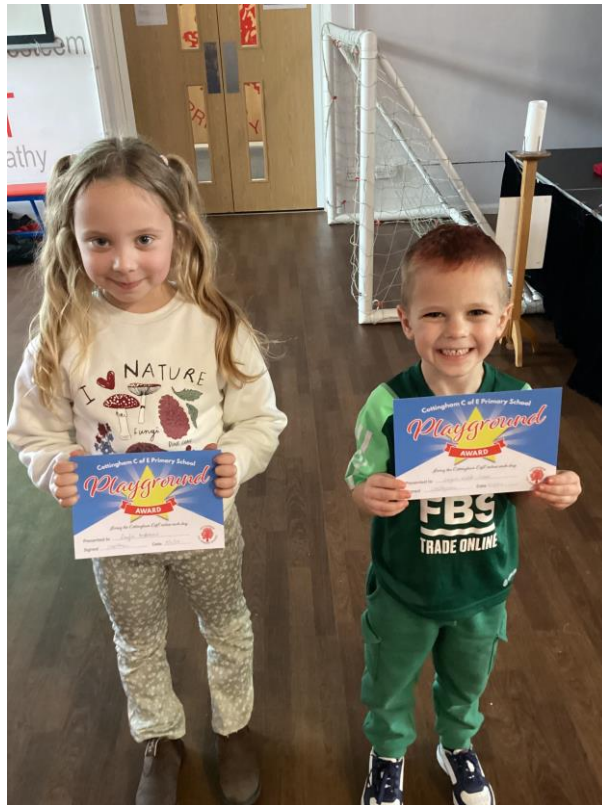






Well done to all of the latest Star of the Week award winners...







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

Cottingham C of E Primary School

Wonderful Writer

Presented to _____

Signed _____

Date _____





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Hindu Experience

As part of their RE journey, the children in Oak class welcomed visitors who talked to the children about their own religion and what it meant to them to be a Hindu. The children learnt lots as will Beech class soon when they invite visitors to help them learn about Judaism.





Beaumanor Hall















Term Dates

Academic Year 2023/2024

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

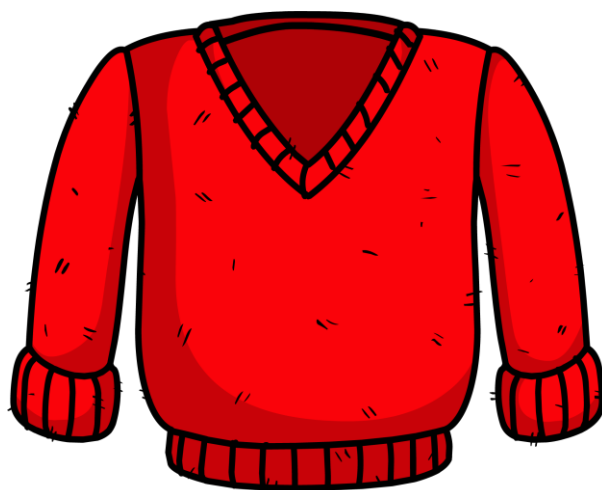
Term 5 Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

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.....

