

Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School Newsletter Spring Term 2018



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A Message from Mr Loughlin

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. It is good to see that the children have returned rested and ready to learn.

There are lots of coughs and colds about at the moment but we are trying really hard to keep our attendance as high as we can. Last term the school's overall attendance was 95.87%, the national figure is 96%. Dolphins had the best attendance with 97.4% but Dragonflies and Ladybirds had the worst attendance at 93.6%.

You can see in the table below how your child's class compares.

Reception	Caterpillars 94.9%	Dragonflies 93.6%	Ladybirds 93.6%
Year 1	Dolphins 97.7%	Penguins 94.6%	Sharks 94.9%
Year 2	Lions 97.4%	Panthers 95.4%	Tigers 96.2%

Please help us improve our attendance by bringing your child to school every day. **Consistently good attendance will help your child to work to the best of their ability.**

This term we have lots of exciting things planned for the children. We are holding a British Values week where the children will be learning about what it means to be British with help from a "special visitor". We will also be holding our annual World Book Day dress up on 1st March and assemblies to celebrate Chinese New Year, Mother's Day and Easter. I hope that you can join us for these.

IMPORTANT: Nursery & Year 2 Parents

If your child is due to start Reception or moving on to a junior school (Year 3) in September 2018 the final deadline for applications is **Monday 15th January 2018**. Applications received after this deadline may be placed on a waiting list and you may not be given your chosen school.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Places will be offered 16th April 2018.

TRANSFER TO RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 IS NOT AUTOMATIC, YOU MUST APPLY FOR YOUR CHILD'S PLACE.

Reception Spaces

We currently have spaces in our Reception classes for this year.

If you know of any parent who is looking for a Reception place for their child for the current year please ask them to enquire at the school office.

Summer Outings

The summer trips have now been booked. A letter will be coming out shortly with more information but if you would like to make payments in weekly instalments please send your money to the office in a named envelope. Thank you.

DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS?

If you or any of the contacts on your child's records have recently changed telephone numbers please make sure you inform the school office. It is important we have up-to-date numbers in case of emergencies regarding your child or closure of the school.

Water Bottle Money

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in £2.00 towards the cost of your child's water bottle, sterilising and spare caps. I would like to remind those of you who haven't yet sent in £2.00 that we would appreciate this as soon as possible.

Easy Fundraising

Do you shop online? If you do, please help to raise some funds for Cottesbrooke Infants & Nursery School. It's really easy –

- Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Register your details
- Choose Cottesbrooke Infant School Supporters-Acocks Green as your charity/organisation then you are ready to shop.
- If you set up this page as one of your internet homepages you will remember to go through it to shop online.
- You can also download the app from the Apple or Google app store.
- Once you are on the Easy Fundraising page you can visit lots of sites and the donation automatically gets passed on.
- You even get a donation for 'Ring and reserve' items with Argos, B&Q etc.

Thank you for your continued support.

Teacher Training Day

The school is being used as a Polling Station so we will be closed on Thursday 3rd May 2018. We will be open as usual on Friday 4th May.

School Clothing

Please ensure you NAME EVERY ITEM of your child's clothing. Over the years a lot of uniform has never been claimed so we end up giving it to charity.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!!!

Acocks Green Food Bank

Our school is used as a drop off point for a local food bank. Please bring donations to the main school office from where it is collected every Tuesday morning by Acocks Green Christian Centre. All food donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Arrival and Collection of Children

School doors are open from 8:45am school starts at 8:55am, classroom doors and gates will be locked at this time. If your child arrives after 8:55am, please enter the school via the school office where you will have to sign your child in.

School finishes at **3:15pm**; if your child has not been collected by 3:25pm then they will be sent to Kids Club for which there is a charge.

If you are sending another adult to collect your child please inform the office and ensure the person collecting your child has the correct password.

School Diary Dates

SPRING TERM	
Friday 9 th February	Year 1 disco (details to follow)
Thursday 15 th February	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Friday 16 th February	Break up for half term 3.15 pm . Non-uniform 50p donation
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Thursday 8 th March	Mother's Day shop (details to follow)
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Assembly from 9.00 am (details to follow)
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Assembly from 2.15 pm (details to follow) School finishes for Easter 3.15 pm . Non-uniform 50p donation
Friday 30 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY (GOOD FRIDAY)
SUMMER TERM	
Monday 16 th April	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 17 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 3 rd May	SCHOOL CLOSED – LOCAL ELECTIONS
Friday 4 th May	SCHOOL OPEN AS USUAL
Monday 7 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 8 th May	SCHOOL OPEN AS USUAL
Thursday 10 th May	Class photos
Friday 18 th May	Reception disco
Friday 25 th May	Break up for half term 3.15pm . Non-uniform 50p donation
Monday 4 th June	Children return to school
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day shop (details to follow)
Friday 6 th July	Summer Fair from 3.30 pm (details to follow)
Tuesday 17 th July	Year 2 leavers' assembly (details to follow)
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 2 leavers' assembly (details to follow)
Friday 20 th July	Break up for summer 3.15 pm . Non-uniform 50p donation
AUTUMN TERM	
Monday 3 rd September	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Did you know we have a school App? You can download the Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School App from the Apple App Store and Google Play. If you set notifications, school news will be delivered automatically to your device.



Please note: All above dates maybe subject to change. Please keep a look out and check the calendar on the school website - www.cottesbrooke-inf.bham.sch.uk Details will follow on special events.

If you require this document in a larger font or different language please contact school office.