

# Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2018



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#### A Message from Mr Loughlin

A belated welcome back to all our returning families and a belated welcome to all our new families. It's the end of September and I trust that your child has settled into the new school year at Cottesbrooke well. September is always an exciting time, starting a new class, getting to know new friends and staff, learning new things, but it can also be an anxious time for children and parents, even for parents who have known us for years. Change can be stressful and children can take a little time to settle but if you have any concerns about your child please come and talk to us. We have parents evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> October where you can discuss things with the teacher and I am on the playground most mornings if you need to have an informal chat. Sometimes just having a brief word can help solve situations before they develop and it can help alleviate anxiety.

You have had a letter recently inviting you to our harvest assembly. So that we can accommodate as many people as possible we run two performances, please come and join us. All donations go to people in the local community who are struggling to buy food. If you can donate please do.

Finally, we are currently recruiting new parent and community governors to work alongside and support me in running the school. If you or someone you know has the time and ability to become part of our governing body, please consider returning the nomination form, or feel free to ask me about what it entails.

#### Class Names

Classes are referred to by their **animal names**:

**Tigers** – Mr Higgins  
**Panthers** – Mrs Khanam/Mrs Binning  
**Lions** - Mrs Ellis/Mrs Hundle  
**Sharks** – Miss Oreton  
**Penguins** – Mr Ahmed  
**Dolphins** – Mrs Marway  
**Ladybirds** – Miss Jabeen  
**Caterpillars** - Mrs Armstrong/Mrs Larsen  
**Dragonflies** – Mrs Siddiq  
**Butterflies** (Nursery am) – Mrs Wadhams/Mrs MacMillan  
**Spiders** (Nursery pm) - Mrs Wadhams/Mrs MacMillan

#### 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 this year please ask them to enquire at the school office.

#### IMPORTANT: Nursery & Year 2 Parents

If your child is due to start Reception or moving on to a junior school (Year 3) in September 2019 you will shortly be receiving information on how to apply for places. Please note that **must apply online for a place by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Places will be offered 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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

## **Nasal 'flu immunisation**

Consent forms have been sent out for your child to receive their nasal 'flu immunisation. Please ensure you complete and return the form ASAP. This form needs to be completed even if you do not require your child to be immunised.

The nurses will be in school on **TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** to give the nasal 'flu immunisation.

### **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.

### **School Photographs**

The photographer will be in school on **FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** for family/sibling photographs. Details to follow.

### **CISS Macmillan Coffee morning**

Join us for the MacMillan Coffee morning on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. This is a very worthy cause and is always well supported.

### **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](http://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.**

### **Acocks Green Food Bank**

Our school has a drop off food bank in our main school office which is by Acocks Green Christian Centre. All donations of food and toiletries are always greatly received.

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 that you inform the office beforehand and that the person collecting your child has the correct password.

### **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!!!**

## School Diary Dates

<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Assembly – <b>9.00 am</b> and <b>2.30 pm</b>
<b>Friday 12 October</b>	Photographer in school (details to follow) CISS meeting – Community Room 2.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Reception homework/reading meeting 9.00 am (details to follow)
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Reception homework/reading meeting 2.00 pm (details to follow)
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evening from 3.30 pm (details to follow)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for half term <b>3.15 pm</b> Non-uniform 50p donation
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Diwali Assembly (Penguin Class) 9.00 am
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	CISS Year 2 disco (details to follow)
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	New parent walkabout 9.00 am (children starting Nursery/Reception September 2019)
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	New parent walkabout 1.00 pm (children starting Nursery/Reception September 2019)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	New parent walkabout 2.30 pm (children starting Nursery/Reception September 2019)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nasal 'flu immunisation (details to follow)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	CISS coffee morning 9.00 am main school hall
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Pantomime in school
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair School Hall from 3.30 pm (details to follow)
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Production School Hall 2.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Production Baptist Church 9.00 am
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Production School Hall 9.00 am
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Party afternoon School finishes for Christmas – <b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>2019</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up for half term <b>3.15pm</b> Non-uniform 50p donation
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School finishes for Easter <b>3.15pm</b> . Non-uniform 50p donation
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

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](http://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.

## Coffee Morning

Come and join us  
9.00 am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018  
Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School  
Community Room

A free 5 week programme  
including a certificate

Tips on how we listen  
and talk to our children



Recognising that both children and  
parents have feelings and needs  
that are equally important

Come and share tips and  
ideas on your parenting  
skills

Contact Mrs Hadley in the school office for more  
details