

# Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2018

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#### **SEVERE WEATHER**

In the event of VERY **SEVERE WEATHER** we will try our best to contact all families.

Announcements will be made by:

- \*Text
- \*The school and BCC website
- \* Local radio stations: Free, Heart and Radio WM

We will also follow BCC advice where the decision is made to close all schools.

**Please make sure we have any new mobile numbers so we can text you about any closures**

#### **Protect your child – some winter tips!**

- \* Make sure your child washes their hands frequently to avoid getting sick. They should wash before eating, after using the toilet, sharing toys, coughing and blowing their nose.
- \* Ensure your child get enough sleep to help their body fight off infection.
- \* Serve your child nutritious foods to boost their immune system.
- \* Dress your child in layers, coat, hat (preferable one that covers your child's ears) scarf & gloves.

Please name everything so it can be returned if lost.



#### **Acocks Green Food Bank**

Our school has a drop off food bank in our main school office. It is collected every Tuesday morning by Acocks Green Christian Centre. Please help us to make Christmas more enjoyable for local families by donating an item a week for the food bank. This can be items such as soap, toothpaste, bubble bath, canned foods – soup, beans, packets of biscuits, crisps, etc. All food donations are greatly received. Thank you

**Milk & Juice orders**  
(Children in Year 1 & 2)

The deadline for milk & juice orders for Spring Term (January – March 2019) is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. A copy of this letter is available on our website.

**Orders received after this date cannot be accepted.**

**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 **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**

**Nursery & 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.

**Children in Need**



Thank you for all your donations.  
You raised **£405.46**

**Holidays in Term Time**

On 1st September 2013 the law changed and the guidance that allowed families up to 10 days leave at the Head Teacher's discretion was removed. This means by law Mr Loughlin cannot grant leave of absence for any time from school unless it meets the criteria for exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not exceptional. **If you take your child out of school for a holiday each parent may be fined up to £120 per child.**

**Appointments**

Please try to book any appointments out of school hours or during the holidays. We appreciate that this is not always possible but we do request medical proof to authorise your child's absence, an appointment letter for example.

## Diary Dates:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Pantomime in school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day for Christmas fair donation
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day for Christmas fair donation Christmas Fair School Hall from 3.30 pm (details to follow)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production School Hall 2.00 pm (details to follow)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production Acocks Green Baptist Church 9.00 am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production School Hall 9.00 am (details to follow)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9am Holiday birthday assembly Party afternoon School finishes for Christmas – <b>3.15pm</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>2019</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term <b>3.15pm</b> Non-uniform 50p donation
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Children return to school</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Crazy Hair
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School finishes for Easter <b>3.15pm</b> . Non-uniform 50p donation
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term <b>3.15pm</b> Non-uniform 50p donation
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for summer <b>3.15 pm</b> . Non-uniform 50p donation
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Did you know we have a school App? You can download the **School Jotter** app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. If you set Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School as a favourite and 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](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.