

# Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School Newsletter Spring Term 2019



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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 96.59%, the national figure is 96%. Lions had the best attendance with 97.6% but Dragonflies had the worst attendance at 94.8%.

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

|           |                           |                          |                        |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Reception | Caterpillars <b>95.3%</b> | Dragonflies <b>94.8%</b> | Ladybirds <b>96.1%</b> |
| Year 1    | Dolphins <b>95.5%</b>     | Penguins <b>95.4%</b>    | Sharks <b>95.8%</b>    |
| Year 2    | Lions <b>97.6%</b>        | Panthers <b>96.3%</b>    | Tigers <b>97.4%</b>    |

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. **Unfortunately I cannot authorise leave of absence for holidays and parents are fined if their child has 10 sessions (5 days) or more unauthorised absences. So far this year 6 parents have been issued with fines.**

This term we have lots of exciting things planned for the children. We will also be holding our annual World Book Day dress up on 7<sup>th</sup> March and assemblies to celebrate Chinese New Year, Mothers' Day and Easter. I hope that you can join us for these.

## Current 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.

## Nursery 2019

If you or anyone you know has a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 we are currently accepting applications for September 2019. Application forms are available from our website [www.cottesbrooke-inf.bham.sch.uk](http://www.cottesbrooke-inf.bham.sch.uk) or from the school office.

**When making your application we will need to see your child's full birth certificate and proof of address – utility bill or bank statement - dated within the last 6 months.**

### **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.

#### **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to those of you who joined us for the Christmas Fair on Thursday 13th December 2018.

You helped us to raise £859.98!

#### **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 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!!!**

#### **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 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.

Main 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.

Nursery finishes at 11.30 or 3.30. Children must be collected by this time or parents may be charged.

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 2019                  |                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February   | Chinese New Year Assembly (Dolphin Class)                           |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February | Parents Evening                                                     |
| 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 08.45 am</b>                           |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March    | World Book Day                                                      |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March     | Red Nose Day – Crazy Hair                                           |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March     | Mother's Day Assembly (Shark Class)                                 |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April     | School finishes for Easter <b>3.15pm</b> . Non-uniform 50p donation |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April     | Easter Assembly 9am and 2.20pm                                      |
| SUMMER TERM                       |                                                                     |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April     | <b>Children return to school 08.45 am</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 08.45 am</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 TO CHILDREN                    |
| AUTUMN TERM                       |                                                                     |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | TEACHER TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN                    |

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