



News Release

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Cottingham school triumphs in Corby summer reading challenge

Cottingham schoolkids' love of books has helped them come top in a Corby summer reading challenging for a second year running.

More than half the children from Cottingham C of E Primary School took part in the reading challenge, run by Corby Library, to read at least six books each over the summer break. The 60 children read at least 360 books between them, which is more than any other primary school in Corby Borough.

Max Robinson from Corby Library, who came along to present certificates and medals to the children, was particularly impressed that the school has doubled the number of children taking part in the challenge compared to 2018, placing them top for the second year in a row.

Cottingham School head teacher Ashley Scott said: "This is an amazing achievement, especially as we are only a small school of 130 pupils. We do all we can to promote a love of reading, both at school and at home, and we have a great relationship with Corby Library. This achievement really shows how well the school is supported by the parents, and the important part that reading plays in the children's learning."

Last year, Cottingham School built a brand new library to provide a relaxed, inviting environment for children to sit, read and learn to love a book. The PTFA is also supporting reading at the school by hosting a book fair, where 50p from every £1 spent goes back to buy new books for the children. This initiative has raised more than £200 so far.

Cottingham C of E Primary School is holding an open day at 9:30am and 1:30pm on Monday 21 October, for parents looking for places for the 2020 school year. If you'd like to take a look around and meet the teachers and staff, please pop along to the school at Berryfield Road, Cottingham, Market Harborough, LE16 8XB. You can also contact the school on 01536 771391, email admin@cottinghamprimary.co.uk.

Pictures show:

- (1) Max Robinson from Corby Library with Cottingham schoolchildren Poppy (age 10) and Hope (age 7).
- (2) Cottingham schoolchildren Rory and Thomas (both age 5), enjoying reading in the school library.

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Notes to editors

Cottingham C of E Primary School Academy Trust is a small, friendly, community school with students from Cottingham, Middleton, Corby and the surrounding villages. It is one of 25 schools in the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET). Recent results show 100% of year 2 children at the school achieving an expected level of reading, with 45% of year 6 children 'reading at greater depth', compared to a national average of 27%.

For more information about the school, see www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk.

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