

The Cottingham CofE Weekly

Issue 1 – Week Ending 13th September 2019

'Then he prayed, 'LORD, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.' Genesis 24:12



Dear Parent/carer,

Welcome to the first issue of the weekly news this year. Although we only started back a short while ago, so much has happened since then. The KS2 children have had their first Learning Quest Boosts and visited nearby Hamerton Zoo Park. This week, the KS1 children will welcome a visiting zoo. We are all excited to see what creatures visit us. I am sure there will be lots of pictures to show you in the next edition of the Weekly news. Thank you for sending the children back to school in such good spirits and also looking very smart. The staff and I really appreciate your support in ensuring that the children look like they do. At Hamerton for example, the children represented our school superbly both in look and behaviour too. As the children know, that is nothing more than we expect but they did do it well. You will have read in my welcome back letter the update regarding changes to our behaviour policy. The children have already been de-briefed as to the reasons the 'Snakes and ladders' displays are no longer on the classroom walls. They seemed to have understood our reasons and a small group of children have already received an award in Friday's Celebration Worship. Congratulations to those children for setting the bar high. We will have Wonderful Writers joining them next week. Please be reminded that the updated behaviour policy is available on the school website. I would recommend that you take a few minutes to have a read. I have also added our sanction flow chart to this edition of the Weekly news.

As you know, the children came back to see many changes/updates in place. The classrooms are now super learning environments having all been decorated and fitted with carpets. Replacing the previous wooden floor has made a huge difference to the noise levels in the class. As you would imagine this can only be a positive thing for the children and their learning. I am sure at some point this term, you will have the chance to pop in and see the changes yourselves. The toilets in both KS1 and KS2 have had a total refit. The children have the very best facilities and the toilets include extractor fans. I still cannot understand why they did not have these fitted previously! There is no excuse now for any child to not push on and be the best learner that they can be.

The final change has been to our approach to teaching the National Curriculum. The children now have Quests that they are introduced to at the start of a term and you should have received more information on these. Please do support your child's learning by using the information that was sent out. The more reading that can be done at home the better.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely week.

Safeguarding

Important Information

- If your child has an inhaler in school please check with your child's class teacher that it is in date.
- It is imperative that we have the correct medical information and contact details for your child.
- Please update with Mrs Southcombe if any changes have been made.
- Privacy Notices can be found on schools and PDET website giving information on how your child's data is used.

Secondary School



Please check Individual Secondary School Websites for Open Evenings Dates and Transition Dates

Attendance



Whole School Attendance Target
96%

Willow Class – 91.5%

Ash Class – 97.6%

Oak Class – 98.8%

Hawthorn Class – 100%

Beech Class – 98.3%

Whole School – 97.8%

Corby Mind

“We exist to build a bridge of hope for people between despair and recovery, for anyone who needs it, primarily in Corby and the surrounding villages.”

Please find attached Posters from Corby Mind advertising some fundraising events later this term.

KS1- Travelling Zoo



As part of our exciting new Learning Quest topic, Key Stage 1 will be visited by a travelling zoo on the morning of Wednesday 18th September. This will be a really valuable learning experience for all of the children. To help cover the cost of the travelling zoo, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £3 from each child. You may pay via Parentmail or by sending the money into school in a sealed envelope labelled 'Travelling Zoo' with your child's name written clearly on it.

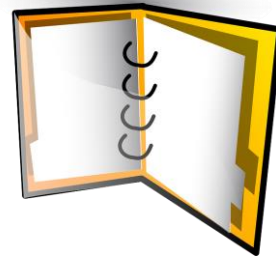
Sports Update



This term we are delighted to be entering the TATA Kids of Steel Triathlon. Please ensure all permission slips are returned to school.

Please also keep a look out for letters regarding Year 5/6 Cross County and Football League Events that will be coming up shortly.

Diary Dates from September



Friday 20th September – KS2 Kids of Steel Triathlon

Thursday 26th September – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 25th October – School closes for Half Term

Monday 4th November – School re-opens to pupils

Monday 4th November – Individual photos.

(Please note if your child has a younger sibling they may have a photo done together from 8.30am – 8.50am)

Monday 11th November – Year 6 to Rock UK

More dates to follow once diary has been confirmed

Hamerton Zoo Park



Last Friday the children in KS2 enjoyed a lovely day at the Zoo. This was to kick start their topic this term, children looked at different habitats across the world and found out how animals adapt to them. They also compared the features of a local forest to a rain forest, including the animals that live in them. This trip was a great start to their Learning Quest.

What a lovely way to start the term.....Thank you for contributing towards the cost.



PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS
 Congratulations to the Playground Award winners this week.



OUR FIRST LUNCH!

Academic Year 2019/2020

Term Dates

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Friday 25 October 2019
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2020	Friday 17 July 2020

Teacher training days 2019 to 2020

- **Monday 2 September 2019**
- **Tuesday 3 September 2019**
- **Friday 3 January 2020**
- **Friday 25th October 2019**
- **Monday 20th April 2020**

'A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men.'

Thomas Carlyle

With God's help we Care, Build, Follow, Think



SPIRITUAL GARDEN IN BLOOM!

I am sure you will agree that the plants in the new Spiritual Garden look amazing. They are so colourful and have already started to attract bees and butterflies. The children have been using the garden at break and lunch times with the emphasis on being calm and quiet in this space.



New Learning Spaces

A huge thank you to Mr. Hendry who has put the finishing touches to our wonderful new learning spaces. Apart from Willow, each class has new carpet that really helps with the children's learning. All classes have had a fresh new look. The children and staff love our new spaces. We hope you do too!