

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 4 – Week Ending 24th October 2019



'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32

Dear Parent/carer,

Is it really the end of the first term? The children and staff have had such a successful sixth of the school year. I would also like to include the whole community in this also. We have all come together to start the year off with flying colours. I was talking to staff this week saying that it is so rewarding to end the term on a high, look forward to family time/rest and then come back raring to go. As a proud Headteacher, I am already looking forward to seeing what learning takes place next term and where the new Quests will lead the children. By now you will have received further information regarding the Learning Quests. Please do have a read and maybe carry out some research activities yourselves? Seasons and Heroes will be exciting areas of learning I am sure.

You may have recently received information regarding changes to the admissions arrangements for Uppingham Community College. At the moment the information is for consultation. As the Headteacher of Cottingham CofE, I have replied giving my full support. As you can imagine, this is great news for our school and ensuring we maintain our current popularity. As of next week we will have 132 children on roll. Based on admissions of 20 per year that leaves us with only a few spaces. Credit must go to the staff and children, who work tirelessly to ensure the school is a safe, happy and exciting learning environment. You, the parents have also been key in this popularity rise as I know where possible you speak highly of the things that we do. We are all grateful for your kind words. We are by no means the finished article and each day, we all strive to be better than the previous day.

Mrs Delo and I have been busy meeting prospective 2020 parents at local nurseries. It has been a pleasure offering parents invitations to come and see for themselves our super school. We held an open day during which we met 13 families. We have already had a number of parents drop by for appointments also. Fingers crossed, we have 20+ children who would like to join us next year. I also visited the nursery at West Lodge Farm last week. I was invited to their open evening. I was very impressed with the nursery and if you are looking for a nursery I would very much promote this provision that is not too far away. I must also thank our house captains who lead tours during the open day. They were so enthusiastic about the school and hopefully helped the parents choose us as their 1st choice.

I hope that you have taken time to read the fridge updates! These are sent fortnightly to keep you informed of what is going on. I feel that we have good communication procedures and hope that you do to. Have a super holiday. Please stay safe and bring your super children back next week. Take care Mr Scott

Safeguarding

Photo Preference

The academy is permitted to take/use photographs of your child, as set out in the photograph policy as it is part of the statutory function of providing an education, which is lawful on the grounds of public interest. However, if you have any preferences regarding the use of your child's photographs and would **PREFER** your child's photo is **NOT USED** please let me know by email or in writing. Photo Policy can be found on PDET and School's websites.

Poppy Appeal



From **Tuesday 5th November**, Year 6 will be selling Poppies at the gate in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.00. Please be generous to this worth while cause. The remembrance poppy is an artificial flower that has been used since 1921 to commemorate military personnel who have died in war.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Willow Class – 84.1%

Ash Class – 99%

Oak Class – 96%

Hawthorn Class – 96.1%

Beech Class – 93.2%

Whole School – 93.7%

Parent Days



Please note you will be able to book your time slot after half-term with Mrs Southcombe

Beech Class – Monday 18th November

Hawthorn Class – Tuesday 19th November

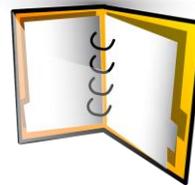
Willow Class – Monday 25th November

Ash Class – Tuesday 26th November

Oak Class – Monday 2nd December

Diary Dates.....

(PTFA Dates on next page)



Thursday 7th November – Love2Lunch

Monday 11th November – Year 6 to Rock UK

Wednesday 13th November – Ash Class Worship 2.30pm

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 20th November – Willow Class Worship 2.30pm

Thursday 21st November – Beaumanor Information Evening
Year 2 & year 4 – 6.00pm

Friday 22nd November – Flu Immunisations all school. Letters
will be sent home after half-term

Wednesday 27th November – Year 6 Rock UK Assembly –
2.30pm

Friday 29th November – Children to bring in decorations made
at home for the tree (Care, Build, Follow & Think)

December dates in next issue.....

Adult Reading Challenge



From 7th October 2019 to 30th September 2020, Northamptonshire Libraries are challenging you to read, or listen to, 25 books.

- discover new authors
- rediscover your love of reading
- share online

Please follow the link below for more information:

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/fortheLoveofBooks

It is hoped that this initiative will encourage more children to read, and take part in the summer reading challenge, if their parents/carers take part in the challenge and pledge to read 25 books in the year.

Christmas Decoration Competition



Over the holidays it would be lovely if you and your child/ren could design and make a Christmas Decoration in the theme of 'Wildlife' - whether it be robins, birds, reindeer, polar bears, penguins whatever you like.

We have entered a Christmas competition - all entries will be used to decorate our very own Christmas tree at the Welland Vale Garden Centre in Rutland. The trees will then be displayed around the Sleigh throughout the Christmas season.

The competition will be judged by Rutland Radio - the winner will receive some lovely wildlife/garden related resources for our school.



PTFA Dates



Friday 29th November – MUFTI in exchange for Christmas Jolly Jam Jars

Saturday 30th November – Christmas Fayre 1.00pm – 4.00pm

More information to follow.....

MATHS IN ACTION

Look at this wonderful example of Maths in action. Our Willow pupil helped Mr Scott measure the wall in the spiritual garden this week. He has been so keen in class to use a real tape measure. A future Bob the Builder in the making.



CORBY MIND FUNDRAISER

Morgan Hay from Corby Mind came to worship last week to say thank you to everyone for raising almost **£350** for the local Corby Mind Charity. For our small school, this once again showed how we live our Cottingham CofE Values Each Day. Well done to everyone who baked and donated...



CHILDREN IN NEED 2019

On Friday 15th November, it is the annual BBC Children In Need day. The theme this year is, 'Let's Do Good, and Feel Good.' As a school we will join in with a whole school fitness activity although we will not be asking you for donations. We are very mindful of your generosity for Corby Mind, class silver collections and our sponsoring a child for example so didn't want to ask for more. Please feel free to donate to this cause elsewhere and although we will not be dressing up, children are more than welcome to wear a Pudsey t-shirt, head band, badge etc. As always we hope that the day is a huge success and that lots of £££££ are raised.

Willow Class Snack & Resources



Where possible please pay money for Willow Class snack & resources via Parentmail.

Mrs Delo will no longer be taking payments in class. You may pay weekly or of course you may pay termly.

Many thanks

HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the Headteacher Award winner this week.



STAR of the WEEK
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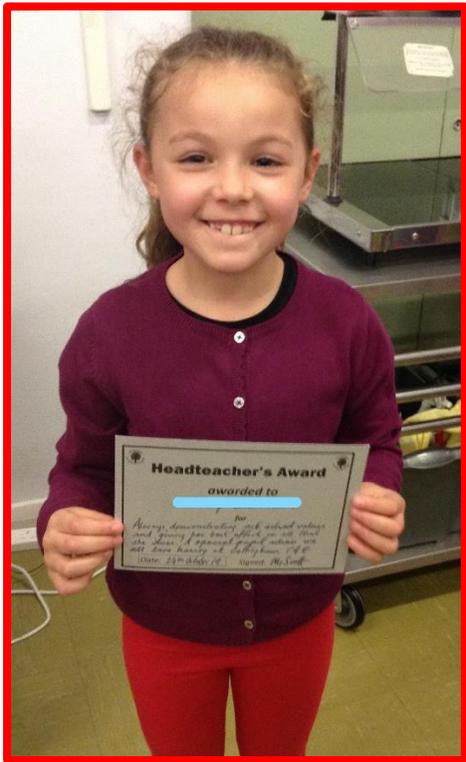
PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS
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WONDERFUL WRITERS
Congratulations to the Wonderful Writers



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HOUSE POINTS TOTALS

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| CARE | 134 |
| BUILD | 104 |
| FOLLOW | 67 |
| THINK | 160 |

Team Think are the termly winners with points also added from values day! They will now choose how to spend £35 on something that the children can benefit from.

A promotional graphic for Ofsted. It includes the Ofsted logo, a 'Good Provider' badge, and a 'PROUD TO BE RATED GOOD' badge. The text asks 'Choosing a Primary School place for 2020?' and features the logo for 'SCOTTINGHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL' with a tree icon. A photo of a child is also visible.

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 |

Remaining Teacher training days 2019 to 2020

- Friday 25th October 2019
- Friday 3 January 2020
- Monday 20th April 2020

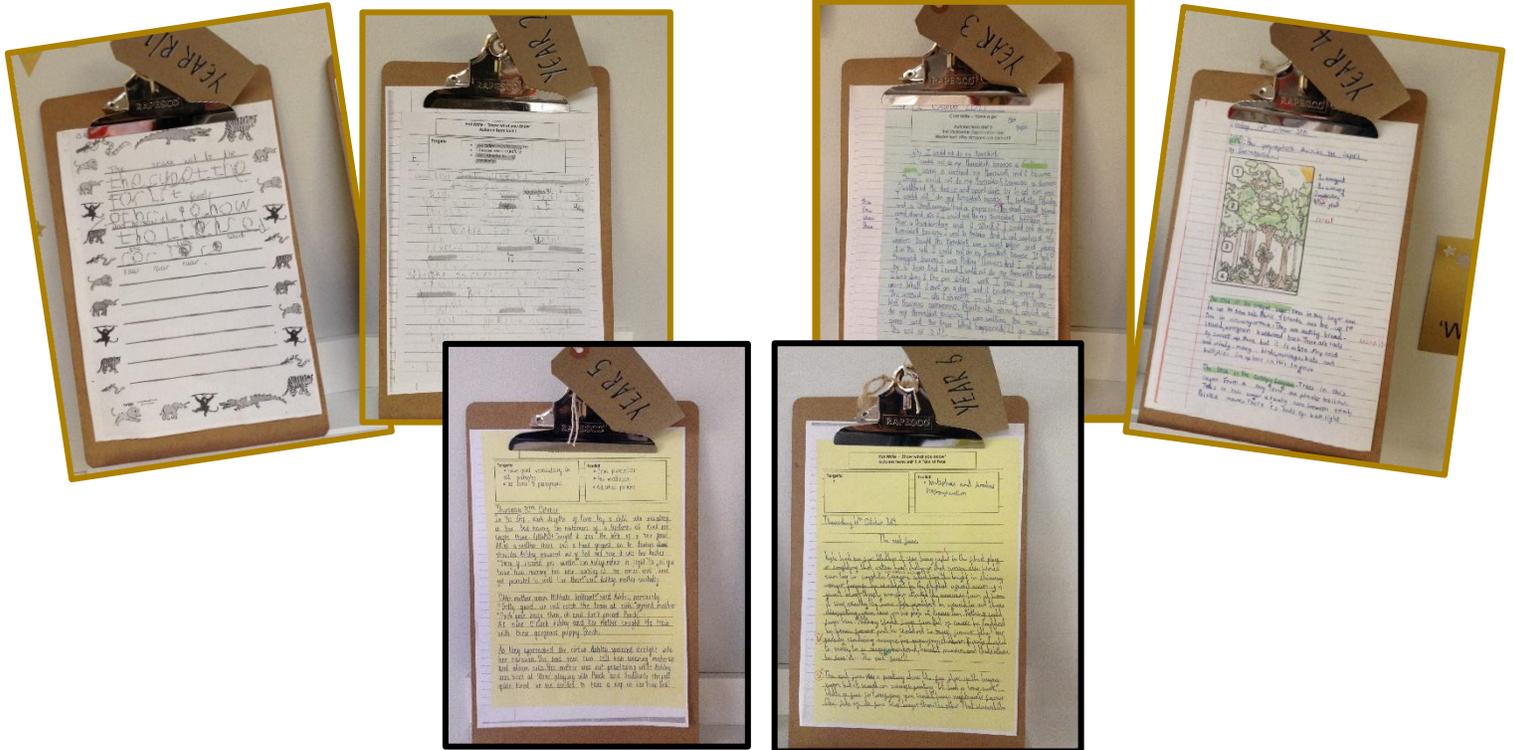
CORBYS SPORTS AWARDS NOMINATION 2019

You may have seen via Twitter, that we were nominated as a potential award winner this week. On Wednesday evening, staff and children attended the Corby Borough Council Sports Award evening at the Best Western Hotel. Congratulations to *St Patrick's School* who won the title of Sports School of the year. It was great recognition to be nominated. Hopefully we will win the title another year. Local children are so lucky to have many sports clubs that they can attend. On the evening other awards were presented to Corby diving club, Corby Smash Club and also Corby Park Run. So many volunteers who give up their time for sport were also mentioned and received recognition. Well done to ourselves though and we look forward to more sporting events throughout the year.



WONDERFUL WRITING

Once again, we had the pleasure of presenting Wonderful Writer awards to a group of children. The writing below shows the progress that children make throughout the school from YR – Y6.



AUTUMN VALUES DAY

As part of Values day, the children also enjoyed their yoga sessions. Look at Willow taking time to relax in these pictures! Thanks again to Mrs Southcombe for leading the sessions today.



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AUTUMN VALUES DAY

On Thursday, the children and staff enjoyed our first Values day of the year. As a school we sponsor a child through the charity Compassion UK which seeks to empower children around the world to be released from poverty. The name of the child we sponsor is Josefa and she lives in Nicaragua. We would like to raise some money to send as a gift to Josefa through the charity. To this end, each pupil will be making their own garden sculpture during values day which we then hope to sell to friends and family in the new half term to raise money for this very worthy cause.



'A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.'

William Arthur Ward

Sports Update

On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to be invited to the Corby Sports Awards. This was a massive achievement for everyone at the school to be nominated for an award. We were nominated by Chris Long who runs COTSSP (Corby, Oundle, Thrapston small schools partnership). Chris recognised our Gold school games mark achievement as well as that we are now providing a skills based scheme of work for all pupils to access and develop physical education. On the night we didn't make the top three however we are delighted that our school was nominated and our efforts in sports were recognised.



On Friday (25/10/19), all children took part in earning points for their house teams in a school inter house competition. All classes took part in the curling event where the aim of the game was to try and get the stone to land on one of the colours marked out, there was some terrific scores from all year groups, every class thoroughly enjoyed the day and scoring points for their house teams. Well done to team Think who overall scored the most points.



I am delighted to announce that on Friday November 29th we will be having a visit from the Leicester Tigers. Every class will be taking part in a taster session where children will learn the basics of the game, we have also been promised a visit from Welford, the Leicester Tigers mascot!! As well as this I am just confirming dates with the Northants Cricket Club to come in and deliver some sessions to our children in the summer. We also have events coming up throughout the year so keep your eyes peeled to see how we are doing in various sporting events!

