

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 6 – Week Ending 29th November 2019



'Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, and honour the Emperor.' 1 Peter 2:17

Dear parent/carer

One again it has been a hectic couple of weeks at Cottingham CofE Primary School. Since the last edition of the **'Fortnightly'** we have had a visit from Rudolph, enjoyed the PTFA Christmas Fair and walked to East Carlton Park just to name a few of the recent activities. I would like to start by thanking the PTFA for all of their hard work in setting up an enjoyable Christmas Fair. Although slightly embarrassing for me having to wear a turkey costume but happy to do so to support the PTFA! Next year a Brussel sprout?! Thank you to all of the staff, parents and family members who also came along on Saturday either to help run, set up or donate at a stall. It was also an opportunity to meet some new members of the local community as we joined up with the Village Hall. Hopefully this is something that we can continue with in the future. I am sure lots of money was raised which will benefit the children down the line.

I do hope that as many of you as possible can come along to our open event on the 12th December. From 3:15, mince pies and refreshments will be available and you will be able to listen to the Christmas choir. Bishop John, who is visiting that afternoon will also be staying behind to meet you. During this time, the children will become tour guides and will have the chance to show you around their classrooms and school. Please bring along some pennies as the children will be able to donate towards the child that we sponsor. It looks as though it will be a super afternoon. Please do come along. Other family members are of course welcome also.

It is now that time when children will start to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. Please encourage children to put names and classes on the envelopes and pop them in our festive posting boxes that are in the hall. During the week I will then choose different children to post the cards to the rightful recipient. This will not only be festive fun but will avoid cards lying around on tables and playground! There of course is NO obligation for children to give out cards. Please also note that due to GDPR, class teachers are unable to provide you with a class list.

Amazingly it is now a few weeks since the year 6 children were climbing walls, jumping in rivers and cycling through mud. Hawthorn class were able to show everyone some of their memories last week and you will also see some in this edition of the 'Fortnightly.' A huge thank you once again to the staff members who had time away from their own families to support such a wonderful residential. I am sure the year 5's area already excited for next year after hearing that Rock UK 2020 has indeed been booked!

Have a lovely few weeks. Mr Scott

Safeguarding

Photo Consents

PDET have issued new photograph consent forms. Please read letter sent out today and return new consent forms.

Emergency Contacts

It is imperative that we have correct contact details for your child. Please contact the school office if you have changed your contact numbers recently.

THANK YOU

VALUES DECORATIONS

Wow! What super creative children and parents we have. The Christmas tree looks amazing, dressed with your own decorations that represent one of our house teams. How many of the decorations can you spot throughout this edition of the 'Fortnightly.'?

Attendance



Whole School Attendance Target

96%

Willow Class – 96.9%

Ash Class – 99.2%

Oak Class – 98%

Hawthorn Class – 96.5%

Beech Class – 92%

Whole School – 96.6%



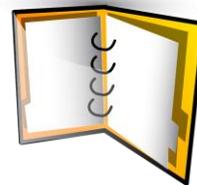
Dress as Your Hero Day



On Thursday 5th December, we are holding a dress as your hero day. This is our boom activity to start the whole new learning quest off for the children, What Makes a Hero. The children can choose any hero that they like to represent and obviously they can just wear something that represents them if they don't have a whole outfit e.g. a cape to represent superman. Those children who do not come dressed as their hero will need to come in school uniform please. We would like the children to come prepared to talk about who their hero is, what they are like and why they have been chosen as their hero.

Many thanks, I hope that this will be the start of a very exciting new quest for the children.

Diary Dates.....



Friday 6th December – Advent Service in School – 2.30pm – Parents Welcome

Monday 9th December – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – 2.00pm

Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity – 6.30pm

**Wednesday 11th December – Oak Class Worship – 2.30pm
Parents welcome**

**Thursday 12th December. Bishop John to Visit
Christmas Lunch**

Open Afternoon – 3.30pm onwards. Please do join us for mince pies and a performance from the school choir

Friday 13th December – Party day in School. Wear a Christmas Jumper

Friday 13th – 9:15 – Joe's drummers and ukulele players.

Tuesday 17th – 1:30 – Alex's guitarists

Thursday 19th December – Values / Team Day

Friday 20th December – Christingle in Church – 11.00am – Parents welcome

School Closes for Christmas holidays



Winter Reading Challenge.



To take part in the Winter Mini Challenge, children simply read any three books of their choice, then rate and review them at www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk. The challenge begins on Monday 2nd December 2019 and finishes on Monday 13th January 2020. If a child completes the challenge please let them know that they can pop into Corby Library to get their certificate printed for them.

SPIRITUAL GARDEN BLESSING

On **Thursday 12th December** we welcome Bishop John to bless our new spiritual garden. Bishop John will also spend time meeting the children and will lead whole school worship. From 3:15 we would like to invite parents/carers and family members to come and listen to the school choir and enjoy a mince pie and refreshments. There will also be an opportunity to have a look around the classrooms and maybe enjoy a read in the library. We hope that you will be able to join us and come along.

MINCE PIES AND CHOIR



Welland Garden Centre Christmas Competition

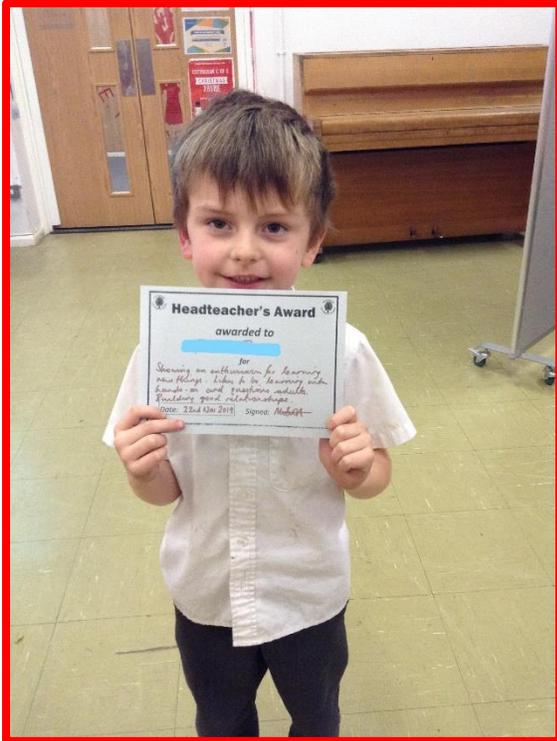
Thank you to all the children who bought in lovely decorations to put on our very own Christmas Tree at Welland Vale Garden Centre in Uppingham.

Below is a message from the centre saying why they decided to arrange a competition this year. Please do go along and to see our tree and please do send some photos or tweet....

'Welland Vale Garden Centre decided to run a Wildlife at Christmas Tree Competition to enable them to help give back a bit to the local community but also to try and encourage the younger generation to get involved in the outdoors and gardening and everything that brings. These children are the future of supporting our planet and the more awareness we can bring to what is important and how we can do our bit to help, the better. Bringing bees and wildlife into our gardens (no matter the size) not only helps our gardens thrive but also our ecosystem and economy. We want to provide our winners with things like bulbs and seeds, bird tables and wildlife house to get the children involved and excited about what's around them so they can respect and understand the importance of it.'



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



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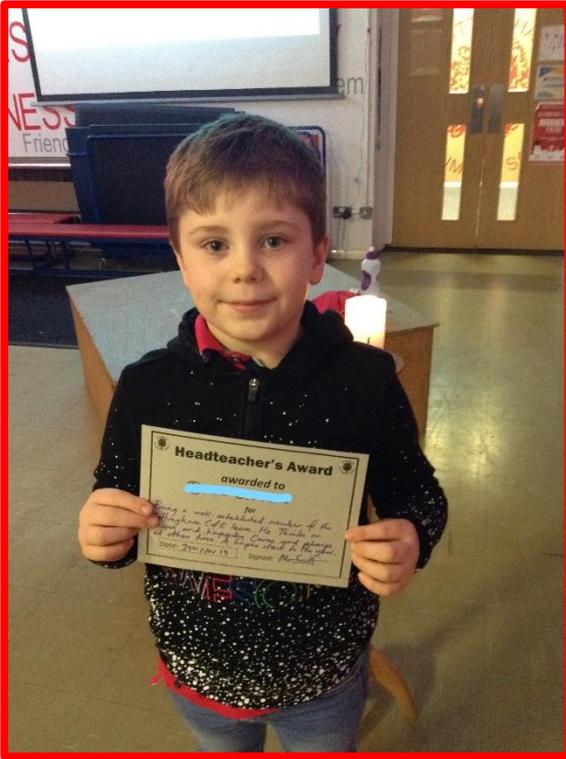
PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the Playground Award
winners this week.



WONDERFUL WRITERS
These children had their writing chosen as
Wonderful.



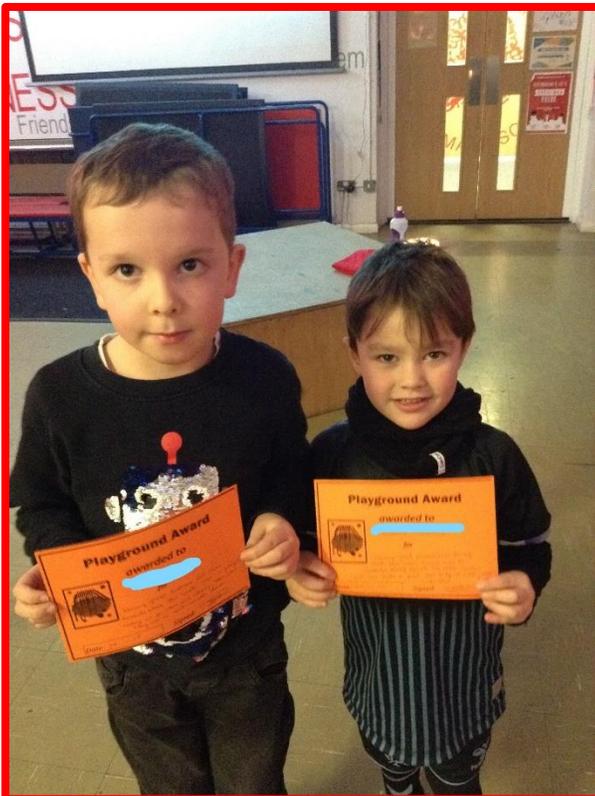
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GUITAR – DRUMS- UKELELE CONCERT

Many children, some for the first time, have enjoyed instrumental tuition with either Alex or Joe. We will soon have the pleasure in watching the children perform and would like to invite you along also. Also, don't forget a performance by the choir at our open event.

THURSDAY 12th – 3:15 – Christmas choir

FRIDAY 13th – 9:15 – Joe's drummers and ukulele players.

TUESDAY 17th – 1:30 – Alex's guitarists



TEAM THINK SPEND BIG!

As you know, the PTFA kindly donate towards termly house point prizes. Last term saw Team Think get together and choose how to spend their £35. Here are the team captains with their purchase including: rulers, sports crew whistles and football for lunch time.



HOUSE POINTS TOTALS	
CARE	33
BUILD	37
FOLLOW	12
THINK	63
Team Think are once again leading the way after their victorious Autumn 1 points total!	



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

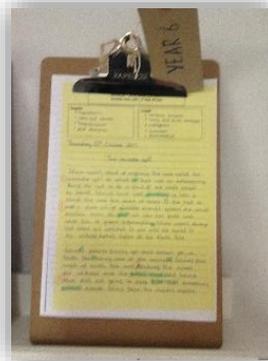
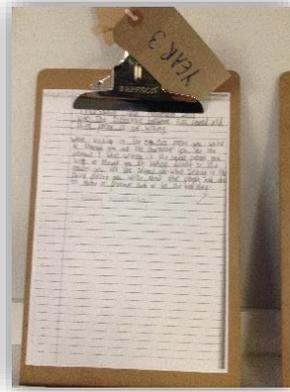
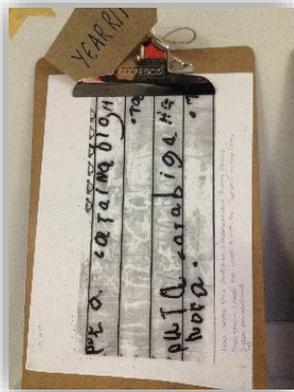
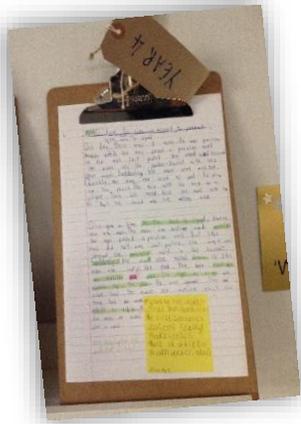


OAK UKELELE CONCERT

Parents/carers are welcome to Oak class ukulele concert on **Thursday 5th December at 10:15**. Please come and join us and enjoy their music.



'I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university' Albert Einstein.



WONDERFUL WRITING

As always, our Wonderful writing shows the progress that is made by children throughout the school. Starting from writing their names in EYFS to writing an explanation text in KS2. If you come along to our Dec 12th open event you will see for yourself the quality of writing across the school,

The Great British Bake Off kneads you



We're looking for a new set of Star Bakers to enter the tent for the eleventh series of The Great British Bake Off.

If you or someone you know could add a bit of charm & skill to the tent, then why not apply now.

Visit www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk

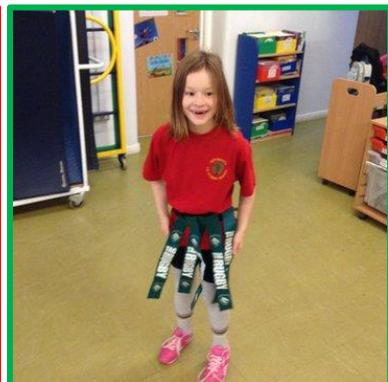
In the meantime, if you know any keen bakers who you think has what it takes to bake in our famous tent, then please do encourage them to visit www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk

Applications close Sunday 5th January 2020 at 23:59

If you do have any question please do not hesitate to contact the casting team via applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or 07544 991 683

Sports Update

On Friday 29/11/19 we welcomed Leicester Tigers to our school. The coaches came in and delivered a session to each class. The sessions were fantastic with all classes getting to learn the basics of rugby and taking part in Leicester Tigers training sessions. The coaches Charlie and Sam were delighted with the behaviour in all year groups and even spoke about coming back to the school to deliver more sessions in the future! At lunchtime we were even treated to a visit from Leicester Tigers mascot Welford! Well done to all children who took part. We will also invite Northampton Saints into school to keep things fair! Thank you also to the Tigers for donating a signed rugby ball to the PTFA raffle.



Please remember that any Football kits that children may have used to represent the school in any tournament or fixtures should now have been returned to school.

If you would like your child to be nominated for sports star of the week, please email tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk with a picture and an explanation of your sporting achievement!



ROCK UK 2019

Some amazing memories were shared by the children during their Rock UK worship last week. All of the staff who were able to attend commented on how well behaved the children were and that they ALL tried their best.



ROCK UK 2019

This residential is the perfect opportunity to put into practice so many of our school values including perseverance. The children also cared for themselves and each other throughout the week.