



# The Cottingham CofE fortnightly



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**‘An honest witness does not deceive,  
but a false witness pours out lies.’  
Proverbs 14:5**

Dear parent/carer,

Usually, St Patrick’s Day is filled with far more fun and laughter that we are witnessing during the current uncertainty. As I write these notes, the picture and advice being given to us all is ever changing. It is such a shame that we are having to cancel so many super learning opportunities that we were looking forward to offering to the children before the Easter holidays. I was amazed to hear on the radio that all theatres in London have closed for the first time since the outbreak of the plague. That is a crazy and hard to comprehend piece of information. At times like this, so much falls into insignificance and it is a time when we all care for ourselves and each other. Our mission statement could not be more true and relevant today. By now, you will have received the letter that I sent to inform you all of the current situation including staffing. It is so sad that Mrs Delo and Mrs Wilson cannot be in school at the moment and we all wish them well and that we see them again very soon.

We must though carry on and offer the children and adults a safe and happy place to learn and work. I was in Willow this morning and by 9:00am, a group of children had already matched body parts to words and labelled a life size outline of their body. It was great to witness first-hand the progress that these very young children have made. They could read or attempt to read words such as knee, shoulder and brain using their phonic knowledge and various strategies that they now have. Mrs Delo will be impressed when I tell her. Yesterday in Ash, the children worked hard and painted settings to accompany a book that they are currently enjoying. They will next be expected to write a description of their setting using some super language. I am looking forward to telling Mrs Wilson all about their work.

You will see further on in the news, some happy memories from our world book day celebrations. That day seems so far away but boy was it a good day! So many activities took place to demonstrate our love for reading at Cottingham CofE. As a result of the day we have a super potato display in the library and over 100 newly donated books worth over £500. You are all so kind. I know that the children also donated quality books from their own collections. Perhaps your son or daughter is currently reading a book that was donated by one of their peers. If they are then perhaps you could send in a Tweet to show us.

By the time you read this edition of the news, the Government information for the country may well have changed. Please pray for one another, wash your hands often and let’s sing ‘Happy Birthday’ out loud and proud. I do hope that you and your families are well and stay healthy. Take care, Mr Scott x

## Safeguarding

### Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler in school, please check with your child’s teacher that it is in date. All inhalers are kept in classrooms in individual cases. It will be a quick check to ensure that they are in date. If needed, we would then ask that you replace the equipment as quickly as possible. On the other hand, if your child no longer requires the inhaler, please let us know so that we can update our records accordingly.

## **PTFA Sponsored Pancake Flip**

**A huge thank you,** to the PTFA and to you the sponsors for helping to raise a super amount during the recent Flipathon. As you may have seen on Twitter, the PTFA have donated £1500 to support IT provision across the school. Once we have made a purchase we will let you know what new equipment we have for the children to use.

## **Attendance**



**Whole School Attendance Target 96%**

**Willow Class – 92.5%**

**Ash Class – 97.5%**

**Oak Class – 96.5%**

**Hawthorn Class – 96.9%**

**Beech Class – 99.3%**

**Whole School – 96.5%**

Year 6 Residential 2020  
Rock UK Frontier Centre



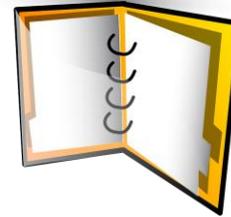
**Attention Current Year 5.....**

Your Year 6 residential has been booked for next year from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April @ 6.00pm there will be an information evening for all parents and Year 6 children to come along and meet a member of the Rock UK team



*Diary Dates for the diary.....*



## Spring Term 2

23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March – Bikeability – Year 5

27<sup>th</sup> March – MUFTI Day

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Hawthorn Class Spotlight Dance

School Closes

## Summer Term 1

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – School re-opens to pupils

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Rock UK Information Evening

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 to see Lion King

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Love2Lunch

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day Tea

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed Bank Holiday

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week

## Beaumanor Hall Residentials 2021



Following the recent success of this year's residentials for Year 2 and Year 4 we have now booked for next year as follows:

Year 2 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

## WORLD BOOK DAY POTATO CHARACTERS

*We hope that you all agree that the recent book day was a huge success. Again, thank you so much for your kind book donations that are now filling our library shelves. The potato characters were amazing and a selection are still on display in the KS2 library. Mr Scott chose a few of his favourites and the children were rewarded with a book voucher. What books will they choose?*



# Academic Year 2020 to 2021

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Wednesday 2 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Friday 26 March 2021
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021

## Teacher training Days 2020 to 2021

### Proposed dates:

- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Monday 4 January 2021

Remaining 3 teacher training days to be agreed at schools' discretion.

## **BOOKIE BREAKFAST – WORLD BOOK DAY**

*Our recent celebration of books started with our very first Bookie Breakfast. A great turn out ensured that so many children and adults spent time reading to one another whilst enjoying a croissant or two. Children, brought in their donated books and read these as well as books from our extensive range. It was a pleasure to witness the love of reading during the morning and day itself.*



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Congratulations to the Headteacher Award winner this week.



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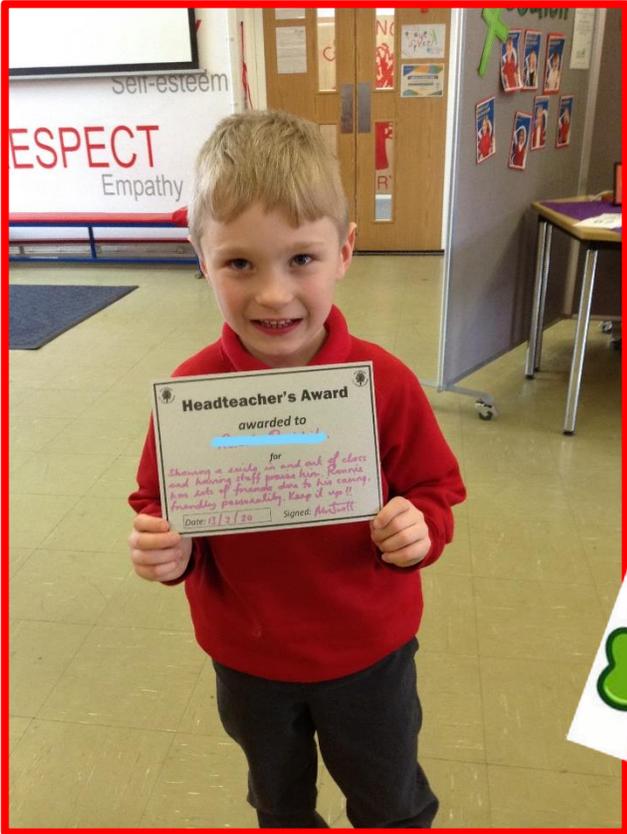
**PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS**  
Congratulations to the Playground Award winners this week.



**WONDERFUL WRITERS**  
Congratulations to our latest Wonderful Writers.



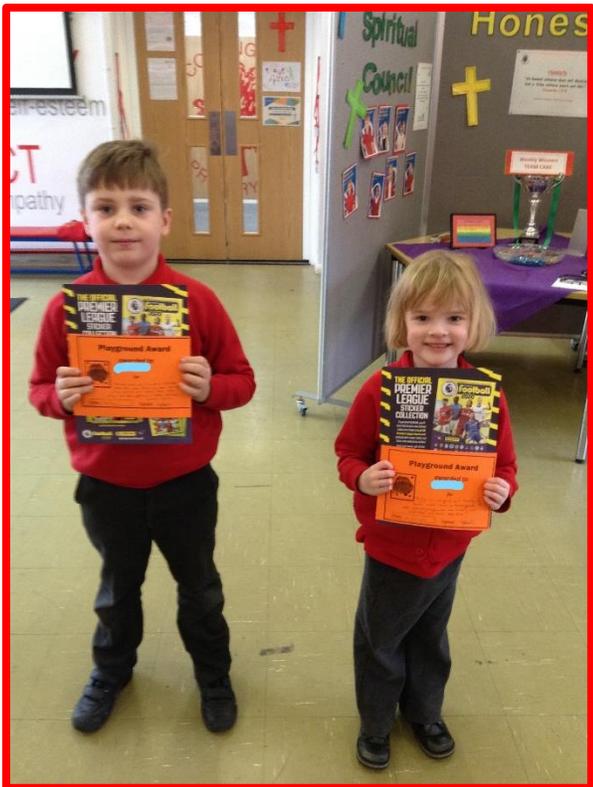
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**PEER READING**  
 During world book day, our older children enjoyed  
 taking time to read to their younger peers. This was  
 another chance to ensure that the love of reading  
 shone through during the day. It was a pleasure to  
 watch our children caring for one another.





# Sports Update

Well done to Oak class and Beech class who last week took part in hockey sessions with hockey heroes. Both classes have been learning the basics of the game and taking part in a series of training drills and games. We have invited hockey heroes back to teach the two classes more skills and drills at a later date.



Well done to this week's sports star of the week who is Keeley Mconie, last week Keeley made her debut for Corby Town! It was a dream debut for Keeley as she scored both goals in a 2-1 victory! Well done Keeley.



If you would like to nominate someone for sports star of the week send a write up including a photo along to [tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:tstafford@cottinghamprimary.co.uk)!



# HOPE CHURCH WHAT'S ON!

Hope Church is a family of people made up of all ages, many nationalities and varied backgrounds. At our Sunday gatherings there are committed Christians, those who are new to faith and those who are just looking. If you're not already part of a church, why not give us a try...we'd love to see you. On Sundays, we meet from 10:30am at Brooke Weston Academy, Coomb Road, NN18 8LA. There are kids groups for all ages and refreshments are served afterwards. For more information, please check out [hopechurchcorby.org](http://hopechurchcorby.org) or contact our office team by telephone on 01536 736577 or by email at [admin@hopecorby.org](mailto:admin@hopecorby.org).

The Family Life team in Hope Church work in partnership with professionals and families across the town to run courses for parents and couples, events for families and to provide support in all areas of family life. Our Tiny Treasures group meets every Monday during term time at Arran Way Community Centre, Mull Drive from 9:15 - 10:45am for crafts, singing, snacks and play. The cost is £1 per child and we would love to see you there. We also run a monthly 'Family Feast' on the 1st Sunday of every month from 4-6pm at the Hope Centre, 8 Princewood Road, NN17 4AP. Bring some food and enough to share as we eat together, play games and get to know each other better. For more information about family life within Hope Church, please contact [familylife@hopecorby.org](mailto:familylife@hopecorby.org).



## OUR LOCAL CHURCH IN COTTINGHAM

The parish Church of St Mary Magdalene dates from the 13th Century, although most of what we see now was built in the 15th Century.

The exterior is dominated by the particularly fine four stage tower and spire with twinned two-light belfry windows.

The interior has many interesting and unusual features making it worth a visit.

For more information visit

<https://cottinghamnews.co.uk/places/st-mary-magdalene-church/>



For more information please contact Kathryn Tilley (Church warden) [randktilley@outlook.com](mailto:randktilley@outlook.com) or 07870 101658

# LOCAL PARISH WHATS ON!



**2nd Sunday, 9.30**  
Communion

**3rd Sunday, 9.30**  
Communion

**4th Sunday, 10.00**  
Hymns and Coffee

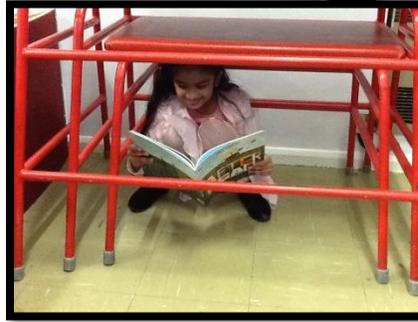


The advert for a full time vicar position is being placed in the relevant places within the next 2 weeks with an interview date of 13th May in mind. If all goes well we will hopefully be looking at having a full time incumbent in place by around September time. We pray that the right person is out there who feels the calling to serve our wonderful group of parishes which includes the two church schools, ours & Wilbarston CofE Primary School.

We are underway with our Lent benefice services, having visited the lovely small church at Sutton Basset on Sunday 1st March and we are looking forward to the service next week at Weston-By-Welland followed the week after (15th March) at East Carlton. All the services are at 10.30, feel free to come and join us at any of these beautiful locations.

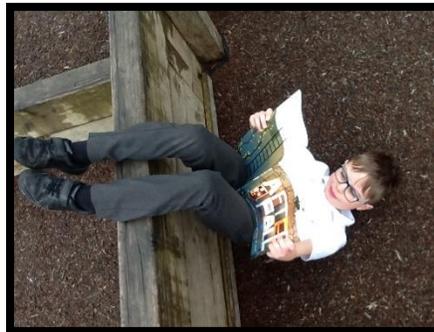
For Lent period, a special range of services in various churches as shown below:

<b>Sunday 22 March, 10.30</b>	Communion, Rev Jan Collins, Stoke Albany Benefice Service
<b>Sunday 29 March, 10.30</b>	Communion, Bishop Donald, Ashley Benefice Service
<b>Sunday 5 April, 10.30</b>	Palm Sunday, Rev Jan Collins, Cottingham Benefice Service
<b>Thursday 9 April, 7pm</b>	Maundy Thursday, Rev Jan Collins, Wilbarston Benefice Service
<b>Friday 10 April, 10.00am</b>	Good Friday, Hot Cross Bun Service, Weston by Welland Benefice Service Plus 2pm, Hour by the Cross, Stoke Albany Benefice Service
<b>Sunday 12 April, 10.30</b>	Easter Day, Rev Jan Collins, Wilbarston Benefice Service



### WHERE DO OAK READ?

As you can see from these pictures, Oak class enjoyed reading their class book all around the school grounds during our book day celebrations. Another super idea that was seen during the day to love reading. Even David Walliams took the time to like one of the Tweets that we had sent out. I wonder if Oak class children can show the love of reading at home in as many different locations. Perhaps they can Tweet to show us?!





## REAL PE

Last week we welcomed Leigh from Create Development to observe and feedback upon a day of REAL PE at our school. Over the year, we have used some of our PE funding to support the delivery of PE throughout the school. Leigh, an ex-Northamptonshire Headteacher, is now well known to the children who have met him before. Leigh was able to observe the teaching of PE in all classes and he certainly liked what he saw. During a staff meeting at the end of the day Leigh provided very positive feedback with ideas how we could improve our provision further in the future. Leigh was particularly praiseworthy of the PE provision received by the children in KS1 and in Willow class especially. The younger children are very well versed in the expectations of the lesson and often put their older peers to shame with what they can do! It bodes well for the future of PE/Sport at Cottingham CofE if the younger children are performing so well. I was able to observe most lessons also and was impressed with the active learning taking place. The children and staff were on the go for the duration of the lessons and were learning valuable skills that are transferable into many different sports. The staff now have various actions to implement in order to improve PE throughout the school. Thank you to Leigh for his positive approach to the day.



“Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters” Abert Einstein