

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 11 – Week Ending 26th March 2021

'You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.' Acts 3:15



Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, along with the rest of the country we have been reflecting on all that has happened in the last year. It will mean different things to each of you, and we will all have our own stories and experiences to tell. I will admit that in March 2020 I did not think that our education system would be disrupted for a whole year, not to mention all the other aspects of our lives. It is still hard to think about this all happening in one year! A year ago when we started to hear news stories from across the world and then more closer to home. I think that we are coming to terms with the fact that the changes we have gone through and are still going through, will have an impact for years to come.

At Cottingham CofE it has been yet another eventful term in an unusual year. The most significant event being the return of all the children to school - full re-opening as it is referred to. Those words 'full re-opening' are important, as a reminder that we, like many other schools, never closed. So many headteachers and other staff in schools have talked about how good it was to get the children back and see their faces. There were 'new' things to get used to, such as testing, and of course the ongoing development of remote learning.

Easter is now here and bringing spring with it. Time for all to take a well-earned break, grown again and return stronger for the summer term. It is also time to remember that Easter is the time of Resurrection. A time for hope. I have plenty of hope to share with the children and look forward to doing so next term. Thank you to everyone including the amazing staff that look after your children each and every day.

Happy Easter! Mr Scott

SAFEGUARDING

As we enter the Easter break we will all hopefully adhere to the very latest government advice and follow their rules closely. We will ALL then be able to return to school on April 12th raring to start a very busy, long summer term. You will have seen a recent Parentmail sent out to you with advice regarding hoe testing kits etc. The staff and I have been using these kits for some time and will continue to do so to ensure we are all safe to work with the children. Happy safe and healthy Easter to you all.....

CAR PARKING

As always, please be mindful of the children and our neighbours when dropping off and picking up next term! Thankyou.....

PDET Appreciation

It was nice to receive this postcard from PDET this week. All staff received the postcard as a thanks for their hard work and dedication. It is always pleasing to receive recognition from PDET, our employers. I am sure you will agree with them that the staff all deserve such a note of thanks....



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Bikeability

Year 5 – Monday 26th April – Thursday 29th April

Year 6 – Monday 24th May – Thursday 27th May

More information regarding bikes and storage etc will be sent home after the Easter holidays. (HELMETS and LOCKS required!)

Please ensure you have completed the 'Bike & Helmet Checklist' and that your child's bike is roadworthy. Instructors will not allow your child to take part in the training if they deem his/her bike to be or helmet to be un-roadworthy. Thank you

Magnificent Minds & Mindfulness

Mrs Southcombe met with the 'Magnificent Mind Team' to organize Mental Health Awareness Week, which starts on Monday 17th May. The team have come up with some fantastic ideas, most of which will be shared with you after the Easter holidays. Thank you to all the Magnificent Mind Team for your hard work and ideas....you should all be very proud of yourselves. Remember your Yoga Mantra:



You are Strong – Warrior Pose

You are Kind – Tree Pose

You are Brave – Chair Pose

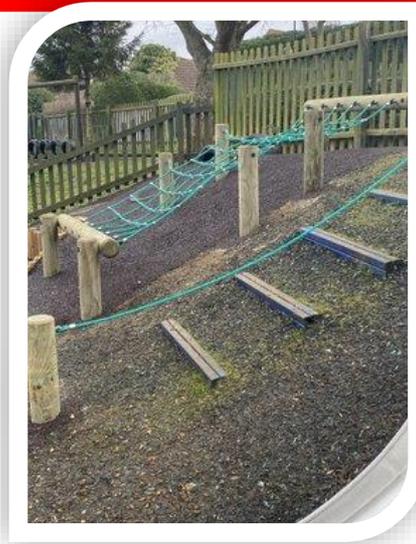
You are Friendly – Downward Dog Pose

You are Wise – Owl Pose

Charlie in Year 5 – (Hawthorn Class) came up with the lovely idea of planting old wellington boots to put in the spiritual garden and picnic area. With this in mind we are asking that parents do this with their children at home during the Easter holidays, ready for colorful displays throughout the summer term. Thank you Charlie for a great idea.



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LACES TIED?

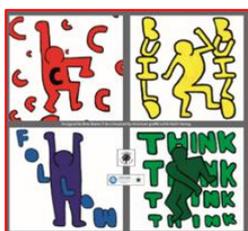
We are always aiming to improve the independence skills of any of our children. In Ash/Willow this week the children have been busy tying laces. Some fared better than others so very much a work in progress!



Scholastic Book Fair



This year the scholastic Book Fair is due to take place on-line from Monday 19th April and will run for 2 weeks. More information to follow.....



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RED NOSE DAY

Although we did not raise funds ourselves, the children were still invited to join in with Red Nose Day 2021. We had a variety of noses being worn along with some beaming smiles.

WILLOW ELVES

We have had another overnight visit from our elves who are making Willow garden look lovely. Plants have been planted and we also have some wooden pets that the children have enjoyed naming. Thank you so much for these lovely additions to the outdoor space.

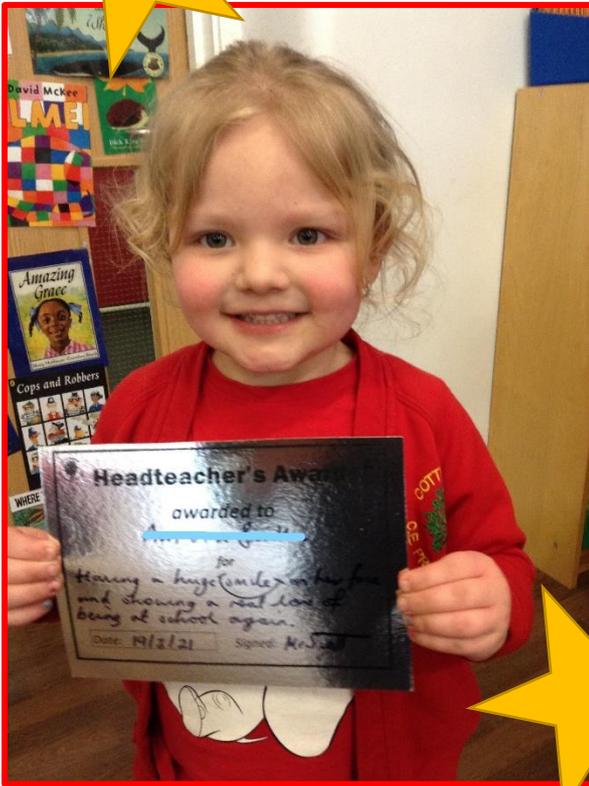


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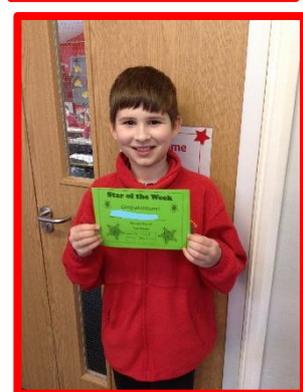
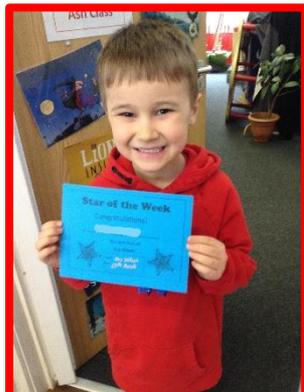


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HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNER

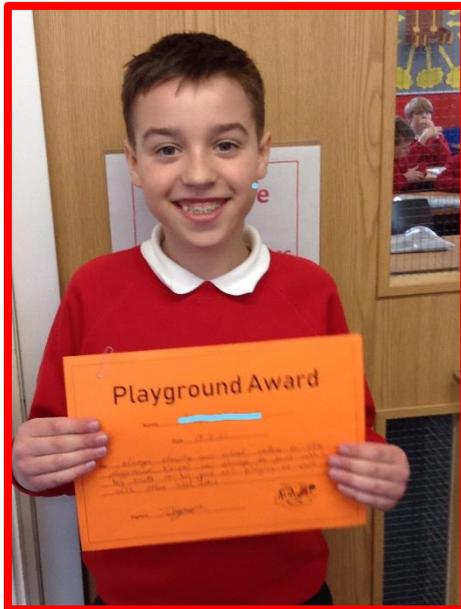


STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS



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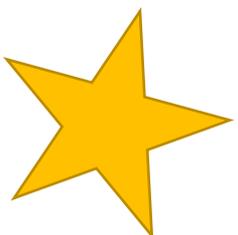
PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS



Lunch Box Design Competition KS1



It was lovely to receive so many entries for this competition. The children were invited to create a poster that showed their ideal lunchboxes. It was tricky to choose just two favourites! Holly and Stevie were chosen for their colourful entries and use of vocabulary. Their posters will be copied and put up in school next term. Hopefully they liked and will use their prizes!



Sports Update

We had a terrific values day with all children taking part in the orienteering activity. Children were sent off in small groups had to find letters which made names of athletes who will be hopefully taking part in this year's Tokyo Olympics! All year groups showed fantastic teamwork, attitude and perseverance throughout, we look forward to our values day next term!



Corby tennis centre will be returning next term to deliver some tennis lessons to Ash and Willow so please keep a lookout for more information on this. PE Kit for this will be needed on a Friday. We are hoping to be able to take all of the Ash/Willow children to the centre at the end of the term for a mini tournament! Fingers crossed we can do that..



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Academic Year 2020 to 2021

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
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

Academic Year 2021 to 2022

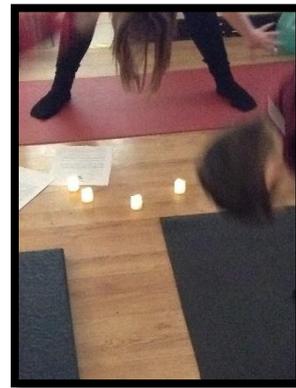
Term	Open to pupils on the morning of	Closed at the end of the afternoon on
Term 1	Wednesday 1 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 21 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Term 5	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022

INSET Days 2021 to 2022

(Please note these could be subject to change. Sufficient notice will be given if possible)

1. Wednesday 01/09/2021
2. Thursday 02/09/2021
3. Friday 03/09/2021
4. Tuesday 04/01/2022
5. Monday 21/02/2022

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EASTER VALUES DAY

Our values day for this term saw the children enjoy some mindfulness and orienteering. The orienteering, set up by Mr Stafford, was something new and the children responded with enthusiasm and good team work. The children, as per all values days, enjoyed some relaxation time courtesy of Mrs Southcombe. This was a chance to unwind and think about the Easter story which was also a part of the values day.

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MR SCOTT'S TREASURE

It was good to see some happy faces as they found my Easter treasures and exchanged them for eggs. Well spotted everyone!

HAPPY EASTER



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HOPE FOR FAMILIES

Welcome to Hope for Families - a not-for-profit organisation based in Corby. We want every family to know there is hope for them and we are passionate about building strong family relationships through three main streams - parent support, couple support and faith in the family. We are a Christian organisation, passionate about working with all families, wherever they are on their journey of faith. Our new website - <https://hopeforfamilies.org.uk> - has just launched and it's full of information on the support we offer, upcoming events and a little bit about our story. You can also follow us on social media @hopeforfamiliesuk. We would love to support you and your family in whatever way we can so please do get in touch!

PARENTING FOR FAITH COURSE

Come and join us online for our next Parenting for Faith course! This 8 session course, delivered by Hope for Families, is a fantastic series of weekly sessions in which parents, carers, grandparents, godparents can discover just how well placed they are to nurture and develop faith in their children. This course will run online via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm, starting on Wednesday 14th April. Registration includes all course materials plus 'Parenting Children for a Life of Faith - the Omnibus edition' by Rachel Turner who developed the Parenting for Faith course (RRP. £12.99). Bursary places are available and places are limited so make sure you don't miss out!

Book here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/142674959645>

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parenting for faith



The Parenting for Faith course is an 8 session online course for anyone who is interested in raising children in the Christian faith.

Each of the sessions help parents and carers to discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children what a real and authentic relationship with God looks like.

Our next course starts on Tuesday 14th April at 7pm.
Find out more on our website:
www.hopeforfamilies.org.uk



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