

The Cottingham CofE fortnightly

Issue 12 – Week Ending 16th April 2021

“Keep your mind on Jesus... then you won't get discouraged and give up”

Hebrews 12:3



Dear Parent/Carer,

As I write these notes, I have just Tweeted news that we have 100% attendance today. This is pleasing on so many fronts. Firstly, it means that our children (and staff) are well and in good health. Secondly, it means that the children enjoy being in school and that they feel safe and secure whilst here. I am very proud of everyone involved so a thank you to all.

Last week was the most 'normal' week that I have seen in school for a while. Guitar lessons begun, Ash and Willow had tennis sessions, singing and music was in full swing with Mark. There was noise! I have missed noise so last week felt good. I really do hope that things can continue in a similar vein and we can start to plan dates for sports day/s, trips and visits and even swimming. It is good to see that Bike-a-Bility is back for year 5's next week. This was cancelled last year so that is good news. (Make sure those bikes and helmets are ready for next Monday!)

Due to attendance being very good, we have not needed to use Teams for remote learning. We will be ready to use in the future but as it stands no need. However, Teams will still be uploaded with termly class news, spellings and this newsletter. I would ask that you allow children to log into their class pages and check in the Files section. Allowing children to read these documents that also includes their termly learning will provide some independence for them. Why not encourage the children to read and tell you when they have PE or what they will be learning for example. They can have no excuse for learning their spellings for example. All passwords and user names remain the same.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, we will possibly continue to allow children to wear their PE KIT on PE days from September. Regardless of whether certain Covid-19 restrictions are in place, having their kit will ensure that PE sessions are for a full 45-60 minutes and no time is wasted changing etc. I have a feeling that you would also favour this. In the near future, I will share expectations with regards to what PE kit should be and where it can be purchased etc. In the meantime, please provide me with your feedback on this. Thank you for your support with all things uniform/PE kit. The children look smart and it never goes unnoticed.

Along the lines of getting back to normal, I am sure that we will soon be able to take the children on visits and to play matches against other schools. As always we will ask for contributions towards the costs and we are always grateful for your support of this.

Have a lovely week...Mr Scott

SAFEGUARDING

As we enter warmer and hopefully sunnier days, please do apply sun screen to your children before they come to school. Please discuss with your child's class teacher if you would like them to have the cream in school. We would always recommend a sun hat (named) which the children can wear to and during the school day. We will be working with the PTFA to hopefully begin fundraising for a shade/sail that can be used in the sunnier weather.

GDPR

Updated Privacy Notices have now been sent out to reflect new email address for our Data Protection Officer. Please also refer to these docs on the school website.

KS2 Trip Burghley House



We are delighted to confirm that on Monday 28th June, children from KS2 will be visiting Burghley House in Stamford. More information, including contribution towards cost of the trip will be sent home shortly. This will provide the children with a super learning experience at the end of their latest QUEST. As you will know, they held a Tudor feast that kick started the QUEST with a Booom! If you have not been to Burghley yourself, it is a super place that will certainly provide the 'WOW' factor. We will be seeking a parental contribution towards the costs of the trip and thank you in advance for your support.

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Bikeability



Children in Year 5 will enjoy Bikeability Training from Monday 26th – Thursday 29th April.

Fingers crossed for fine weather!!! It is really important that your child's bike is roadworthy. You have all received a copy of the checklist, however, another will be sent home via parentmail.

Bikes may be bought into school on Monday 26th April – they can be kept at school until Thursday 29th April – **but we must stress this will be at your own risk.** Children may come into school via field gate and can lock their bikes along green fence. Please ensure your child has a lock for their bike and that helmets are named. Children to wear PE kit, sensible foot wear and waterproof jackets.

Magnificent Minds & Mindfulness



Mental Health Awareness Week – is Monday 17th May – Friday 21st May. Children will be encouraged to take part in lots of different activities, including walk to school week, to promote healthy bodies and healthy minds. Watch this space for more information.....



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Year 2 & 4 Residential Visits to Beaumanor



Unfortunately, due to government restrictions both the Year 2 and Year 4 residential visits to Beaumanor this year have been cancelled. Dates have now been booked for 2022 as follows:

Year 2 – Thursday 10th February – Friday 11th February. One night only

Year 4 – Wednesday 18th May – Friday 20th May. Two nights

More information will follow in the new academic year – these dates are for your diary. We have our fingers crossed that they will take place!



Art at home

It is always nice to receive information about the extra work that children are completing at home. This art work by Elias shows some super skills and dedication to his art work. We especially like his drawings of birds and animals.



Sports Update



We will be confirming a couple of days for this year's sports day over the next couple of weeks so keep your eyes peeled, we can't wait to have a sports day this year having missed out on one last year!

Tennis will be taking place for key stage one throughout this term again with Neil from Corby Tennis Centre, sessions will take place on a Friday morning.

We have received some fantastic news from COTSSP who deliver competitions in the area and he has confirmed that they are hoping to run both Football and Netball competitions this term, we will be in contact as soon as we have more information.

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Stade' de Cottingham

You may have seen or been told about our new playground addition. As a result of the government sports/PE funding, the children now have their own arena. Not only used for playtime, the arena will help staff to organise their PE sessions also. As you would imagine, the arena has been well received by the children. It also prevents any unwanted head bangs caused by a stray football!!!



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IN IT TO WIN IT

If you are able to join in with the school's lottery then please do. You're taking part helps add to school funds and recently helped us to purchase new I-Pads to use in KS1.

Thank you.

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FRIDAY PE DAY

For the rest of this term, children in Ash and Willow class will enjoy a visit by Neil from the Corby Tennis Centre. Neil, a qualified LTA coach, has worked with the children before and now with EYFS for the first time. We hope that the final session of the term will involve a visit to the Corby tennis centre to take part in a mini – intra school tournament/fun day.

On a Friday afternoon, Oak class are currently enjoying a PE session which this term is Real Gym. Take a look at these pictures of children showing their shapes.



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Mrs Southcombe's 100 Mile Walking Challenge



£1000 TARGET!!!

This May, I am walking 100 miles to raise money for the outdoor area.....*We are hoping to be able to raise funds to provide the children with an outdoor learning area that will include some much needed shade. The PTFA will also be helping to raise money for this cause throughout the year. As always, we appreciate and welcome your generosity.* Also, 10% of money raised will be donated to Breast Cancer UK. If every child manages to raise £10 in sponsors that would be an amazing £1310.

More information will follow shortly on ways to donate – please do support me and in doing so support the learning at Cottingham CofE!

Thank you

Carolynn

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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 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 21/02/20

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HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNER

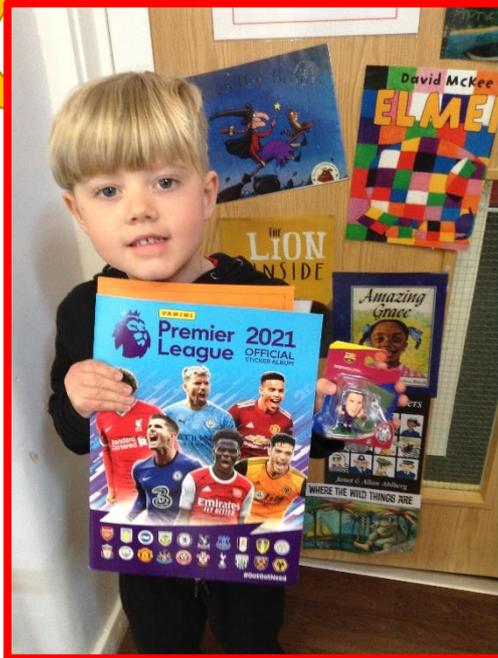


STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS



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PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS



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!

