

The Cottingham CofE Weekly

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'How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?' Matthew 18:21

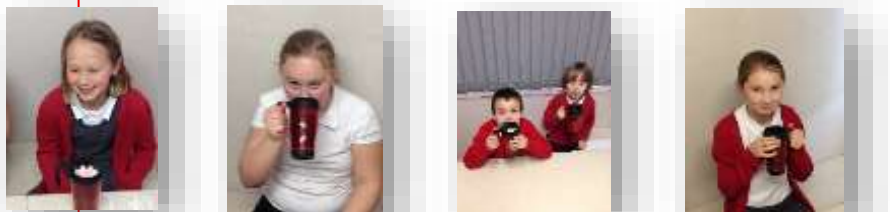
Dear parent,

Welcome back to the second spring term of the year. As I write these notes, Northamptonshire has been issued with a weather warning. If we face heavy snow then the same plan of action will proceed as it did successfully a while back. Look out for Twitter and Parentmail updated as well as any notices on local Corby Radio. If there is a little snow/ice and we do not close, please take care arriving at school. Once again, I will announce timings for arrival etc. As always, my main priority will be the safety of the children, staff and parents/carers.

This has been an extremely busy week with the children already producing some super work. From next week, we will be introducing a 'Wonderful Writing' display and awarding writers with fortnightly certificates. We reward sporting achievement so wanted to also acknowledge our super writers. You will be able to see the different pieces of writing by following @CottinghamCofE via Twitter. I am sure the children will enjoy the chance to have their own writing displayed. The final design for our very own library space has been finalised. Over the forthcoming weeks, I will be teasing you all with clues as to what this will look like. Once fully completed the staff, PTFA and I will hold some super opening events and activities so please watch this space. Again, keep an eye on Twitter for clues.

I have been watching the Winter Olympics with interest whilst enjoying my breakfast this week. Although I have not been able to replicate any of the sports, I was able to accompany our Cottingham Kurlers to the Sports Games Winter Olympics. They were a pleasure to be with and certainly took to this new sport. I will certainly be looking out for further opportunities to enjoy some of the more unusual sports. The Sports section of the News will keep you up to date of the Sports coming up soon. Although not all children can take part in each activity, my aim is to ensure that 100% of the children have had an opportunity to either represent the school or try a new sport inside school. The new Sports Crew will also be organising our own Inter House competitions with lots of points up for grabs.

I enjoyed hot chocolate with last terms Headteacher Award winners on Wednesday. It was nice to sit and chat with the children and hear about their holiday news. Have a good week.



French Day



On Tuesday 20th February, KS2 enjoyed a French themed day to kick start their new topic off... France! Throughout the day they got to take part in 4 activities. They watched the film *Monster in Paris*, learnt about Bastille Day and its links with the French Revolution, worked in teams to try and create the Eiffel Tower out of marshmallows and cocktail sticks (harder than it sounds!) and finally created a classic Croque Monsieur sandwich! There was very little left of them! It was a great way to start the new term and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Whole School – 96.5%

(Our target is 96%)

Willow – 99.1%

Ash – 92.7%

Oak – 97.6%

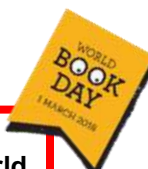
Beech – 97.6%

Hawthorn – 96%

Well done to Oak class who were rewarded for their winning attendance with a Friday mufti day. Who will have that reward this term? Willow lead the way at this early stage!

Safeguarding

Over the next few weeks, we are due to have some new 'safety' fencing delivered and installed to the side of the playground where the current fencing/gate is no longer suitable. This will provide the children with a safer school environment. We will ensure that all necessary safety arrangements are in place whilst the work is being carried out.



We will be celebrating the love of reading on World Book Day this year on Thursday 1st March.

Dress up as your favourite book character!

We will be inviting all children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day. We will be parading our costumes in the hall in the morning and Mr Scott will be awarding a £5 book token for his favourite from each class. Be as creative and as imaginative as you like!

Lucky Dip Book Swap

Please send your child into school with an age-appropriate book that they are happy to pass on to another child. The book needs to be wrapped in newspaper. The books will then go into a lucky dip box so that all children will leave school with an exciting new book to share and enjoy with someone at home!

...and much, much more!

Story writing

We will be using our fantastic story-writing skills to create a school story. Starting off in Willow class and working it's way up the school, each class will add more to the story. At the end of the day, Mr Scott will read the story to the whole school. Who knows where our imaginations will take us?! Book Quiz. Each of our house teams will be represented by pupils from each class. Which team will be triumphant in their knowledge of books?! Love to read Each class will be making sure that we build in time, during this busy day for children to read for pleasure.



Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Wednesday 21st March – Ash Class worship

Thursday 22nd March – Easter Disco

Tuesday 27th March – PTFA Easter Breakfast

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th

March - Hawthorn Class Spotlight Dance tbc

Thursday 29th March – Easter Service

Wednesday 18th April – KS2 Trip Warwick Castle

Final INSET Day for this academic year –

Monday 4th June 2018

See also Sporting Calendar

PTFA Easter Events



The wonderful **PTFA** will be holding an Easter Disco on

Thursday 22nd March.

KS1 Will be from 6.00pm – until 7.00pm

KS2 Will be from 7.15pm – until 8.15pm

Easter Bonnets

On Wednesday 28th March – The PTFA will be providing children with a delicious Easter Breakfast. Children are invited to make and wear Easter Bonnets to this – Mr Scott will judge and award prizes to his favourite Easter bonnets in KS1 & KS2.

Parent Days



Willow Class – Wednesday 14th March

Ash Class – Monday 12th March

Oak Class – Wednesday 21st March

Beech Class – Tuesday 20th March

Hawthorn Class – Tuesday 13th March

Please note change of dates

You may book your appointment by popping into the office or phoning Carolynn, week beginning Monday 5th March.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD WINNER

***Congratulations to my latest
Headteacher award winner.***

Congratulations to our latest **Star of the Week** award winners. Very well deserved. You should all be very proud of yourselves.



Congratulations to our Playground Award winners. You are role models for all of the children at Cottingham CoFE.



House Teams – Weekly

CARE – 416 **BUILD** – 308
FOLLOW – 370 **THINK** – 379

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First Aid Training



On Friday 2nd March, St John's Ambulance will be in school to deliver basic First Aid Training to all children. This is a super opportunity that has been funded using the Sports Premium money that the school receives. It will enable the children to have awareness and the knowledge of basic first aid skills. I am sure your child will tell you all about it.



During their French Day, the KS2 children were tasked with building an Eiffel Tower out of marshmallows.

CARE – BUILD – FOLLOW - THINK

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – February 2018

Do not forget to book your child a place at one of the super clubs offered from February by our new after school partners www.csdactivitycamps.co.uk



**MUSICAL
THEATRE**

Choose From

Monday	Dodgeball	Tag Rugby	Art & Craft
Tuesday	Basketball	Fencing	Cooking
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	Lego	Crazy Science
Thursday	Hockey	Cooking	Indoor Cricket
Friday	Gymnastics	Football	Movie Club

Places are limited. If you have any questions please email enquiries@csdactivitycamps.co.uk

TEAM THINK – SPRING WINNERS

The children in Team Think enjoyed an afternoon of games at the end of the first week back. It was nice to see a mix of electronic and traditional games!



Cottingham Sports News

As you can see, the children will have a number of opportunities to represent their school in various sporting activities. Transport to and from these events can often be an issue. Using the Sport Premium funding, we have arranged for bus transport for some of the events that happen during the school day. However, for other events we would be asking you to transport your own child. This will be made clear in letters home etc. Throughout the school year, we will always try to ensure that your child has had the opportunity to either represent the school or at least try a sport. Watch this space for further opportunities throughout the year. (Sport Relief £1 YOGA and DANCE coming soon!)

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Year Group
Netball	27 th Feb	Lodge Park	4-6	5/6
Table Tennis	6 th Mar	Corby Smash	1-3	3/4/5/6
Dance	7 th Mar	Cottingham	9-3	ALL
Dodgeball	8 th Mar	TBC	12-2	5/6
Tag Rugby	13 th Mar	Oakham RCC	1-4	5/6
Netball	14 th Mar	Prince William	4-6	5/6
Dodgeball	15 th Mar	TBC	12-2	3/4
Tag Rugby	21 st Mar	Prince William	4-6	3/4/5/6
Spotlight Dance	28 th /29 th Mar	Stamford	TBC	Hawthorn
Hockey	24 th April	UCC	4-6	3/4
Bikeability	23 rd /26 th April	Cottingham CofE	TBC	5
Hockey	1 st May	UCC	4-6	3/4
Hockey	8 th May	UCC	4-6	5/6
Hockey	10 th May	Oundle	4-6	3/4
Netball	16 th May	CBA	4-6	5/6
Football	22 nd May	TBC	4-6	3/4
Swim Gala	24 th May	Corby Pool	1-3	5/6
Cycling	25 th May	Rutland TBC	TBC	TBC
Multi Sports	16 th July	TBC	TBC	2/3/4

Cottingham Kurlers @ the Winter Olympics

Congratulations to the Cottingham Kurlers who not only represented their school but also **Corby**, **Oundle** and **Thrapston** at the Sports Winter Games. The event took place on Tuesday at Kettering Leisure Village. The children showed a number of skills on and off the rink and played their stones well. Their behaviour and commitment throughout was a credit to them.



‘If there are dreams about a beautiful South Africa, there are also roads that lead to their goal. Two of these roads could be named Goodness and Forgiveness’ Nelson Mandela