

The Cottingham CofE Weekly

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***‘When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.’
Matthew 5:33-37***

Dear Parents,

Another really busy week. I am thrilled to see that more children are taking part in the many after school activities currently on offer to them. The Cottingham Cookery club seems to be the most popular and I have been impressed with the food that the children have had the opportunity to produce. I have certainly been fortunate enough to have many tasters. The samosas and mint dip have to be my favourite so far. Even Mrs Wilson was sampling the stuffed peppers during lunch this week. If your child has not joined in with a club yet I would certainly recommend that they do. Please don't forget that children are welcome to take part in the 4:30 club even if they don't join the 3:30 session. I will be meeting Rosemary soon to look at activities to offer in the future.

Schools today are required to have a member of staff with the title EVC (Educational Visits Coordinator). As a result, I took the opportunity to attend a training day this week at Highgate House. The day was very informative and will enable me to coordinate educational visits for the children. At Cottingham CofE, the children are lucky to have staff whom enjoy providing many different learning opportunities both in and out of school. With any visit beyond the school gates, safety will always remain of the utmost importance. Any visit will be risk assessed accordingly before bookings are made. Thank you for your support in completing permission slips etc. They are a vital part of any successful educational visit.

One such visit recently was made by the KS2 children as part of their RE topic. I was so pleased to hear that the children had enjoyed the visit and were able to ask many questions and learn news facts about the Jewish faith. The leaders of the centre wrote to me to confirm that the ***‘behaviour was excellent, and they were very attentive and responsive. A number of them asked very good questions and many showed a pleasing understanding of Judaism.’*** The topic of Judaism also moved into worship this week during which time the children learnt about Anne Frank and her story. I think this provoked many thoughts and words. Thank you to Miss Larder for providing this powerful learning opportunity. As you may have read in our recent SIAMS report, learning about other faiths and religions is an important part of the RE syllabus that we follow.

As you may have seen during recent Tweets, we have three super designs to choose for our new library/reading space. Please take time to look at the designs in the news and feel free to give your thoughts. By the end of the week I will be placing the order...

Have a super week, Mr Scott

Reading Opportunities

Mrs Wilson has arranged for firefighters of the Green Watch, Corby to come into school on a weekly basis to listen to children read. This is one of the many ways that we are hoping to encourage reluctant boy readers to enjoy rewarding. We will be welcoming our guests for the first time on Tuesday 30th January.



Whole School Attendance

Spring Term Week 3 – 96.9%

(Our target is 96%)

Willow – 97.5%

Ash – 96%

Oak – 99.2%

Beech – 96.7%

Hawthorn – 95.5%

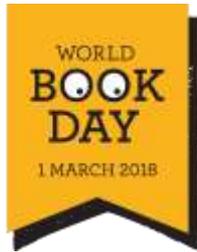
If you ever have concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do contact me for support and advice. As always, thank you for your support.

Safeguarding

Year 5/6 Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018 with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". A number of agencies across Northamptonshire have got together to offer a fantastic range of free workshops for young People. Letters will go home on Monday to our Year5/6 children.



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

Children and staff are invited to dress up as a book character. Mr Scott's will choose his favourite costume from each class, with the wearer receiving a book voucher prize!

We will also be holding a **Lucky Dip** book swap. Children are invited to choose a book that they no longer read and wrap it up in newspaper. All children will then have the opportunity to choose a Lucky Dip book!

The children will also join in some special Book/reading related activities during the day.



Monday 29th January – School Nurse to see Reception Children

Tuesday 30th January – Olympic Athlete Visit/Fundraiser.

Tuesday 6th February - Years 5/6 Safer Internet Day.

Friday 9th February – School Closes for half-term.

Re-opens on **Monday 19th February**.

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Wednesday 21st March – Ash Class worship

**Final INSET Day for this academic year –
Monday 4th June 2018**

Headlice



There have been a few cases of head lice in various classes. Head Lice live happily even in the cleanest of hair so please be extra vigilant when checking your child's hair to ensure there is no sign of eggs or live lice.

Thoroughly combing your child's hair with a special comb after they have used shampoo and conditioner is the best way to keep head lice at bay! These are available at most supermarkets and pharmacies.

Alternatively, there are a number of natural products available and your local pharmacist will be happy to advise

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

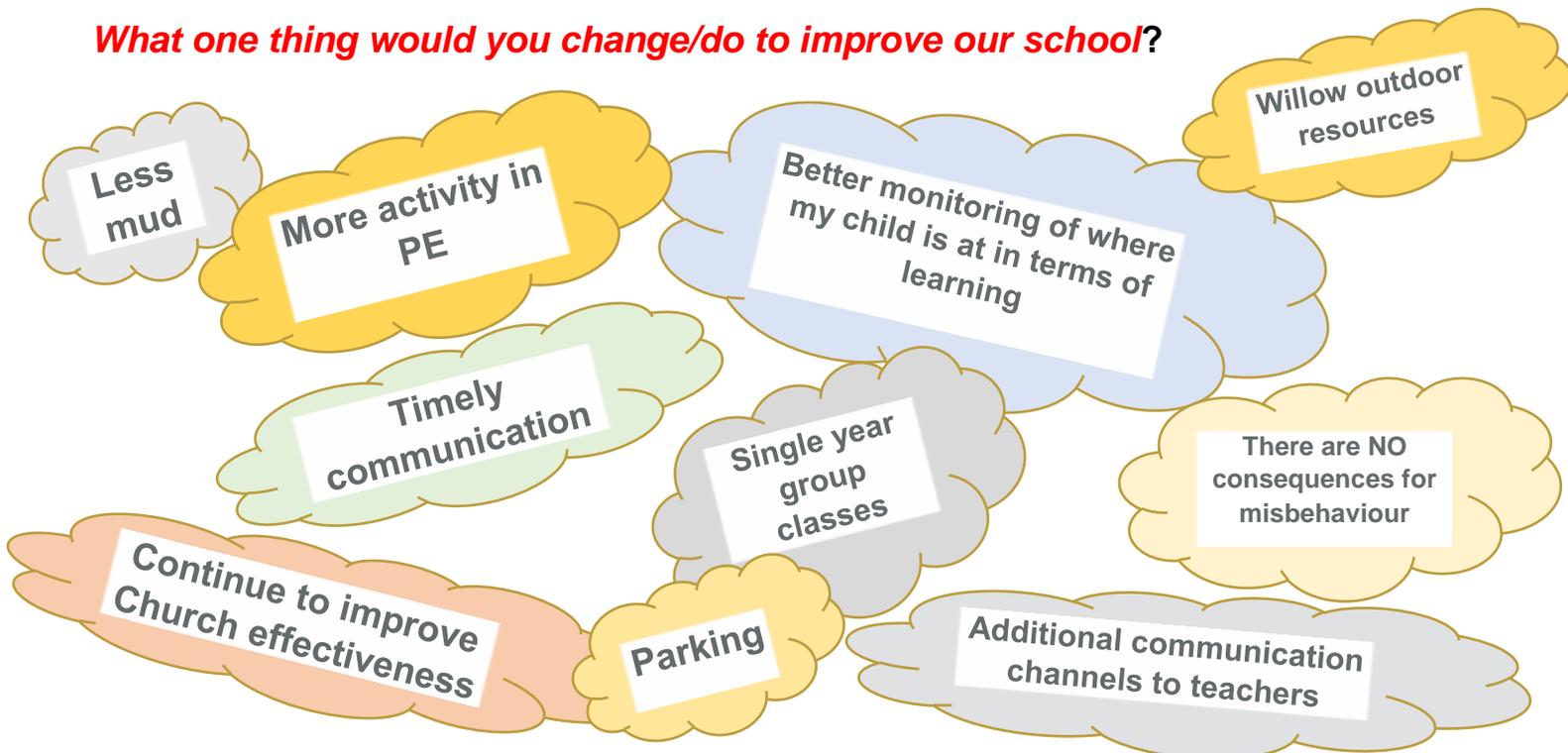
**You may book your appointment
by popping into the office or
phoning Carolynn, week
beginning Monday 5th March.**

CARE – BUILD – FOLLOW - THINK

Many thanks to those of you who returned the recent parent questionnaires that I recently sent home with the children. 42 questionnaires were returned, representing approximately 32% of the number on roll. I intend to seek your feedback again at the end of the year. In the meantime, please be reminded that you are always free to give your feedback via the Ofsted Parent View portal. Here are the average scores for each question. More details will follow in the next edition of Cottingham News.

Question	Average of responses
My child is happy at school and is well looked after.	8.7
My child feels safe at school and knows who to approach with a worry.	8.6
My child is making good progress at school.	8.4
My child is taught well at school.	8.6
My child talks positively about collective worship.	7.5
The curriculum offers my child a range of learning experiences.	8.8
Through an open door policy, parent's consultations, termly reports etc the school informs me about my child's learning.	8.5
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework	7.6
The new positive behavior policy rewards my child for positive behavior and learning behaviours	8.8
Children in the school behave well	7.7
The school deals effectively with any reported bullying	7.5
The clear uniform expectations make the children look smarter	8.9
The school takes account of/responds promptly to my suggestions and concerns	7.8
There is a wide variety of clubs and after school activities.	9.2
The school is well led and managed	8.6
The school has shown signs of improvement over the last term	8.5
I would recommend the school to another parent.	8.7

What one thing would you change/do to improve our school?



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.



House Teams – Weekly

CARE – 387 points **BUILD** – 365 points
FOLLOW – 365 points **THINK** – 378 points

House Teams – Termly

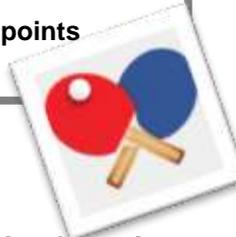
CARE – 965 points **BUILD** – 911 points
FOLLOW – 908 points **THINK** – 1056 points

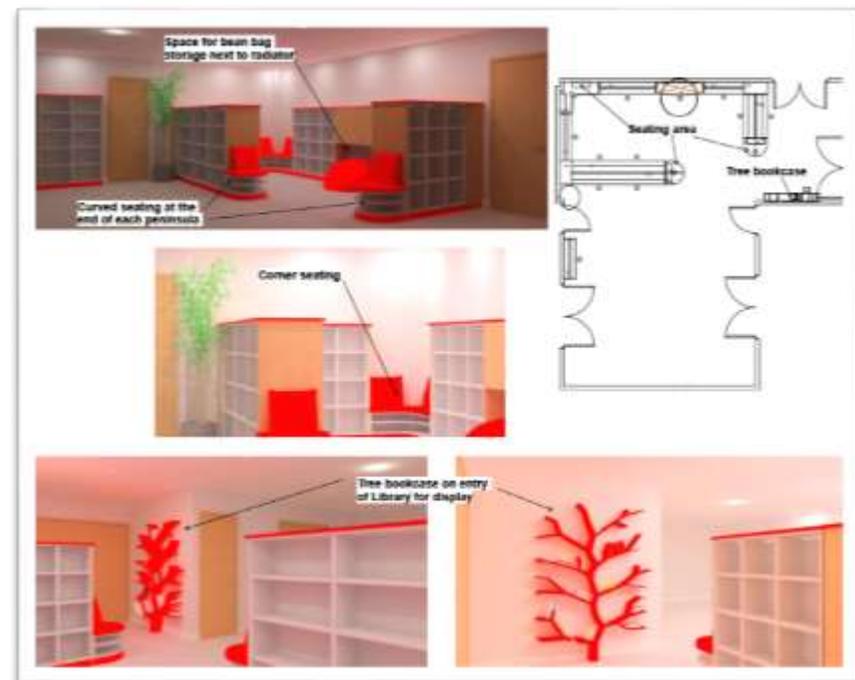
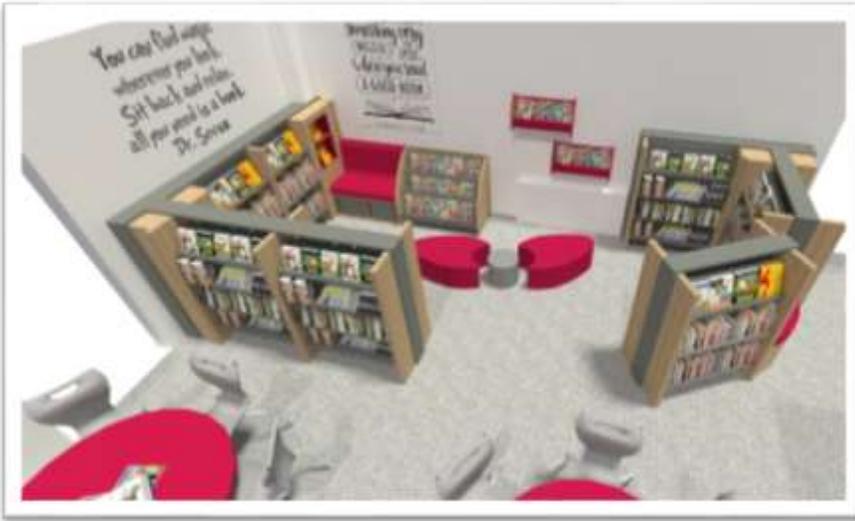
Congratulations to our **Playground Award** winners. You are role models for all of the children at Cottingham CofE.



Live Ping Pong

Some of you may know Colin from Corby Smash Table Tennis. It was good to hear him commentating live on Sky Sports on Sunday. Hopefully Cottingham CofE pupils will one day appear live playing table tennis?!





Library Design thoughts...

As you will know, the super PTFA have provided the children with the possibility of a super new reading space.

On the left, you will see three designs from three different companies (Including one from a current parent).

I would like to offer you the opportunity to feedback your thoughts on the positives seen in the designs. I will also ask the school council and staff to provide similar feedback.

Once I have all of these thoughts, I will liaise with the chosen provider and make an order. The feedback will allow me to discuss possible tweaks, amendments and additions etc. *All options will include tables/seating outside of Oak/Beech class.*

Please email me your thoughts to head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk or Tweet your feedback to @CottinghamCofE. Please also feel free to catch me at the gate in the morning also. This is an exciting opportunity and I would like to once again thank the PTFA for their support as well as your kindness and generosity. When the reading space is completed, you will all be invited to one of many special events that we are currently planning to mark the official opening.

I look forward to receiving your thoughts before Friday 2nd February.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – January 2018

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



**MUSICAL
THEATRE**

Choose From

**STREET
DANCE**



Monday	Dodgeball	Archery	Art & Craft
Tuesday	Basketball	Fencing	Cooking
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	Lego	Street Dance
Thursday	Hockey	Cooking	Coding
Friday	Gymnastics	Football	

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

Year 5 Residential – Rock UK

Our current Year 5 children will be attending Rock UK Frontier Centre from 1st - 5th October an information evening will be held on **Wednesday 25th April at 6.30pm**, do come along to find out more information about the center. In the meantime, please do look at their website www.frontiercentre.co.uk The total cost has now been confirmed at £215 per child. Please note a non-refundable deposit of £50 is required. Bursaries are available if required. Please see Carolynn for more information. Thank you.

Gate open
on time.

Better facilities to
accommodate
individual children

Staff to have a
deeper
understanding of
children's
emotional

Improved reading, maths
and spelling provision

More positive
reinforcements

Slightly more
homework

Stop going on about
attendance to children



Cottingham Sports News.....

A new feature of the Cottingham CofE weekly will be a Sports update to include fixtures, results and news. We hope that you enjoy reading about our sporting participation. All events/times etc are subject to change!

We have a team/teams entered into the following events. Other events to be announced.

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Year Group
Kurling	31 st Jan	Oakley Vale Primary	9-11	Mixed
Netball	27 th Feb	Lodge Park	4-6	5/6
Dodgeball	9 th Mar	TBC	1-4	5/6
Netball	14 th Mar	Prince William	4-6	5/6
Dodgeball	15 th Mar	TBC	1-4	3/4
Tag Rugby	21 st Mar	Prince William	4-6	3/4/5/6
Spotlight Dance	28 th /29 th Mar	Stamford	TBC	5/6
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
Cycling	25 th May	Rutland TBC	TBC	TBC
Multi Sports	16 th July	TBC	TBC	2/3/4



Sports for Schools-Sponsored Event



www.sportsforschools.org/event/LE800

On Tuesday 30th January. GB Commonwealth Hurdler **Meghan Beesley** will be in school to lead sponsored circuits with all pupils. Letters, sponsor forms and other information has been sent home after the assembly on Tuesday. This is a fantastic/fun way to raise money to buy sports equipment for our school.

I would like to encourage all parents to pay/donate sponsorship money on-line. Thank you. Please ensure that sponsorship forms and cash are returned to the school office on or before Tuesday 6th February. Many thanks.