



Weekly Newsletter - 22/12/23

Coton Green Primary School

The final week of the 2023 school year has passed in the blink of an eye and with a buzz of excitement. Special mention to all of our children who really did shine in their terrific Christmas performances. As it seems to be the case each time our children get on stage, they were thoroughly professional in their work, whether they were actors and actresses, narrators, soloists, dancers, stage-hands, technicians...all of them were incredible and were a credit to their teachers and parents alike!

The Songs Birds have had a busy term, with Mrs Hall at the helm, and have made such a difference in our local community. On Friday 15th December, they performed at Evergreen House Care Home – the residents smiled, shed a few tears and joined in happily with the songs. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Then on Saturday 16th December, the Song Birds attended the Mayor's Carol Service at St. Editha's Church. They were highly praised by several members of the congregation, including the Mayor, for their high-quality singing and enthusiastic, but polite behaviour during the service. One member of the public said that our children were 'exemplary' and they 'made the service'. Well done to all involved.

From the stage to the kitchen (of sorts) a special mention also goes out to our Key Stage 1 children this week who had a fantastic time learning how to make delicious cookies ready for their Polar Express Day. Hopefully they tasted as good as they looked!

Our Year 5/6 children have been busy this term visiting two high schools, watching their fantastic performances, giving them a taste of what's to come, and even took a visit to the National Space Centre where they developed and deepened their Space knowledge.

If all of the above wasn't enough, today has been an incredibly fun day with EYFS, KS1 and LKS2 taking part in our 'Polar Express day'. The children were greeted by our very own conductor Mr Parker and there was even SNOW! There are a couple of sample photos below, with many more on the schools' X (Twitter) page. I cannot begin to tell you how lovely it was to see 'little' and 'not-so little' ones running together with beaming smiles on their faces. Truly making magical memories!



I would personally like to thank all the team here at Coton Green for all they do – they are all so committed to our 'Learning Family' and often go 'above and beyond' to provide exciting opportunities for our children and families. I would also like to give a special shout out to Mrs Eccles, who has had such a tremendous positive effect in her role as Deputy Head and settled so well into our 'Learning Family.' I must also say a huge thank you to Mrs Fenton too who worked a miracle in enabling the school office to function whilst we were awaiting clearance for our new office manager Mrs Stephens.

We all would like to at a huge thank you for your support this year – you are always there to support our children at school events – truly putting children at the heart of what we do. Christmas break can though be a difficult time for families, so we have included a list of useful support helplines within this newsletter.

All that is left is to say 'Have a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a happy and prosperous new year!' Mr Osborne.



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Y5/6

Please could all children bring in a shoe box in January for the Spring Term.

Thank you

Monday 8th January

INSET DAY

School closed to children

Tuesday 9th January

School Re-Opens for Children

Performing Arts Club Y2-6

3.25 - 4.25pm

Thursday 11th January

Y5 Ukulele

Y5/6 Dance Club 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 12th January

Library Open 08.30am



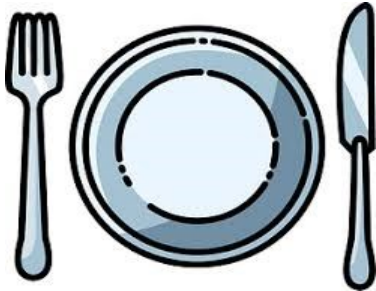
Attendance Superstars



w/c 10.12.23 - 15.12.23

KS1 Mrs Down's Class 100%

KS2 Miss Stevenson's Class 99.67%



Relish Food Ordering System

Helpline: Phone: 0330 024 0016

Thank you to all parents who have been ordering their children's meals through Relish

The kitchen have asked that when you are ordering Sandwich options that you specify which filling you would like.

Also if you could make sure that you scroll down and also order your child's Pudding choice at the same time for each day.

Remember you can order for the day, week or term in advance. Please cancel any orders made if your child will be absent for lunch.

Cut off for ordering is midnight the previous day
E.g Sunday night Midnight for Monday meal order.

Please make sure your account is in credit so that the kitchen can view your orders.

Thank you for your support



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All Services And Help Lines Available to Families Over The Christmas Period

Domestic abuse:

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police.

If you need support, call the freephone 24 hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

New Era New Era – New Era is the new holistic Domestic Abuse (new-era.uk) or Staffordshire's Women's Aid Staffordshire Women's Aid - Staffordshire Women's Aid (staffordshirewomensaid.org) can also support.

Foodbank:

If you require a foodbank voucher, please contact either of the numbers below, answer the relevant questions and request a voucher. Please note that only those who attend the foodbank with a voucher will be offered food.

Citizens Advice Bureau- 08082082138

Local Council – 0300 111 8000

Mental Health Support for adults:

For urgent mental health support you can call : 0808 196 3002. Alternatively, you can attend your nearest A&E department for an assessment.

Mental Health Support for Children/Young People:

Staffordshire Connects can be contacted on 0300 123 0907 if support is required for a child or young person, relating to their mental health. Alternatively, you can attend the nearest A&E department.

Safeguarding

Urgent safeguarding concerns about a young person can be raised with First Response on 0300 111 8007 or through the Emergency Duty Team during evenings and weekends on 0345 604 2886

Safeguarding

Samaritans

www.samaritans.org

Phone 116 123

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below an updated list of dates and events for the next two terms.

These are subject to change, but we will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

There will be some additional dates added so please check the weekly newsletter for updates.

Spring Term - dates for parents

JANUARY

Date	Event
10.01.23 *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: YEAR 1 Read Write Inc.
11.01.23	Y5/6 visit from Tamworth Fire Department
12.01.24 *	Y5/6 Evacuee Day
18.01.24 9am – 10am *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: YEAR 6 SATs
25.01.24 9am – 10am *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: YEAR 4 Maths
30.01.24 2.30pm – 3.15pm *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: YEAR 2 Learning Futures

FEBRUARY

05.02.24 and 07.02.24	Parents' Consultations with class teachers – appointment times will be
19.02.24 *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: EYFS Maths
27.02.24 *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: YEAR 3 Learning Futures (iPADS)
26.02.24 *	Year 3 parents violin assembly
29.02.24 *	Year 5 parents ukulele assembly

MARCH

04.03.24	Year 6 trip to France: Monday - Friday
04.03.24 *	Year 5 and Year 6 Dance Club: Gotta Dance Festival – Can-
07.03.24 *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: YEAR 5 Reading Plus
07.03.24	World Book Day: Dress up day
08.03.24	Year 5 and Year 6 Theatre visit: Farm Boy
20.03.24 *	Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade
21.03.24	Year 2 trip: Kidzania
21.03.24 *	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade
21.03.24 *	Recorder Festival – Recorder Club members (at Coton Centre)
22.03.24 *	Year 6 parents – France residential celebration assembly

Summer Term

APRIL

15.04.24	YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL – Standon Bowers (3 days)
19.04.24	Year 5,6 Arboretum visit

MAY

08.05.24 2.30pm *	*YEAR 4 Residential Celebration Assembly
Saturday 18.05.24 *	Performing Arts Club – Peter Pan at Two Rivers Theatre
13.05.24 - 16.05.24	KS2 SATs week
23.05.24 9am – 10am *	INSPIRE PARENT WORKSHOP: YEAR 3 Maths

JUNE

10.06.24 1.30pm *	KS1 Sports Day
11.06.24 1.30pm *	EYFS Sports Day
26.06.24 1.30pm *	KS2 Sports Day

JULY

01.07.24 1.30pm *	KS1 Sports Day RESERVE DAY
02.07.24 1.30pm *	EYFS Sports Day RESERVE DAY
04.07.24	History Alive day
10.07.24 1.30pm *	KS2 Sports Day RESERVE DAY
05.07.24	Annual reports to parents
15.07.24 5pm – 6pm *	YEAR 6 SHOW



Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%

The School Day

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.50am and the registers close at 8.55am. The school doors are open at 8.45am to allow the children to get in with plenty of time to be settled. Once the registers have closed then your child is marked absent and this will affect their overall attendance. The school day

Finishes at 3.15pm for EYFS 3.20pm for KS1 and 3.25pm for KS2.

Please note if your child is late then this will count as an absence

The table below demonstrates how much school children miss if they are absent, and it is surprising how this adds up. We are fully aware that the circumstances around illnesses that children have picked up are unavoidable for the majority of absences. The aim of this initiative is the positive promotion of attendance for all.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is....	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

Why does attendance matter?

Statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school, children who are absent will have gaps in their sequential knowledge. For our younger children, both attendance and punctuality are extremely important as they go straight into their phonics groups after the register has been taken.

Working Together

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 90%. If this is the case, we'd like to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.



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Coton Green Primary School (ATLP)

1,891 posts



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Education Tamworth cotongreenprimary.com

Born January 1, 1971 Joined October 2015

72 Following 554 Followers

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Promote



Still undecided for Reception entry in September 2024? Contact the school office to book a visit. We'd love you to consider us at Coton Green!





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TAMWORTH DISTRICT



FAMILY



GROUPWORK COURSES



FREE TO BOOK ON
TERM TIME ONLY



10 week, *FREE* courses for families and their children. Fun activities and learning to support your child's development.

STARTING MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY 2024

GLASCOTE CHILDREN'S
CENTRE

SIMPLY PLAY

1PM - 3PM



A FACE TO FACE COURSE
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
AGED 0-4 YEARS

TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL
GROUPWORK@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK

 Staffordshire
County Council



TAMWORTH DISTRICT FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We understand that parenting is hard at times and can be overwhelming.

FREE TO BOOK ON. TERM TIME ONLY



Book your place at

groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk



10 weekly sessions. A face to face course, adult only, to help you support your children's development including behaviour tips and hints by Family Caring Trust

FREE for parents and carers – please email your name, child's name and date of birth together with your contact number, address and which course and day you are interested in

**STARTING
MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY
AT GLASCOTE
CHILDREN'S CENTRE
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

For professionals – please complete the groupwork referral form and send to the above email





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Coton Green Primary School Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

ATLP Training Day: Monday 4th September

ATLP Training Day: Tuesday 5th September

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September

Holiday: Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

ATLP Training Day: Friday 1st December (PDD)

Term ends: Friday 22nd December

Holiday: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January

Spring Term 2024

ATLP Training Day: Monday 8th January

Term starts: Tuesday 9th January

Holiday: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term ends: Friday 22nd March

Holiday: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April

ATLP Training Day: Monday 8th April

Summer Term 2024

Term starts: Tuesday 9th April

ATLP Training Day: Friday 3rd May (PDD)

May Day: Monday 6th May

Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

ATLP Training Day: Friday 5th July

Term ends: Friday 21st July

ATLP Training Day: Monday 22nd July (PDD)

Please note no leave of absence will be granted for holiday and only very exceptional circumstances will be approved for leave of absence.



BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

