

Weekly Newsletter Friday 14th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see our children return to school after the Christmas and New Year Break and we are very pleased that we have been able to welcome so many back despite very high cases of coronavirus both nationally and locally. Our attendance figure for this week of 96.5% is especially pleasing. We are also pleased, that despite staff absence due to coronavirus, we have been able to maintain our full provision. I would like to go on record to thank our staff for their flexibility and commitment during these times.

Our policy of limiting children indoors to phases has been beneficial and all classrooms now have CO2 monitors. This enables us to check good levels of ventilation whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature in the classrooms. Our new block is now fully operational with just one or two snags and this has also impacted on being able to spread out across classrooms.

Staff are wearing masks in communal areas and we have continued our policy of limiting visitors wherever possible. As a school, we have always welcomed close links to our community and we are very grateful for your understanding regarding limiting parent access inside school at this time. However, we do hope in the near future we are again able to invite parents into school for assemblies, special events and workshops. We are also planning for a parent consultation this term, hopefully face to face in February, but will confirm dates and format of these meetings closer to the time.

The latest updates to the ATLP risk assessment can be found here: https://atlp.org.uk/covid-19/

We have recently updated our curriculum information on our website that you may be interested in viewing. It outlines our aims for our curriculum and has statements for all subjects and detailed information about our Mathematics and English curriculum. In the Year group sections it also includes information of what is taught and when. You can find this by following this link: https://cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk/curriculum/

We hope you find this useful.

I would also like to share that we have some school branded water bottles available for the children. The Year 5 and 6 children were inspired by their work earlier in the year and made their feelings known about the schools use of single-use plastics through some very persuasive and passionate speeches. These are available for the cost price of £1 from next week.

Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing your children back on Monday – refreshed for another week of interesting learning. I am particularly looking forward to our Year 5 and 6 children stepping back in time and arriving dressed as evacuees on Monday morning, where the teachers have planned a great day of historical activities.

Finally, I would like to end by giving a belated Happy New Year to all our Learning Family. Let's hope for happiness and health for all of us for 2022.

Mr R Osborne

School Opens at 8.45am
Registers close at 8.55 am
(Gates will be locked at this time and pupils arriving after this will be signed in late at the school office) Lessons end at 3.20 pm

A Gentle reminder to Parents and Carers Please can we remind you that children should not wear hooped earrings in school at any time.

Also, no Earrings should be worn at all on PE days – especially as we are using apparatus in our indoor PE lessons. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mr Osborne / Mr Parker

Dates for Your Diary 2022

January

Monday 17th January
Y4 Swimming
Mrs Smith and Mr Birch's Classes

Y5/6 Evacuation Day (World War Two Topic)

Friday 21st January
Dance Club 3.30-4.30pm

<u>February</u>
<u>February 11th February</u>
February Instalment Due
For Y6 Residential Trip

April
Monday 25th – 29th April 2022
Y6 Residential Trip

Y5/6 Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that Evacuation Day will be on Monday 17th January We are very much looking forward to starting our World War Two topic with this day which will include lessons in 1940s style and some cooking 'on the ration'.

Kindest Regards

Y5/6 Team

Coton Green Primary School Water Bottles

Available from the School Office

£1 Each Cash donation to School Fund

We currently have 10 Food and Hygiene Parcels available from the school office. They have been donated from a local Tamworth Charity for families that can make use of them. Please ask at the school office if you are interested in collecting one.

SUNFLOWER TIME

Not all disabilities are visible - that's why Staffordshire Libraries have implemented 'Sunflower Time'.

- What is Sunflower Time? It's an allocated time slot in libraries where we can support you or your child.
- This support may be with sensory overload, visual impairment, anxiety or another hidden disability.
- During Sunflower Time we hope to help you navigate your library visit.
- · Sunflower Time in this library will be:

Thursdays 5-6pm

This is one of the quietest times at the Library.

Lighting will be dimmed for a calmer Environment.



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HOW ON EARTH?

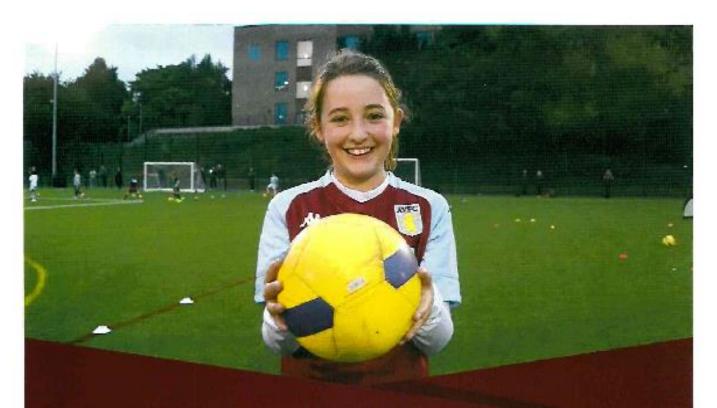
Free 4 week online course starting Saturday 15th January 2022. For families in Staffordshire with children aged 4-16

Families are guided through fun, flexible hands-on activities to open up conversations about climate change, connecting to nature and making small, sustainable changes.

Whilst this course is delivered online, it is not about sitting in front of a screen! You will receive a weekly activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you. From waste free picnics, to upcycling projects to forest bathing, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family, There will be one introductory zoom session on Saturday 15th January at 11am to start the course off.



EXPLORING SMALL CHANGES TO HELP OUR BIG PLANET



Aston Villa Foundation Girls Development Centres



Date: 6 weeks (Term Time)



Location: Harborne (Lordswood Girls School)

Halesowen (Halesowen College)

Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)



Centres & Ages: Girls Development Centre (8-12 years old)



Times & Days: Harborne (Mondays 18:00 – 19:00)

Halesowen (Fridays 17:30 - 18:30)

Sutton Coldfield (Fridays 17:00 - 18:00)



Equipment: Moulded boots, shin pads, drinks bottle



(E) Cost: £18



Email: amber.wassell@avfc.co.uk

How can I book?

Book a place at https://tickets.avfc.co.uk/en-GB/categories/football-in-thecommunity-courses or call 0333 323 1874







HELP IN A CRISIS









WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK: PLEASE CLICK HERE!









The above website has been highly recommended as a useful resource for parents. Testimonials have been very encouraging in giving parents tools and advice to address behaviours and conditions such as anxiety. We hope you find this of good use.

If you have any feedback from using these resources or would like more information, then please contact: pastoral@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk FAO: Mrs Pegg

Mrs Pegg - Pastoral Support

Coton Green Primary School Dates 2021-22

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January (ATLP Focus)

Term starts: Wednesday 5 January

Inset day: Friday 18 February (ATLP Focus)

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Inset day: Friday 8 April (ATLP Focus)

Term ends: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

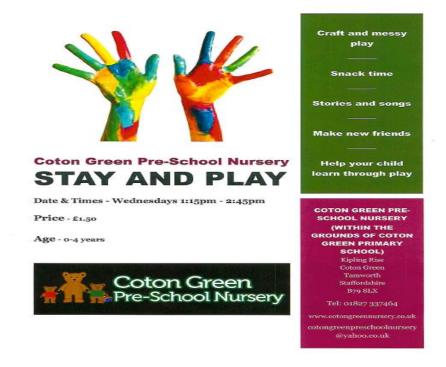
Inset day: Friday 1 July (School Focus)

Term ends: Friday 22 July 2022

Holiday: Monday 25 July – Friday 2 September

COTON GREEN PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

Please see below for the dates and times of the Pre-School Stay and Play sessions



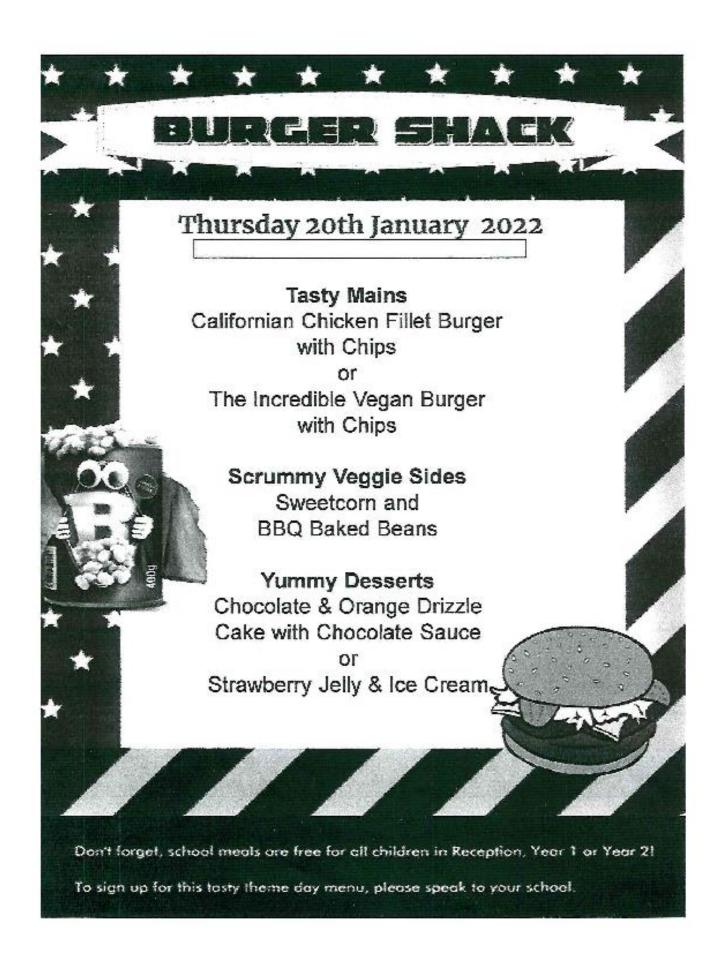
KS2 (Y3-6)

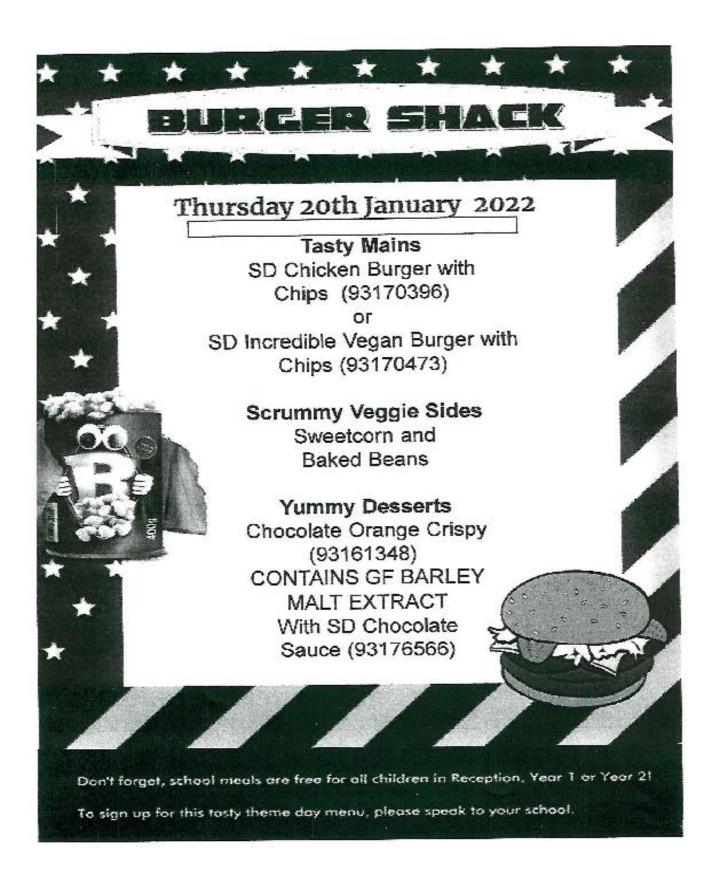
Children in these year groups can bring in money to purchase snacks at morning break. For the moment KS1 will continue with their free fruit options until we can incorporate them at the same time.

We ask that you are patient with school as we try to open up this facility for all our children again.

Snacks and drinks are listed below and purchased with cash only please

Morning Break Sales						
Toast	30p	Veggie Stick	30p			
Cheese on Toast	60p	Jam on Toast	35p			
Tea Cake	35p	Half Bagel (toasted)	30p			
Half Cheese Bagel	45p	Oatcake with Cheese	60p			
Fruit Pot/Veggie Pot	35p	Crumpet	35p			
Veggie Sticks	35p	Scotch Pancakes	35p			
Small Water	30p	Fresh Milk	25p			
Flavoured Milk	60p	Orange Shot 85ml	40p			
Orange & Apple Juice	35p	Hot Chocolate	50p			





ALLERGY AWARE MENU

*** Please remember school meals for KS2 now cost £2.35 per day ***

Please order your preferred meal choices using the menu below or collect one from your child's class.

Can we ask parents in KS2 to please ensure that their children only order meals that they will be eating, as any meals ordered and not taken will still be charged by the kitchen.

Thank you for your co-operation

We will be using Week 3 Menu Options this week

*** Please note 'Burger Shack' change to the menu on Thursday ***

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MAIN MENU

Name			Class	S	Week 3
Monday	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Veggie Sausage Mash with Gravy (v)	Jack	et Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Cucumber Sticks Tray Bake
Tuesday	Veggie Balls in a Tomato Sauce (v)	Garlicky Chicken Served with Potatoes	Jack	et Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Tray Bake
Wednesday	Roast Pork With Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Quorn Roast (v) With Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Jack	et Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Cherry Tomatoes Tray Bake
Thursday	Californian Chicken Fillet Burger With Chips			The Incredible Vegan Burger (V) With Chips	
Burger Shack	Sweetcorn and BBQ Baked Beans ***** Choice of Desserts			Sweetcorn and BBQ Baked Beans ***** Choice of Desserts	
Fríday	Southern Fried Chicken Tasters and Chips	Soft Taco (V) and Chips	Jack	et Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Tray Bake
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Name	Class	Week 3
Monday	SD Tomato Pasta With Plain Wedges (v)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
Tuesday	Garlicky Chicken With Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
Wednesday	SD Chicken Burger With Chips	SD Incredible Vegan Burger (V) With Chips
Burger Shack	Served with Sweetcorn and Baked Be ******	·
	Choice of Desserts	Choice of Desserts
Thursday	SD Beef Burrito	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
Fríday	SD Fish Fillet And Chips	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
	Subject to availa	ability