



Weekly Newsletter

10th September 2018

Issue 01

Dear Coton Green Learning Family,

Welcome back to school!

It has been great to see the children arrive back this week and get straight back to work in their new classes. I would like to thank parents as all the children look so smart in their uniforms and they have all come back refreshed and ready to learn. The children have settled into new classes so quickly, with the older year groups supporting the younger ones well. The new reception children and one or two other new starters have also settled amazingly well and, on my visits to their classrooms, I have been amazed at their confidence despite being new to the school and new to classes. I am sure we are in for a great year. I would also like to welcome Miss Palser who has joined our teaching team in Year 5/6.

Whilst the children started back on Tuesday our staff returned to school on Monday and worked very hard on a productive training day. Training included a brand new approach to the teaching of Maths in Years 1 and 2 called 'Maths No Problem' and a brand new Key Stage 2 reading scheme with a wealth of e-books available for children to access at home.

'Maths No Problem' is an approach based upon the Far East jurisdictions highly-regarded approach, where a concrete – pictorial – abstract method is followed for children to grasp key concepts in mathematics. This means that children are using mathematic equipment and models to represent numbers in order to secure their understanding rather than just using numbers. The children also follow a text book and individual workbook so teachers can assess children's understanding on a daily basis. In our first lessons it has been great to see pupils already explaining their thinking about numbers with such enthusiasm and much greater skill.

The new reading scheme for Years 3-6 is also having an immediate impact. The books, while being appropriately challenging are hugely engaging, and children are working hard on this new approach. The scheme follows a whole class reading book with an associated workbook with daily activities looking at vocabulary, language and comprehension skills such as summarising what has been read. One of the major benefits of this scheme is that children can access a wealth of online e-books through the 'Bug-club'. My own daughter has used these in her own learning and this has developed a love of reading – she can often be found at home reading on her i-phone and completing activities based on what she has read. Details will be sent out by class teachers shortly on how this can be accessed.

Can we please ask that all uniform and personal belongings are clearly named including lunchboxes as this really helps when children mislay their belongings. We had a lunchbox mix up this week with over 10 children having the same lunchbox - not named; you can imagine the 'fun and games' our staff had trying to allocate the right lunch to the right child!

At Coton Green, we are proud of our open door policy and, over the years, we have found that early communication of any issues is key for children settling in quickly and being happy at school. Staff are available on doors as children enter and leave the class and, more often than not, problems and issues can be sorted very quickly. (With this in mind, especially in Key Stage 2 we would like to encourage more independence with the children and ease congestion so please allow the children to enter the cloakroom areas independently.) If, however, problems persist or you would like to speak to the leadership team, an appointment can be made. Mrs Pursehouse is available on Mondays to see any EYFS and KS1 parents and Mrs Tanner is available on Wednesdays to deal with KS2 concerns. Of course I am available by appointment for serious issues or any safeguarding concerns – just contact the school office.

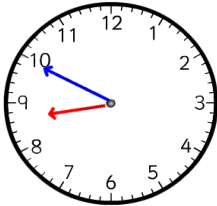
All future newsletters will be emailed or will be available electronically from our website: www.cotongreen.com
Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date email address and contact details. If you would prefer a paper copy, please notify our office staff.

Mr R Osborne.

School Dinners

A reminder that all children who have moved into Year 3 will now need to pay for their school dinners which are priced at £2.25 (*please pay ParentPay*).

NOTICE FOR PARENTS / CARERS



School is open to pupils from 8.50am for early work.

We cannot be held responsible for children being left unsupervised on the playground before this time.

Pupils are expected to be in class by 8.50am so they can start their learning briskly. Register is taken at 9.00am prompt.



w/c Monday 10th September

Swimming Year 4

Please do not forget your swimming kit!

REMINDER

It is school policy that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time.

This includes leaving dogs unattended at school entrances.

The safety of all in our learning family is our number one priority.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

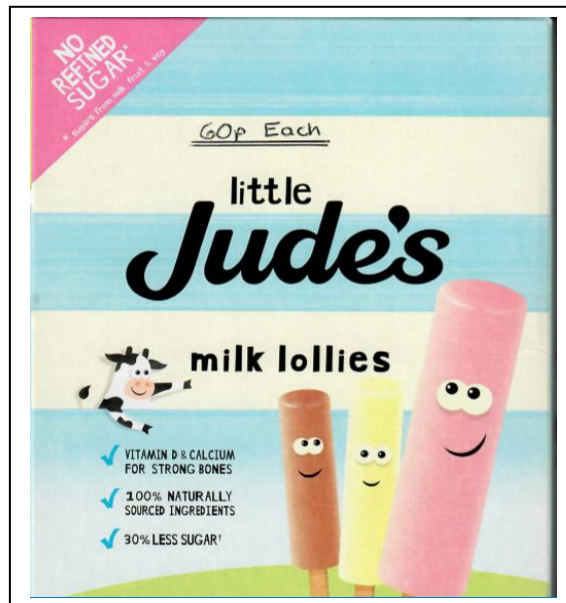
Stranger Danger Alert

After reports from other local schools of pupils being approached by two men in a black transit van, our teachers spoke to our older children about keeping safe around 'strangers'.

Please reinforce this message, especially if your children walk to and from school without adults.

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



School uniform for sale

Good quality used uniform.
Come along and have a look.

Price List

Sweat Shirts	£2.00
Polo Shirts	£1.00
Cardigans	£2.00
Dresses	£2.00
Trousers	£1.00



Coton Green Primary School – School Terms and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff: Monday 3 September **Inset Day:1**

Pupils: Tuesday 4 September

Staff: Friday 26th October **Inset Day: 2**

Holiday: Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November

Staff: Monday 5th November **Inset Day: 3**

Term ends: Friday 21 December

Holiday: Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January

Spring Term 2019

Term starts: Monday 7 January

Half term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February

Term ends: Friday 12 April

Holiday: Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 21 April

Summer Term 2019

Term starts: Monday 29 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Half term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Term ends: Monday 22 July **Inset Day: 4**

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August

There is 1 other Inset day to be confirmed.

Staff Total: 195 days Pupil Total: (pupils are required to attend for 190 days)

(Monday 3rd September 2018 is already fixed as an Inset day and the other four days are to be identified by schools. Coton Green Primary have worked with other schools to try and align our Inset days where possible.

Coton Green Kids' Zone

Monday to Friday

8.00 am – 8.45 am and 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

If you wish to arrange a long term booking in advance, please call in to the school office

- ❖ Breakfast Club £3.25 per day
- ❖ After School Club £7.00 per day
- ❖ Both (wrap around care) £10.00 per day
- ❖ Sibling rate for wrap around care £9.00 per day

Please complete the booking form and send in to the school office the week before do avoid disappointment.

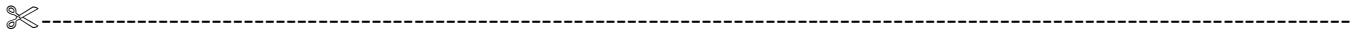
Payment via ParentPay please.

Booking forms are available from either the school office or Play Leader

Lunch Reminder

Please complete your menu choice for the week on a Monday morning to avoid disappointment.

Thank you



Week Commencing 10th September 2018			Week 1	
Child's Name:			Class:	
<i>Monday</i>	(v) Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad, Carrot Batons, Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	(v) Cheese Wrap Carrot Batons Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Tuesday</i>	Chicken Mayo Burger with Jacket Wedges, Green Beans, Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	(v) Vegetable & Noodle Stir Fry Green Beans Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Wednesday</i>	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Spring Cabbage, Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	(v) Quorn Roast With Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Spring Cabbage, Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Thursday</i>	Savoury Beef with Rice Broccoli Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	(v) Macaroni Cheese & Sweetcorn Bake Broccoli Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Friday</i>	Crispy Fish & Chips with Carrot Batons & Peas, Baked Beans Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	(v) Veggie Hot Dog with Chips, Carrot Batons & Peas, Baked Beans Choice of Fresh Seasonal Salads	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
Subject to availability				