

## 20th December 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank all involved with our recent Christmas performances. Every child in school has been able to take part in a performance ranging from traditional nativity scenes to the contemporary secret Christmas Agent KS2 show. The EYFS children kicked us off with a wonderful performance showing off their phonic skills and it was the perfect start to a series of festive events in school. This was followed by the KS2 performance at the Coton Centre and the KS1 performance at school this week. These performances again were fantastic and the children performed with such confidence and talent. I would also like to thank you for your understanding around charging for the tickets so that we can continue to use the Coton Centre for KS2, which I'm sure you will agree is a wonderful venue to perform in. I would also like to thank the teaching team here at Coton Green who work so hard to ensure these productions are such a success.

The school choir also performed at Evergreen Care Home this morning. Thank you to the Songbirds and to Mrs Hall for organising such a heart-warming event. This is the second year we have done this and it is clearly so appreciated judging by the smiles and laughter of the children, staff and residents.

It was also so great to see the children all in their Christmas jumpers last Friday, your donations of £141.96 have been forwarded on to Save the Children. The school community always supports our charity events so well and it was so heart-warming again to see almost 100 lovingly-packed 'Christmas Shoeboxes' from Coton Green that will be opened around the world by children on December 25th. We also raised a fantastic amount for Children in Need. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Our PTFA has again run a series of very successful and enjoyable events for the children here. The disco and Christmas Fayre have been really enjoyable events, the final total raised from the Fayre is £826.55 and the PTFA continue to support the school in paying for those extras that otherwise we wouldn't have. For instance, this term alone they have contributed over £500 towards playground equipment and £2000 in upgrading our book stock across the school for extra reading books to be used at both home and in school.

I would also like to provide a short update with two very important school projects:

**Firstly, the conversion of the school to Academy status with the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership.**

We were granted an 'Academy Order' by the Regional Schools Commissioner in October of this year. This means that we are in the final stages of conversion and this involves transfers of land and assets – much like buying a house. The latest date we have for conversion is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, with the recent political events having stalled the process somewhat. However, we have already started to align ourselves strategically and operationally with Arthur Terry Learning Partnership under a 'memorandum of understanding' which has allowed us to access a wide range of support and align our policies and procedures such as HR and Finance. This partnership will enable us to continue to widen opportunities for all in the Coton Green Learning Family.

**Secondly, the proposed school expansion by Staffordshire County Council.**

You may recall that in the Summer, planning permission was applied and granted for the school to expand. There also appeared a press release made by Staffordshire County Council in the local media. This led to some comments regarding poor communication from the school. Whilst myself and the governors were aware of the development planned, we were unable to comment until a planning consultation had been organised by the local authority for the Coton Green community. I am pleased to announce that this is now scheduled for early 2020 and consultation events will be promoted by school accordingly.

Finally, I have been able to book in my yearly phone call with Father Christmas for the evening of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. As in the last few years, he will be checking to see if there are any late alterations to be made to his 'Naughty and Nice' lists. I will of course need the children to promise to be extra good for the final few days before Christmas, assist parents by helping out around the house and to go to bed on time, especially on Christmas Eve, before I can confirm my final recommendations!

I would like to wish each and every one of our Learning Family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr R Osborne





School will close today Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 3.30 pm  
and  
Re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 @ 8.50 am  
(Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January INSET DAY)



w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**Swimming Year 5**

*Please do not forget your swimming kit!*



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Upcoming Dates

DECEMBER

20<sup>th</sup> December

School Closes for Christmas

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

INSET Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

School opens to pupils

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

9.10 – 10.10 am Year 6 INSPIRE SAT Workshop

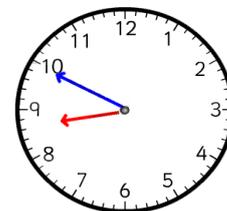
Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Closing date for application to primary school

**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.**

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# Coton Green Primary School – School Terms and Holiday Dates 2019/2020

## Autumn Term 2019

**Inset Day 1:** Monday 2 September (Staff Only)

**Inset Day 2:** Tuesday 3 September (Staff Only)

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Inset Day 3:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Only)

**Holiday:** Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

**Term ends:** Friday 20 December

**Holiday:** Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

## Spring Term 2020

**Inset Day 4:** Monday 6 January (Staff Only)

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**Half term:** Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

**Term ends:** Friday 3 April

**Holiday:** Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 12 April

## Summer Term 2020

**Term starts:** Monday 20 April

**May Day:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

**Inset Day 5:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (Staff Only)

**Holiday:** Tuesday 21 July - Monday 31 August

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

(Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 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 to 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 see the Kids' Zone team**

- ❖ 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 or direct to the Kids' Zone club the week before to avoid disappointment.**

**Payment via ParentPay please.**

*Booking forms are available from either the school office or Kids' Zone team*

**Coton Green Kids' Zone**

**Breakfast Club**

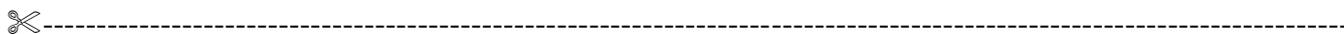
**Notice for Parents**

**Breakfast Club on Wednesdays and Thursdays is now full until further notice.  
Could we also remind parents that payment should be made a week in advance to secure your child's place.**

***Thank you for your co-operation***

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

\*\*\* Autumn / Winter Menu 2019/20 \*\*\*



Week Commencing	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>				Week 2
Child's Name:					Class:
<i>Monday</i>	<b>INSET DAY</b>				
<i>Tuesday</i>	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato with Peas and Cauliflower Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) Cheesy Potato Bake With Peas and Cauliflower Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches	
<i>Wednesday</i>	Traditional Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots and Parsnips Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) Baked Bean & Cheese Wrap With Carrots and Parsnips Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches	
<i>Thursday</i>	BBQ Beef Meatballs With wholemeal Pasta, Broccoli and Sweetcorn Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) Quorn Bolognaise with Pasta, Broccoli and Sweetcorn Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches	
<i>Friday</i>	Cod Fillet Fish Fingers & Chips Peas, Carrots & Baked Beans Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) Cheesy Onion Quiche with Chips, Peas, Carrots and Baked Beans Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches	
Subject to availability					