



# Weekly Newsletter

Issue 28

## 8th May 2017

Dear Learning Family,

Next week marks the start of our yearly assessments across the school. Our Year 6 children will be undertaking a series of tests next week that include reading, grammar, spelling and punctuation and mathematics. These tests are updated to assess the national curriculum that was introduced in 2014. A letter containing the time table and other details has been sent home to the Year 6 children.

In addition, our Year 2 children will be undertaking their SATS tests during the month of May; however these tests are used internally to check standards and inform the overall teacher assessment reported at the end of the year.

For your information, the Department for Education has produced information for parents about these assessments which can be found using this link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/603590/Information\\_for\\_parents\\_-\\_2017\\_NCTs\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stages\\_1\\_and\\_2\\_v4\\_PDFA.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/603590/Information_for_parents_-_2017_NCTs_at_the_end_of_key_stages_1_and_2_v4_PDFA.pdf)

Over the month, other year groups too will be carrying out standardised tests as a check on attainment and progress. We will use this information as part of our overall teacher assessment. The outcomes of these assessments will be reported in our annual reports which will be delivered in the final weeks of the academic year.

Similar to this time last year, I have seen many negative reports about testing in the media recently, and I would like to stress testing is only part of Coton Green's Assessment Policy. We are very proud of our broad and balanced curriculum and the wide and varied opportunities that our teaching team work hard to arrange for the children. Ofsted last year recognised our curriculum as a clear strength, in fact we have increased our opportunities this year, with more visits, trips and special curriculum events. Achievements in many other subject disciplines are highly regarded and celebrated in school, as we believe these are just as important as test results.

Our children, teachers and you as parents have worked so hard in preparing for these tests and we are delighted with all our children's efforts. Their commitment to 'be the best that they can possibly be' is exceptional. Next week, our Year 6 will be able to come to school from 8:00 with free toast so that they can be with their teachers and friends to allay any nerves. I wish all our children completing the tests over the next few weeks all the very best.

I have advised them that all we ask them for is their own personal best and to make the most of the forecasted fine weather we are due this weekend! I will certainly taking this advice with my own son this weekend who is also in Year 6. Unfortunately for him, on Sunday we are going to Nottingham Forest where we could end up watching our team be relegated to League 1!

Finally, could I advise parents that if they order lunches at the hatch, the hall must be cleared by 9:00 as it is being used for Year 6 SATS. Alternatively, parents can complete any menus and hand in to their child's teacher or the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr R Osborne.



## Headteacher's Award



Friday 5th May 2017

AH Chestnut: <i>Oliver G</i>	DB Birch: <i>Caitlyn P</i>	SH Rowan: <i>Isobelle S</i>	RN Holly: <i>Jake A</i> <i>Tyler N</i>
GC Elder: <i>Ellanor F</i>	TNT Maple: <i>Edward B</i> <i>Grace S</i>	LS Beech: <i>Joshua C</i>	JT Ash: <i>William M-S</i>
	EP Hazel: <i>Harvey R</i>	CW Hawthorn: <i>Owen S</i>	GT Sycamore: <i>Ellie J</i>



Class of the Week  
24<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Miss Coton's Class – 99.09%

(Whole School Attendance for the week: 97.08%)

Current Whole School Attendance: 96.47 %

### Upcoming Dates

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Y4 Swimming

Y6 SAT's – all week

Bikeability Y5

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Bikeability Y5

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Top-up Swimming

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Y3 Gifted & Talented

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Photos

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Y5 Safety Town

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

PTFA Spring Disco

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

**INSET DAY – School Closed to Children**

### REMINDER

School will shortly have a new telephone  
number: 01827 337456

We will keep you up to date.



### REMINDER

**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**Y4 SWIMMING**

*Please do not forget your swimming kit!*

### EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

Monday		KS2 Singing Club 3.30 – 4.15pm
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Year 1/2 ICT Club	Library EYFS/Y1/Y2 3.30 – 4.00 pm
Friday	Singing Club – Lunchtime	Aston Villa FC – Y3/4/5/6 (Week 2 of 4)

## ParentPay

ParentPay went live on the  
1<sup>st</sup> April.

If you haven't already done so  
please activate your account.

If you require any assistance  
please do not hesitate to contact  
the school office.

Thank you.

## Reminder Chasewater Payments

5<sup>th</sup> Instalment £31.00 - P/P £15.50 by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
6<sup>th</sup> Instalment £31.00 - P/P £15.50 by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June



## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May School Photos

- **Class Groups**
- **Graduations**
- **Leavers**
- **Music & Sports Teams**

(Please remember your instruments on the day)



## REMINDER

### Y5 Bikeability

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Please do not forget your bikes and helmets



# Coton Green FC



Coton Green FC are a CASC registered Not for Profit organisation providing grassroots football for the local community. We are one of only 3 local teams to hold the highest FA Accreditation for junior football, The FA Charter Standard Community Club.

We are now looking for new players for our girls sides for the forthcoming season. We are looking for player for our under 8's and under 10's sides. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Gareth on 07931738297 or [garethastle1@yahoo.com](mailto:garethastle1@yahoo.com)

**Staffordshire STARS**  
Get active, get moving, get involved

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the...



To get involved contact the School Travel Team:

**Sue Benton**

School Travel Advisor  
Email: sue.benton@staffordshire.gov.uk  
Tel: 07773 791347

**Pam Griffin**

School Travel Advisor  
Email: pam.griffin@staffordshire.gov.uk  
Tel: 07773 791348



[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/intostaffs](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/intostaffs)  
[into@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:into@staffordshire.gov.uk)  
0300 111 8000

The **10 minute Walk Zone** has been introduced at your school to encourage as many families as possible to walk either all or part of the way to and from school. The benefits of walking to school are:

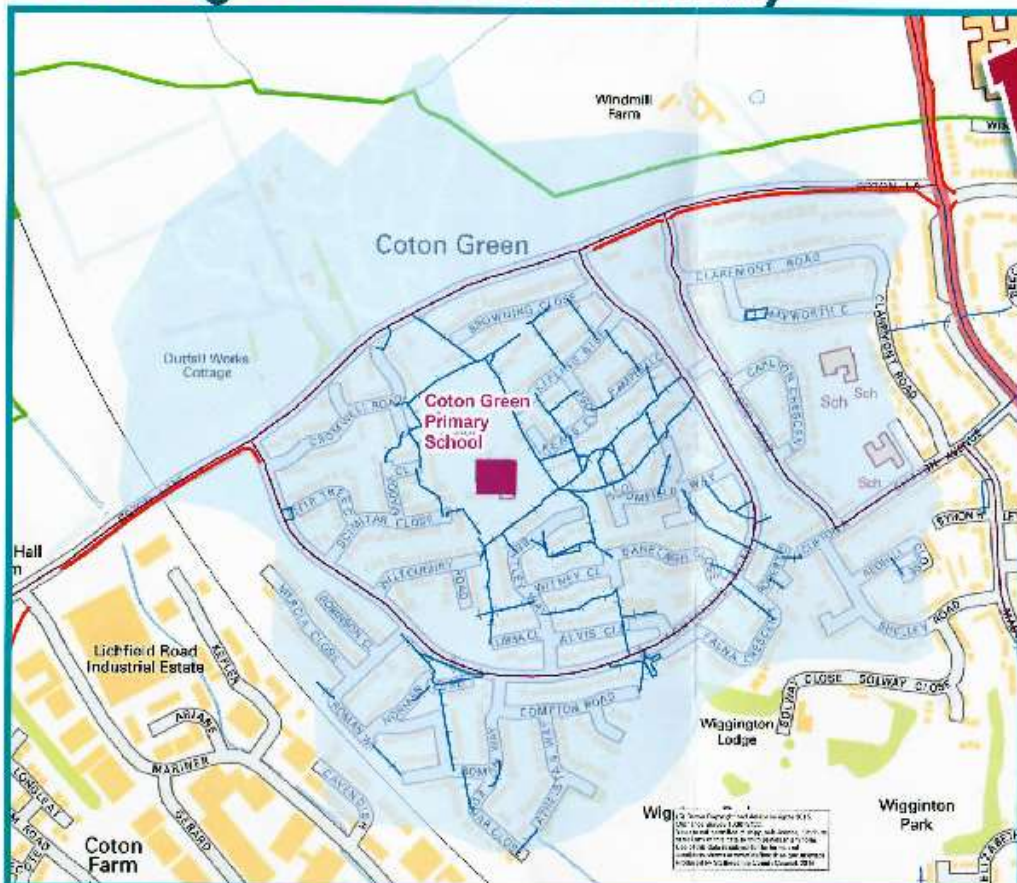
- ★ It's healthy for adults and children.
- ★ It teaches children road safety.
- ★ It's easier than finding a parking space outside school.
- ★ It's better for the environment.
- ★ It helps keep the roads around school free from traffic which is safer for all our children.
- ★ It's fun to walk and talk!

If you do need to travel by car, please park outside the **10 minute Walk Zone**. Our map will help you plan a route to school.



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## Travelling to Coton Green Primary



If you live inside the 10 Minute Zone, you could walk to and from school every day. Even if you need a car to travel to work, it may be quicker and easier to leave it parked at home while you do the school run.

If you live just outside the Zone, try walking - it could be quicker than you think!

If you have to travel by car to school, please try to park outside the walking zone, with care and consideration for local residents, and walk the rest of the way.



**Key**  
10 minute walking time to school

**Bus Routes**  
Hourly or better  
Less frequent

**Cycle Routes**  
Footways

**Staffordshire STARS** Get active, get moving, get involved

All information correct at time of print.

## **ParentPay - our new online payment service**

We're pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money and school trips. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

### **What are the benefits to parents and pupils?**

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7 –
- the technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- your children won't have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email.

### **What are the benefits to our school?**

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school. You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school. Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

### **How to get started with ParentPay...**



We will shortly be sending you your account activation username and password, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to: [ParentPay](https://www.parentpay.com/)

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**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 along with payment) by the Wednesday prior to the week you wish your child to attend to the Play Leader or School Office

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



**Please note changes to the menu this week.**

Week Commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017			Week 2		
Child's Name:			Class:		
<i>Monday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Wholemeal Meat Feast Pizza With Sweetcorn & Roasted Vegetables	(V) Baked Bean Hot Pot with Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn & Roasted Vegetables	<b>No Jacket Potatoes Available</b>	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Tuesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Local Sausages and Mash Served with Gravy & Fresh Vegetables	(V) Vegetarian Lasagne Served with Garden Peas & Carrots	<b>No Jacket Potatoes Available</b>	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Wednesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Roast Gammon With Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Swede and Broccoli	(v) Cheesy Hotpot Served with Swede and Broccoli	<b>No Jacket Potatoes Available</b>	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Thursday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Baked Lemon Chicken Thigh With Savoury Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	(V) Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Friday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Crispy Battered Fillet of Fish Served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas	(V) Omelette Served with Chips, Baked Beans or Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
Subject to availability					