



# Weekly Newsletter



## 14th December 2020

Good afternoon everyone,

We are nearly at the end of a quite extra-ordinary term, one in which I feel immensely proud of the whole school community in how we have put safety first and worked together in such difficult times.

This morning, I had the pleasure to walk around school and see the wonderful sight of children in their Christmas jumpers which gave a real festive spirit to school. The children though were still working so hard in every classroom and I got to see some excellent phonics using our RWI scheme, writing being inspired from the Christmas Bear and Hare Advert and some wonderful but challenging maths. The hard work in every class was so evident throughout school but each class was full of smiles. Look at the pictures on twitter: <https://twitter.com/GreenCoton> I am also immensely proud of the school communities contribution made to the Save the Children Charity on the [Just Giving site](#). You really are wonderful at thinking of others.

We still have plenty to come next week, including our Christmas Dinners, a special visitor, Christmas Brunch, a very special video and lots more planned. Following the success of our scarecrow competition organised by our fantastic PTFA, there will be a Christmas Elf competition next Tuesday. I am so looking forward to this but I'm sure it will be so hard to judge!

It is the PTFA that have organised a special visitor and a treat for the children. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to the pupils here that helps us give those special treats and activities.

Finally, we will have different days for PE next week as we are completely limiting contacts between bubbles. The teachers will let pupils know which day will be PE kit day early next week.

Please read the letter Mr Gill has sent out carefully regarding test and trace organisation over the Christmas period. It is important that all members of school staff get to have some time with their own families and recharge their batteries. School will only need to be contacted over the Christmas period of a positive case if symptoms developed on Saturday and Sunday of next weekend (<48 hours of last contact in school). We have a dedicated email for this: [covid19@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk) and further details of procedures are detailed within this letter. All other school emails will be turned off from 18/12/20 at 1:00 and not monitored until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Regards

Mr Osborne

Why not log on to our school twitter account for a daily update of what is happening in school?

<https://twitter.com/GreenCoton>

### School Virtual Tour

As we are not able to offer an open evening at the moment for new entrants for September 2021, we have decided to make a video 'Virtual Tour' of our school. This can be viewed by following a link on our twitter page here:

<https://twitter.com/GreenCoton/status/1334524106327420929?s=20> or through this link to youtube:

<https://youtu.be/2EMkBg7Yzrs> Please share to friends and

family who are interested in joining our learning family.

Many thanks to Mr Newton for putting this together and for all the staff and children who took part in such a

professional production.

Mr Osborne

### Christmas Cards

On Tuesday 15th December, our Coton Green Christmas postal service will be very busy as the cards will be sorted and distributed.

We hope that this will enable a safe way to enjoy sending Christmas wishes to each other.

### Children in Need

Thank you for your very kind donations – together we raised £517.00 for Pudsey and Children in Need.



### Free Hygiene Products

The Hygiene bank has kindly donated a variety of products.

If interested, please contact school via email to arrange collection.

### Special Visitor – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Usually at this time of year we would be holding the Christmas Fayre however, this is obviously unable to go ahead. So to avoid any disappointment to the children, the PTFA have been able to arrange a special visitor.

He will visit each class and a gift will be left for each child, fully funded by the PTFA.

Please be reassured we have followed strict guidelines for this to happen and every gift will have been isolated for 72 hours, prior to the day.

Many thanks - The PTFA Team

### PTFA - NEW Elf competition!!

Please make an elf, who could help Father Christmas make his toys. They can be any size, drawn or made.

As with the scarecrows, the elves will need to remain outside for the day and will need to be in school on Tuesday 15th December.

Entry is a minimum donation of £1.50, please support us to be able to provide new Ipads for the children to use in school.

Unfortunately, as you know we are unable to accept cash payments, as I am sure you will understand payment can only be made **via bank transfer** to the Coton Green Primary PTFA account – Sort code: 20-85-13 Account number – [20692751](#).

Please use the **reference** of your **child's name and class**. If this is not added, we will not know who has paid.

### 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December

There will be two sittings for Christmas dinner – a letter and menu has gone out today – please check your child's bag

### 18<sup>th</sup> December

Please be advised that school will close from lunchtime (12.00 pm) as per Mr Osborne's letter.

We would like to give a special mention to Miss Dowsett's class for attendance achievement this week.

## **Coton Green Primary School Terms Dates 2020/2021**

### **Autumn Term 2020**

**Inset day:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September (children are not in school) school focus

**Term starts:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Inset day:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (children are not in school) school focus

**Half term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Inset day:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**Term ends:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Holiday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

### **Spring Term 2021**

**Inset day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January (children are not in school) school focus

**Term starts:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Inset day:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February (children are not in school) school focus

**Half term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Inset day:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**Term ends:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Holiday:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2021**

**Term starts:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Inset day:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**May Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Inset day:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July (children are not in school) school focus

**Term ends:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Holiday:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

\*\*\* 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.

Name		Week Beginning 14.12.2020		Class	
<i>Monday</i>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Dough Balls	Burrito (V)	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Cucumber Sticks	
<i>Tuesday</i>	Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges	Burger (V) Served with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Carrot sticks	
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>Christmas Dinner</i> (Year Y1/2) & (Year 3/4)	<i>Roast Turkey Brussel Sprouts/Carrots Creamed/Roast Potatoes Stuffing Balls Sausages/wrapped in bacon</i>	<i>Quorn Roast (V) Brussel Sprouts/Carrots Creamed/Roast Potatoes Stuffing Balls Sausages/wrapped in bacon</i>	<i>Festive Sandwich of Ham, Cheese or Tuna Assorted Christmas Biscuits Or Assorted Ice Creams</i>		
<i>Thursday</i> <i>Christmas Dinner</i> (EYFS) & (Year 5/6)	<i>Roast Turkey Brussel Sprouts/Carrots Creamed/Roast Potatoes Stuffing Balls Sausages/wrapped in bacon</i>	<i>Quorn Roast (V) Brussel Sprouts/Carrots Creamed/Roast Potatoes Stuffing Balls Sausages/wrapped in bacon</i>	<i>Festive Sandwich of Ham, Cheese or Tuna Assorted Christmas Biscuits Or Assorted Ice Creams</i>		
<i>Friday - Brunch</i>	Bacon or Sausage Rolls Flapjack / Juice	Quorn Sausage Roll (V) Flapjack / Juice			
Subject to availability					