

24th March 2016



Easter Holidays



School will close today Thursday 24th March @ 3.30pm
and will re-open to children on Monday 11th April @ 8.50am
(This includes Inset Days Thursday 7th/Friday 8th April)

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you after a wonderful term of events here at Coton Green. The Easter Bonnet Parades this week were delightful and it was so lovely to see so many of you enjoying the parades in school. The children obviously enjoyed making their bonnets and showing them off during the parade. The KS2 children also designed their own eggs. This year the entries were absolutely amazing and it was great to see such creative work completed by the children at home. I know that the judges found it extremely difficult to choose from each class as the standard was so high. Well done to all who took part.

Our Sport Relief events over the last few weeks saw over 400 children, staff and parents complete a sponsored mile around the local area and the hiring of Kingsbury swimming pool for 25 children to swim almost 20 miles – a fantastic achievement. The school council also sold Sports Relief Merchandise and organised Sainsbury's to come and sell a wider collection. The Coton Green Learning Family should be extremely proud of their efforts and we are still counting the donations and sponsorship. We will of course let you know our final total but early indications suggest a total of around **£1,000.**

Here at Coton Green we are proud of our commitment to have a broad and balanced curriculum and our commitment to music has been recognised by the award of Music Mark. This term has seen us have the opportunity for Year 4 to work with a professional Choir Master Robin Morton and Musician Cathy Lamb over a 12 week period culminating in an evening performance at St Editha's Church in Tamworth. Here we were joined by children from Anker Moor and William MacGregor Primary Schools and the Lichfield choristers to perform a number of songs. The performance was magical and the behaviour of the children, as always was first class. Many thanks for your support of this very special event.

This Tuesday we were also treated to a music concert by our peripatetic music teachers which the pupils also thoroughly enjoyed. If you are interested in your child having small group instrumental tuition, please see Mrs Hall as we currently have some vacancies for Violin and Cello.

We also value learning outside the classroom and to complement this we have recently identified an area in school to eventually become a Forest School. We recently received over 200 trees from Tanglewood and worked with the forestry commission to plant them with the children. We have had school curriculum trips to the Botanical Gardens for Years 5 and 6 and The River Trent Education Centre at Wolseley Bridge for Years 3 and 4. Years 1 and 2 visited Wigginton Park for an outdoor workshop organised by the Tamworth Wildlife Trust. The School Council and Year 1 and 2 also completed a 'Clean for the Queen' of our school perimeter. In addition our Year 5 and 6 have had many visits to the local secondary schools including a Year 5 secondary experience day at Rawlett and a performance of Annie at QEMS Landau Forte. I would like to say a thank-you to all the staff who work so very hard behind the scenes to make these trips possible. Also, a large thanks to you our parents /carers who always volunteer in large numbers.

I would also like to thank the children, who behave so well. I get so many compliments about our children's behaviour when on school visits, from visitors and at events and I am always so proud in the way the children represent the school.

All that remains for me to do is to wish you all a happy Easter break, stay safe and come back refreshed for another busy but exciting term of learning.

Mr R Osborne
Headteacher



SWIMMING – Y5

Monday 18th April

Please do not forget your swimming kit!

Date for your diary

Last Inset Day: Monday 6th June 2016



Class of the Week
14th March - 18th March 2016

Miss Webb's Class – Beech
97.49%

(Whole School Attendance for the week: 96.54%)

Attendance Target for 2015-16
97%

Current Whole School Attendance –96.75%



Big Pedal

18th – 29th April

Get set - We are taking part in the Big Pedal 2016

This is a giant inter-school cycling and scooting competition encouraging everyone to choose two wheels for their daily commute!

For more information about the event and details of prizes, go to www.bigpedal.org.uk

Read for My School

(National reading competition)

If your child/children choose to participate please use the free online library

www.readformyschool.co.uk

School Code: 761782

Y3/4 Rivers Trip

A superb and exciting River Trip to the Wolseley Centre for our Y3/4 children.

A huge thank you to all the support we received from parents and staff over the 3 days.

Our children were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed bringing their learning to life outside.

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITY w/c 11th April 2016

Monday		
Tuesday		Year 4 Book Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm Tuesday 12 th April – Tuesday 24 th May
Wednesday		
Thursday		3.30 – 4.00 pm Library EYFS/Y1/Y2 3.30 – 4.30 pm Gardening Club
Friday		Aston Villa Football – Y3/4/5/6 3.30 – 4.30pm 15 th April

Easter Bonnet Parade Winners



EYFS

Miss Coton's Class: Joshua E/Evie S
Mrs Evans' Class: Noah M/Gabriella M

KS1

Mr Birch's Class: Lily-Ann M/Archie S
Mrs Pursehouse's Class: Millie T/Josh S
Miss Thompson's Class: Emma M/Sam W

KS2 Easter Egg Competition



Mrs Holbrook's Class: Ellie H/Jack B
Miss Webb's Class: Annabelle J/Dylan D
Miss Wesley's Class: Ellie J/Cydney M/Isaac O
Mr Newton's Class: Summer H/Ryan P
Mrs Tanner's Class: Holly C/Declan H
Mrs Thomas' Class: Tegan V/Joshua R

PTFA Chocolate Raffle Winners

Chloe-Rose B

Millie T

Emilia H

Jack C

A fantastic £132.94 has been raised.



Reminder Chasewater Payments

4th Instalment £27.00 - P/P £13.00 by Friday 29th April
5th Instalment £27.00 - P/P £13.00 by Friday 27th May
6th Instalment £27.00 - P/P £13.00 by Friday 24th June

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2016

The Active Kids scheme is a great way to get the children interested in collecting the vouchers for our school, so that we can redeem them for a range of equipment and experiences to help our kids get active.

Please send tokens to Miss Wesley's room.

Thank you

Vacancies

2 x Posts

1 x Permanent Lunchtime Supervisor

1 x Casual Lunchtime Supervisor

The school is looking to appoint 2 friendly and caring individuals to join our school team. Our lunchtime supervisors undertake a most important role within school and for this we are keen to appoint the right individuals. We require approachable, friendly and flexible members of staff one to work for 6.25 hours per week, 12.15 – 1.30pm Monday to Friday and one casual to work the same hours but on an adhoc basis as and when required. The successful applicants will be expected to:

- Working under the direction and instruction of senior staff provide the care of the children during the school lunch break.
- Escorting pupils to and from the school dining room
- Supervision of children before, during and after the meal
- Supervision of children bringing sandwiches
- Summoning help, where necessary, in case of injury or illness and providing basic first aid for minor injuries (for which training will be available)
- Assisting the children with their table manners and use of cutlery, and assisting with the cutting of meat etc. for smaller children
- Patrolling the playground and “out of bounds” areas regularly
- Organising games and activities
- Assisting with the clearing of the school hall at the end of lunch
- This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Further details regarding this check are available from schools or by visiting www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service

For further information and an application pack, please contact the school office.

Coton Green Kids Zone

Monday to Friday

8.00 am – 8.45 am and 3.30 – 5.30pm

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

School Dinners

Please note from Easter there will be a small increase in cost from £2.10 to **£2.15**



Week Commencing		11 th April 2016		Week 3	
Child's Name:			Class:		
<i>Monday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Staffordshire Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	(v) Cheese Leek and Potato Pie	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Tuesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Organic Beef Bolognese & Whole wheat Pasta	(V) Reggae Reggae Beans with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Wednesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Roast Turkey with Creamed Potatoes and Gravy	(V) Cheese Onion & Sweetcorn Quiche	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Thursday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	All Day Breakfast with Baked Wedges	(V) Pasta Neapolitan Bake	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Friday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Golden Fillet Fish Fingers with Chips	(V) Sheperdess Pie	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
Subject to availability					