



Weekly Newsletter

9th May 2016

Issue 28

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/publications/2016-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

Over the month, other year groups too will be carrying out standardised tests as a check on attainment. 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.

I, like many of you, have seen many negative reports about testing which has been 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. Our commitment to the arts, music, sport, educational visits, and the efforts made to work with agencies such as Bikeability, NSPCC and the fire service to keep our children informed of how to keep safe and healthy are rightly given the priority within our overall curriculum offer. Achievements in many other subject disciplines are highly regarded and are just as important as tests.

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!

Finally, could I advise parents that if they order lunches at the hatch that 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.



SWIMMING – Y4

Monday 9th May

Please do not forget your swimming kit!

Monday 16th May till the end of Summer Term

Y4/5/6 – Top Up Swimming Groups

Upcoming Dates

Monday 9th May

Y4 Swimming

Monday 9th May

Y5 Bikeability

Tuesday 10th May

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Thursday 12th May

Y3/4 Cricket Tournament

Wednesday 18th May

Y3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament

Half-Term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June INSET (children)

Clothes for Sale

Good quality second hand uniform for sale

Come and have a look at our display in the main school entrance



Head Lice

We have had some cases of head lice reported in KS1. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis.

Thank you



Walking Bus

Walking Bus training Tuesday 10th May – 9.00am

If any parents are interested and would like to join please meet in the entrance hall.

Big thank you to our parents who have volunteered already and are going to start the walking bus!

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITY

Monday	KS2 Running Club Lunchtime	Y3/4/5/6 Running 18th April – 23rd May NEW!!! KS2 Tri Golf 9th May, 16th May, 23rd May
Tuesday		Y1/2 Rugby 19th April – 24th May Y4 Book Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y5/6 Cricket (TCC) 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	KS2 Running Club Lunchtime	
Thursday		Y5 Badminton 21st April – 25th May 3.30 – 4.00 pm Library EYFS/Y1/Y2 3.30 – 4.30 pm Gardening Club
Friday	Y2 Maths Club KS2 Running Club Lunchtime	Aston Villa Football KS2 3.30 – 4.30pm 15th April – 20th May



Big Pedal

18th – 29th April 2016

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

289 Coton Green Primary School Tamworth, Staffs [Map](#) 36.88%

Week 2

Coton Green was placed out of over 1000 National Primary Schools
and had completed journeys

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



Classes of the Week
25th April – 29th April 2016

Miss Coton's Class – 100%
Mr Birch's Class – 100%
Mrs Thomas' Class – 100%

(Whole School Attendance for the week: 98.18%)

Attendance Target for 2015-16
97%

Current Whole School Attendance –96.74%

Please be aware that we have had a large number of requests for leave which Mr Osborne is unable to authorise

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

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.

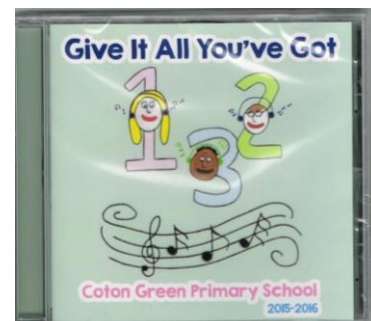
Please send tokens to Miss Wesley's room.

Thank you

Wednesday 11th May 2016

SEND Family Partnership is running a session enabling parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to have their say about services offered by Staffordshire.

Anyone interested in attending please see Mrs Evans or the notice board in school reception.



Our fantastic school CD is still available to purchase from the school office for £10.00

Reminder Chasewater Payments

5th Instalment £27.00 - P/P £13.00 by Friday 27th May

6th Instalment £27.00 - P/P £13.00 by Friday 24th June

Vacancies

4 x Posts

2 x Permanent Lunchtime Supervisors

2 x Casual Lunchtime Supervisors

The school is looking to appoint 4 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.



PART-TIME
NURSERY ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED
(FROM SEPTEMBER- term time only)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly person to carry out clerical and finance duties in the nursery office.
If you (or someone you know may be interested, please enquire in nursery (see Chris, manager) or email:cotongreenpreschoolnursery@yahoo.co.uk

Coton Green Kids' Zone

Monday to Friday

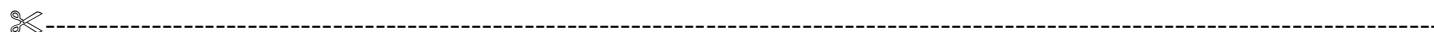
8.00 am – 8.45 am and 3.30 – 5.30pm

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



Week Commencing		9 th May 2016		Week 1	
Child's Name:			Class:		
<i>Monday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Twist & Shout Salmon with Vegetable Pasta	(V) Pizza Pinwheel with Half Baked Potato	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Tuesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie with Mashed Potatoes	(V) BBQ Vegetable and Mixed Bean Wrap	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Wednesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	(V) Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Thursday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Mexican Organic Beef Chilli with Wholemeal Rice	(V) Cheddar Cheese Flan with Baked Wedges	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
<i>Friday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Golden Fish Fillet Fingers with Chips	(V) Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day
			Subject to availability		