



Newsletter

Spring Term

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8th February 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of our first very busy half term of this year.

This week we have been focussing on Children's Mental Health and the children have been doing lots of activities to support this. Monday was very energetic with walking a mile and an aerobics session! Tuesday's activities were based around Mindfulness with sessions lead by Mrs Taylor. The whole school really enjoyed the Forest School session on Wednesday particularly the toasted marshmallows! Our celebrations assembly today involved 'sharing successes' and was greatly enjoyed by everyone-well done.

I hosted my first Postcard Picnic of the year this week and shared lots of tasty treats with 18 children who had been recognised for an achievement by their class teacher. It is such a pleasure to spend social time with the children as we chat and enjoy our cakes and biscuits (fruit was also available of course!)

I hope that you all have a lovely half term with your children and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 18th February.

Kind regards

Karen Headland

Attendance

Well done to Eagles this week with 98.5% attendance and to Kingfishers last week with 97.3% Attendance target for the whole school is 98%. The school's attendance is currently 96.7%



Diary Dates

14th February—PTFA event in the village hall 2-4pm

18th February—First day back to school for all pupils

19th February—Open afternoon for parents/carers and for past pupils of Cotton End 1.30-3pm

20th February—Library van

21st February—Sports club starts after school today until 4.30pm

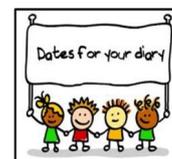
22nd February—Bags 2 School to be returned to school by 9am please for collection

25th February—Parent consultations Willows, Owls, Kingfishers, Eagles and Kestrels— **please see letter sent home for more information**

26th February— Dance club starts after school until 4.30pm

1st March— School closed to **all pupils** for today only

4th March—School open again for all pupils



Open Afternoon.

We would like to invite all past students, staff and current parents/carers to our open afternoon to celebrate 145 years of Cotton End school on February 19th 2019. You are welcome to drop in any time between 1:30 and 3:00pm and share your memories with us. Light refreshments will be available.



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Term dates.

Can we remind you of the following dates:

Friday 8th February—Last day before half term break

Monday 18th February—First day back to school for all pupils

Friday 1st March—School closed to all pupils today only

Friday 5th April—Last day of school term

Tuesday 23rd April—First day back to school for all pupils

Friday 24th May—Last day before half term break

Monday 3rd June—First day back to school for all pupils

Friday 19th July—Last day of school term



Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you will be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence.



Bags 2 School

Your child will be given a bag for any donations you may have. Please bring in to school on 22nd February for collection, you can also use a normal bin bag if you need to. Thank you for your support all monies raised go to the school funds.



School uniform

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Lunchtime news

This half term the children have been enjoying playing with the skipping ropes, bean bags, skittles, playing board games, making sock puppets, balloon craft and colouring. Owls class have been enjoying having Premier Sport come in to play some games with them on the MUGA.



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