



# Newsletter



## Autumn term

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**27th September 2024**



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all stayed safe in the recent extreme weather conditions earlier this week, we were fortunate to have remained fully open, unlike some other schools.

Despite the torrential rain, the children all had a fabulous time on Monday with taster sessions of golf in the school hall with Sporty Scholars. There were some really skilful children who were excited to tell me that they had got 'a hole in one'. As it was so popular we hope to be able to pursue this sport further in the summer term.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents in school last Friday to watch the children in Woodpeckers and Kestrels share some of their learning, thank you for taking the time to join us and we hope that you enjoyed getting an insight into how much the children learn over a week or so.

As you know we feel it is important to support different charities and our coffee morning this week is in aid of Macmillan. We are also asking children to bring an item of canned or dried produce to donate to the Food Bank to celebrate Harvest. With increasing household bills and financial hardship, there are many families that use this extremely worthwhile facility therefore any donations are gratefully received. Please send in any donations with your child on Friday 4th October and we will ensure that they are delivered to the Food Bank.

Could I please ask that, wherever possible, you book non urgent appointments for your children outside of school hours. I do understand that this is not always possible however we are having lots of children coming in and out of school during the day and it is really disruptive for their learning. Many thanks for your consideration.

Mrs Headland

### Website

For any dates, letters or information that you may have missed, make sure you head over to the school website to find them.

<http://cottonendforestschool.co.uk/>



### Diary Dates

- 30th Sept—School Photos YrR-6
- 4th Oct—Harvest (Further information to follow)
- 7th Oct—Nursery Photos
- 8th & 9th Oct—Reception Parents Consultations (Further information to follow)
- 9th Oct—Yr6 Multi Sports Morning (Further information to follow)
- 15th & 16th Oct—KS1 Parents Consultations (Further information to follow)
- 16th Oct—Open Morning for New Reception & Nursery Parents (Please contact the office to book)
- 18th Oct—Yr5 Cake Sale
- 21st Oct—SEND Coffee Morning (Further information to follow)
- 22nd Oct—KS2 Parents Consultations (Further information to follow)
- 25th Oct—Last day of half term
- 4th Nov—Back to school



### Attendance

A big well done to Skylarks class from EYFS and KS1 this week with 97% and Kingfisher class from KS2 with 99.4%.

The whole school is 96.3% but we are aiming for 98%



### Nut Allergies

Can we remind you not to send nuts into school with your child under any circumstances. **This does includes: peanut butter sandwiches, cereal bars and any other product that contains nuts.** We do have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your ongoing support.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Macmillan coffee morning yesterday and also thank you to those who generously donated cakes.



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### Assembly

We have changed our Friday celebration assemblies slightly to accommodate our growing numbers of children. This has also enabled us to be able to invite some parents to join us. Our next one is scheduled for Friday 18th October whereby it will be Harriers and Skylarks turn. If your child is in Harriers class, you are welcome to join us in the hall at 9.15am and likewise, Skylarks at 2.45pm.



We are not asking classes to prepare 'a performance' but what the children share with us will give an insight into how busy they are in school each week.

### Fund Raising Events

It was Kestrels turn to host a cake sale this week. They did themselves really proud and managed to sell lots of cakes.

The total valued raised will be announced on our next newsletter. Well done Kestrels and thank you to all parents and carers who supported this.



### Allergy Update

The FSA is advising people who have a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder, or mustard flour because they may have been contaminated with peanuts.

*These mustard ingredients can be found in food such as dips, sauces, salads and pre-packed sandwiches.*

The FSA is urgently working with the relevant Local Authorities, individual businesses and industry to identify which products may be affected.

Please ensure you check ingredients.



### Uniform

Please could we ask you to check the uniform you have at home and ensure everything is labelled with your child's name. Also could you check that you don't have any items which may have accidentally come home that belong to somebody else—particularly from the younger children.



### School Lunches

The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Christmas holidays. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues this will result in you receiving a phone call and asking you to bring in a lunch for your child. Thank you for your support.



### October Half Term Child Care

Bookings now being taken for all our sites



Cotton End Forest School - 7.30am-6.00pm 28th October 2024-1st November 2024 - aged reception year plus

Lakeview Pre-School, Wixams- 7.30am-6.00pm 28th October 2024-4th November 2024 - children aged under 7years old

Clifton All Saints Academy - 8.00am-4.00pm 28th October 2024-1st November 2024 - aged from 3years

Biggleswade Academy - 7.30am-6.00pm 28th October 2024-4th November 2024

Priory Park Infants - 8.00am - 5.00pm 28th October 2024-1st November 2024 - aged from 2years up to 10years

For more information and to register please follow this QR code.

