



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful final week of the term, filled with special memories and lots of learning.

On Thursday, Ahlberg class did a 'Christmas Showcase' for their parents, sharing the Christmas songs and poems they had been learning. Donaldson class have enjoyed the process of designing their own bread this half term, yesterday they made the bread, and today got to taste it! Yum, yum. Cowell class have been making Stone Age necklaces as part of their Design & Technology lessons; they have thoroughly enjoyed learning about what it was like to be a Stone Age person. Rundell and Rauf class have been enjoying learning the skill of cross-stitch and creating a Tudor themed family symbol.

On Wednesday, we had a special visitor... Father Christmas! It was wonderful to see the children's surprised, happy faces and fantastic Christmas jumpers.

Finally, this morning was our special Gold Award assembly. Two children from each class are selected for their excellent effort and hard work this half term. Well done to the children who achieved the awards, and their sponsor who read out a message in assembly. We are really proud of the confidence you demonstrated. We also announced the winner of the '100% attendance' award— well done to Alfie who won a family ticket to Tenpin bowling. Mrs Roberts celebrated the end of the current Language Club— Punjabi. Well done to those children who got the award for teaching other children Punjabi.

We wish all our families a happy and restful break; we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 8th January.

Mrs Patmore (Principal)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 22nd December— last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024— return to school

Friday 16th February— INSET day

Monday 19th February— Friday 23rd February half term

Monday 26th February- return to school



The Harmony Pledge

Can you ask your child how many Pledge points they can remember?

There are 10 points.



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ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Class AHLBERG REC	98.46%
Class RUNDELL	91.58%
Class DONALDSON	91.21%
Class COWELL	89.33%
Class RAUF	86.11%

Well done to Ahlberg Class!



School uniform reminders:

Cottons Farm Primary Academy jumper

White long/short sleeved shirt or polo shirt

Black/grey pants or skirt

Black sensible school shoes



Multilingualism at Cottons Farm Primary Academy

This half term we started a new lunchtime club for children who wanted to learn or practise Polish. Each week, one of the children chose a book for us all to study, from the [Unite for Literacy website](#).



We had fun listening to Polish translations and inferring their meaning. We were lucky to have some children who could read and write some Polish, to help us to learn.

Next term we'll try learning some Arabic!



A big thanvad (thank you) to all our Punjabi-speaking children!

It's been wonderful for everyone to have the opportunity to try some of your beautiful language.



In November we held our first Language Café

Language Café

Join us for a cup of tea and a conversation to practise your language skills.

COTTONS FARM PRIMARY ACADEMY

Thursday 30th November 2023 2.50pm

Let's talk about traditional stories

It was lovely to see so many families interested in languages.

Next time we'll be making games to help your children maintain their first language.

We hope you'll join us!

We had an interesting discussion about the value of reading in many languages.

I speak	in Kurdish	1x once a week
with my children	in Polish	2x twice a week
I read with my children	in Urdu	3x three times a week
	in Slovak	everyday
	in Punjabi	