

Weekly Newsletter

11th September 2017

Dear Coton Green Learning Family,

Welcome back to school everyone. It has been a pleasure to see that the children have arrived enthusiastically, looking so smart, and so looking forward to the year ahead. Having visited all classes over the last few days it has been lovely to see them getting straight back into work and rising to the new challenges that lay before them. On Thursday I had the opportunity to escort a visitor (a serving Ofsted inspector) around school who was amazed at the focus and positive learning behaviours already demonstrated by our children - *'you must be very proud of them'* were his exact words! The children support each other within the mixed age classes so well, with the older year group having an important role in helping the younger children settle in so quickly.

I would also like to welcome all our new children in Reception and other new children across the school into our learning family. They have already found the confidence to tell me about their learning which bodes very well indeed. We only have 1 or 2 places left in our school with most year groups being full, and so the school has certainly seemed very busy this week. We have also welcomed Miss Humphries to our teaching team this week in Year 1/2. Please introduce yourselves and say hello if you see her.

Whilst your children started on Wednesday, our staff had already been working on our key priorities for the coming year and have had two very productive training days. I would also like to thank parents for your comments and feedback from the questionnaire late in the Summer term and this was so useful in helping us identify areas for further improvement.

One such area is our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum where we value the role of all subjects to ensure we meet the needs of all of our children. We are delighted to have achieved a silver award for our music provision and we are working hard to implement the new Staffordshire RE syllabus into our curriculum. We are also looking at linking different areas of the curriculum so that children increase their knowledge and understanding of the world around them whilst simultaneously learn the basics of mathematics and English.

Recently we have received our un-validated data from the 2017 SATS and we are very proud to be above national averages for every single indicator. These will be updated onto the school website once fully validated, prior to them being published by the DFE on the school performance website.

You must have noticed our fantastic new facilities in the KS1 playground. The 'Pirate Ship' play area and the fantastic outdoor classroom 'Gazeebo' have been part funded by our PTFA. They do a tremendous amount of work in supporting school and it has been great that due to their contribution the children have such a fabulous resource they can all benefit from. We were a little frustrated that we were unable to use these facilities on Wednesday, however, now that a full health and safety inspection has taken place and the children have been briefed, it has been great to see them enjoying the pirate-ship safely.

We do need your co-operation in that the children do not use the play equipment whilst not supervised by staff e.g. before and after school. Staffordshire LA have also issued us with the following advice:

"The PIRATE SHIP and any EQUIPMENT within this area must NOT be used by any person unless it is supervised by an appropriate member of Coton Green staff. The School will NOT be liable for damages caused as a result of unauthorised use."

On a personal note it is good to be back at Coton Green full time now that my support for another Tamworth school has come to an end. It has been a mutually beneficial experience but I am happy to be back 'Home'. Here's to a fantastic 2017-18!

All future newsletters will be emailed or available electronically from our website: www.cotongreenprimary.com

Please ensure that we have an up to date email address or if you would prefer a paper copy please notify our office staff.

Mr R Osborne



W/c MONDAY 11th September

SWIMMING – Y4

Please do not forget your swimming kit!

Upcoming Dates

Friday 22nd September
Head Teachers Assembly

Monday 25th September
Y6 Outdoor Education Visit

Copy of information sent to parents

As you may have seen, we have been lucky enough to have some fantastic new outdoor equipment on Yard 1.

A big thank you from all the children to the PTFA who have part funded this.

A full risk assessment has been completed by a Health and Safety officer from Staffordshire County Council. The children have all now been given a health and safety talk about how the equipment is to be used and so started to play on the ship yesterday.

As advised by the Health and Safety officer, the Pirate Ship and any equipment within this area must not be used by any person unless it is supervised by an appropriate member of Coton Green staff as the school is not liable for damages caused as a result of unauthorised use of the area and its equipment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

E. Pursehouse
Deputy Head Teacher

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

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| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | | Library EYFS/Y1/Y2 3.30 – 4.00 pm |
| Friday | | Aston Villa Football (Year group to be confirmed) |



Music Education at Our School

Coton Green School has received the 'Excellence in Music Provision' - Silver Award - from Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Music Education Hub.

We are very proud of the music teaching and learning that takes place in our school and the standard of attainment our pupils achieve in this subject.

The quality of our music curriculum has been recognised by the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Music Education Hub which has awarded the school an Excellence in Music Provision Award - Silver for 2017 / 18.

This recognises the commitment of our school to providing good quality music education to all pupils, through whole class music lessons, group and individual instrumental tuition, and ensembles and choirs, as well as a range of opportunities to take part in musical performances within and beyond the school.

We are delighted with this achievement as it shows how much we value music as part of the curriculum within our school and how we work hard to develop the skills of our pupils in this subject.

Mrs Hall
Music Coordinator

Coton Green Kids' Zone

Monday to Friday

8.00 am – 8.45 am and 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

If you wish to arrange a long term booking in advance, please call in to the school office

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| ❖ | 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 to the school office the week before.

Payment via ParentPay please.

Booking forms are available from either the school office or Play Leader

ParentPay - our new online payment service

ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7 –
- the technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- your children won't have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email.

What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school. You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school. Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay...



You will already have received your account activation username and password in the letter we gave you to get started with ParentPay. Please contact the school office if you need a replacement letter.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to: [ParentPay](https://www.parentpay.com/)

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School Dinners

A reminder that all children who have moved into Year 3 will now need to pay for their school dinners which are priced at £2.25

Lunch Reminder

Please complete your menu choice for the week on a Monday morning.

Thank you



| Week Commencing | | 11 th September 2017 | | Week 1 | |
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| Child's Name: | | | Class: | | |
| <i>Monday</i> | Traditional Pasta Beef Bolognese With Sweetcorn and Broccoli | (v) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Baked Wedges, Sweetcorn and Broccoli | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Ham Sandwich Picnic Box | Cheese and Tomato Sandwich Picnic Box |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce With Wholegrain Rice, Baton Carrots and Garden Peas | (v) Macaroni Cheese With Baton Carrots and Garden Peas. | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Tuna Mayo with Cucumber Sandwich Picnic Box | Egg Mayo Sandwich Picnic Box |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | Local Turkey With Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Cauliflower and Green Beans | (v) Quorn Roast With Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Cauliflower and Green Beans. | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Chicken Mayo Wrap Picnic Box | Cheese and Mayo Wrap Picnic Box |
| <i>Thursday</i> | Cottage Pie With Sweetcorn and Spring Cabbage | (v) Vegetarian Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce With Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn and Spring Cabbage | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Ham Sandwich Picnic Box | Egg Mayo Sandwich Picnic Box |
| <i>Friday</i> | Golden Fish Fillet Fingers With Chips, Baked Beans Garden Peas and Baton Carrots | (v) Baked Beans and Cheese Bubble and Squeak With Chips, Baked Beans, Garden peas and Baton Carrots | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Tuna Mayo with Cucumber Sandwich Picnic Box | Cheese and Mayo Wrap Picnic Box |
| Subject to availability | | | | | |