



# Weekly Newsletter



## 1st April 2021

Dear parents / carers,

It has been so pleasing these last few weeks to have all our children back in school and having another enforced closure early this term has not been how we would have liked 2021 to have started.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all the staff that have worked so hard throughout this term despite the challenges a further lockdown brought us. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team who constantly put others before themselves.

The support of our wider Learning Family has also been a great strength for the school and together we have overcome the many challenges that we have faced, and ensured a successful re-opening for all pupils.

Our staff have recently carried out a series of assessments with our children and we have been very pleased to see clear impact of our remote learning and recovery curriculum from the autumn term - our reading results across school are particularly pleasing! We are also working to schedule parents consultation during the summer term and will give you more details after the Easter break. However, our most important message to the children and parents is that they are not 'behind' or in need of 'catch-up' as any loss of learning is no fault of the children. It is our job to support and ensure they are taught 'what they need most' so that they are 'ready to progress' for the long term.

However, these assessments are not about individual grades but about informing our teaching into next term and beyond, ensuring we know exactly which areas to focus on in each class of children and our teachers are already working on adapting and prioritising the curriculum to meet these needs.

We are pleased that we have been able to add to our workforce Mrs Cropper – an experienced early reading teacher and Miss Bugosova as a learning mentor to aid our recovery efforts and have been working across school already giving extra-tuition, support and guidance to our pupils, and will continue to do so throughout next term.

At this stage of a return to normal in wider society, we still have to work to government restrictions that make school very different. The specific school guidance may well change over the course of the coming months and we will work with ATLP central and operations teams on any changes to risk assessments and procedures and will communicate these with you as these occur. For now, though we ask you to keep to our current arrangements especially around school arrivals and departures, which have worked well to minimise contacts on school grounds and in the immediate vicinity of school. A reminder of these times are included in this newsletter.

We have sadly had reports of trespassers on school site with some minor damage to school property. The trespassers are believed to be local teenagers and I would encourage parents and carers to talk to older siblings around the dangers of trespassing, especially with our current building works. We would also appeal that if this trespass were to be witnessed, please notify the police and inform school.

Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace have also requested that school staff to be available until **6<sup>th</sup> April 2021** in case of positive cases in a setting. Please follow national guidance first and contact NHS Test and Trace If you are advised to inform school of a confirmed positive case please use this email: [covid19@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk)

All that remains is to wish all in our Learning Family Happy Easter, hope that we get to meet and spend more time with loved ones again and get recharged for what undoubtedly will be a busy and hopefully more settled term!

Kind regards,

Mr Osborne

**School closes today for Easter**

**School will re-open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
(at your child's allotted time)**

**Music**

**All music lessons will start w/b Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Swimming Y3/4**

Swimming starts Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs Smith's Class  
Mrs Holbrook's Class

**Join us in the Big Pedal this year, Scoot or bike to school (walking counts too!)**



**Reminder for Parents**

**Face Masks**

Could we remind parents to wear a face mask when entering school premises to collect your children.  
Thank you for your co-operation.

**Dogs on School Premises**

It is school policy that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time. This includes leaving dogs unattended at school entrances and carrying dogs into school.

The safety of all in our learning family is our number one priority.  
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## **Forest School – Y1/2**

Please see your child's sessions for the new 'Forest School':

### **Mr Birch's Class**

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

### **Miss Dowsett's Class**

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

### **Miss Wesley's Class**

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

### **PE Arrangements**

This will be the same as timetabled in September.

PE will take place on these days:

Tuesday: Year 3 & 4

Wednesday: Year 5 & 6

Thursday: Year 1 & 2

Friday: EYFS

## **Coton Green Primary School Terms Dates 2021**

**Term ends:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Holiday:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2021**

**Term starts:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Inset day:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**May Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Inset day:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July (children are not in school) school focus

**Inset day:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**Term ends:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Holiday:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

## Staggered pick up and drop off at school

Start and finish times:

Group	Surname (child)	Approx. ch in group	Start time	Collection time	Minimum teaching time
Group a	Surname A-H	105	8:40	3:00	5 hours 20 minutes
Group b	Surname I(i)-P	105	8:50	3:10	5 hours 20 minutes
Group c	Surname Q-Z	100	9:00	3:20	5 hours 20 minutes

**\*Pupils brought to school by childminders or larger family groups are considered Group C children.**

BUBBLES	EXIT & ENTRY POINT
Year 5 and 6	KS2 DOOR (Yard 3)
Year 3 and 4	Class doors (Yard 2) Mrs Holbrook's (Nurture Room)
Year 1 and 2	Mrs Wesley's Class – Yard 1 Mr Birch Class – Yard 1 fence* Miss Dowsett's Class – Main office entrance
EYFS	Miss Coton's class – soft play entrance Miss Evan's Playground door.

\*Mr Birch's class – children must be dropped at the fenced entrance. Parents should not attempt to walk to Mr Birch's door as the pathway is not wide enough for adequate social distancing. Staff will be on hand to meet children at the fence entrance.



## Aston Villa Foundation

### Easter 2021 Soccer School

 **Date: Week 1 (Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> April)**

 **Location:** Aston (King Edwards School)  
Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)  
Harborne (Lordswood Girls Academy)  
Tamworth (Tamworth Enterprise College)

 **Cost: £55**

 **Age: 5 – 12 years old**

 **Times: 09:30 – 3:30pm**

 **Equipment: Packed lunch, football boots, drinks bottle**

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 **Date: Week 2 (Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> April)**

 **Location:** Aston (Villa Park)  
Halesowen (Halesowen College)  
Burrwood (Highfields Primary School)

 **Cost: £70**

### How can I book?

Book a place at [avfc.co.uk/foundation/football-in-the-community/holiday-soccer-schools/](http://avfc.co.uk/foundation/football-in-the-community/holiday-soccer-schools/) Or call 0333 323 1874



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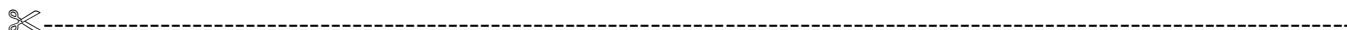
**ASTON VILLA**  
FOUNDATION

**\*\*\* Please remember school meals for KS2 now cost £2.35 per day \*\*\***

**Please order your preferred meal choices using the menu below or collect one from your child's class.**

Can we ask parents in KS2 to please ensure that their children only order meals that they will be eating, as any meals ordered and not taken will still be charged by the kitchen.

Thank you for your co-operation



Name		Class			Week 2
<i>Monday</i>	<b>Hot Option</b> Quorn Sausage (v) With Mash & Gravy	<b>Hot Option</b> Sausage & Mash With Gravy	<b>Hot Option</b> Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	<b>Cold Option</b> Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Tuesday</i>	Hot Chicken Sandwich With Potato wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Wednesday</i>	Roast Turkey With Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Quorn Roast (v) With Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Thursday</i>	Lasagne With Garlic & Herb Wedge	Chilli Macaroni (v)	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Friday</i>	Southern Fried Chicken Tasters and Chips	Soft Veggie Chilli Taco and Chips (v)	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
Subject to availability					