

Weekly Newsletter

16th September 2019

Headteacher's Award

Friday 13th September 2019

DB Birch Skye H	CW Maple Jack G	AH/SR Hazel Lily W
EP Rowan Oscar J	LSM Hawthorn Niyah W	SH Beech Noah R
LST Holly Niamh K	JT ASH Jayden W	RN Sycamore Sienna B

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		Library – 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm
Friday		Library Y3/4 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER

Monday 16th

Swimming Y4
Y6 Outdoor Education Week

Friday 27th

Pm Healthy Lunch Box Parent Workshop

OCTOBER

Wednesday 9th

9.10 am Y4 Inspire Multiplication Workshop

Thursday 10th

Y5/6 Assembly for Parents

Wednesday 16th

9.10 am Y3 Inspire Reading Workshop

Monday 21st

Y5/6 Visit
Parent Consultation Appointments – Letter to follow

Thursday 24th

School Closes for pupils for ½ term

Friday 25th

Staff INSET Day

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th

Swimming Y4

6th November

Book Fayre Week – Please see individual letter for class day and time

Car Parking

We have had some complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate car parking. We politely ask that when you drop your child off in the mornings and collect at the end of the day that you do not obstruct drive ways or footpaths.

Thank you



Music Tuition



We currently have some limited places for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who would like to try out small group lessons learning the clarinet, flute, cello or the violin. Lessons are taught weekly during school time by skilled teachers who visit our school. There is a small cost which is heavily subsidised by school. If your child is interested and would like to try out a few lessons, please let Mrs Hall or the school office know as soon as possible.

Fortnite and Minecraft

I have received some reports from parents of problems being created by children playing online games at home. Please find below parent guidance for the popular games of Minecraft and Fortnite that give practical advice for parents.

Fortnite - Battle Royale: is a free to play action of the game Fortnite. The game has 100 players dropped onto an island from a 'Battle Bus', where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player or on the island wins the game. Players have a few hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'The Storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.

Microtransactions: The game has been successful in that it not only has free to play but also has a lot of microtransactions. These are items, skins, and other things that can be bought with real money. Some of these items are cosmetic, but some are functional, such as skins that give you extra health or other bonuses.

Hacker Attacks: There are a lot of hackers in the game. Hackers can exploit bugs in the game to get items, weapons, or other things that they shouldn't have. This can be frustrating for other players.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED: There is no way to verify a player's age in the game. This means that anyone can create an account and play the game, even if they are a child.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE: In squad mode, you can talk to other players in your squad. This can be helpful for coordinating, but it can also be dangerous if you talk to strangers.

AGE RESTRICTIONS: The game is rated for ages 12 and over. This is because of the violence and some of the language used in the game.

'FREE' TO PLAY: The game is free to play, but it has many microtransactions. Some of these are optional, but some are necessary to play the game.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS: Parents should restrict payment methods for their child's account. This can be done by using parental controls or by restricting the account to a specific payment method.

USE A STRONG PASSWORD: Parents should ensure that their child has a strong password for their account. This can be done by using a password manager or by creating a strong password.

Top Tips for Parents:

- LIMIT GAME TIME:** Parents should limit their child's game time. This can be done by using parental controls or by setting a timer.
- LOOK OUT FOR FBURCK SCAMS:** Parents should be aware of Facebook scams. These are often used to trick people into giving away their information.
- SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT:** Parents should show their child how to report inappropriate behavior in the game.
- MONITOR YOUTUBE TUTORIALS:** Parents should monitor their child's YouTube activity. This can be done by using parental controls or by checking their child's watch history.
- PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM TALKING TO STRANGERS:** Parents should prevent their child from talking to strangers in the game. This can be done by using parental controls or by disabling chat.

Minecraft is played by millions of children around the world, who can use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks in a digital, pixelated landscape. It is chosen as a healthy game, where players have the freedom to build their own creations with 'blocks' they collect and also have the opportunity to explore other people's creations with their characters. Players can choose from thousands of different servers to join, which are created by other players, making every experience of Minecraft unique.

Minecraft has approximately 74m users each month.

What parents need to know about MINECRAFT

GROOMING: The majority of users who play Minecraft are children, making it an appealing game for parents. However, it has been reported that some users have used words in Minecraft to lure young people into a conversation to ask for explicit photos. There have even been rare cases in which children have been persuaded to meet these people in real life.

COMMUNICATING WITH STRANGERS: There are thousands of servers to choose from in Minecraft which are a single world or place created by the public, allowing users to play the game online or via a local area network with others. As two servers are the same and each server has its own individual place, which are controlled by the creator. This means that some servers will allow communication with strangers.

AGE RESTRICTION & FANTASY VIOLENCE: According to the ESRB 'Entertainment Software Rating Board', Minecraft is suitable for users aged 10+. Due to its Fantasy Violence, the ESRB states that the rating has been given as 'children can engage in violent acts such as lighting animals on fire and harming animals with weapons. Mild explosions are occasionally featured as players use dynamite to fend off creatures and mine the environment.'

CHILDREN MAY BECOME ADDICTED: As with other games, Minecraft is a game where players can keep returning, with constant challenges and personal goals to achieve. Children may find it difficult to know when to stop playing, becoming absorbed in the game and losing track of time.

Viruses & Malware: There are several websites that offer downloadable mods which modify gameplay in a number of different ways. Most of these mods will be safe to use, but as they have been created by the public, they will often contain viruses that can infect your child's device and potentially try and find personal information from you or your child.

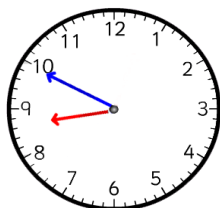
Top Tips for Parents:

- DISABLE OR MODERATE CHAT:** To avoid potentially inappropriate comments in the chat, you can follow these steps to turn live chat off. Select 'Options 2', toggle the Chat button to 'Hidden or Commands Only'. Bear in mind that the chat feature is also where your child can enter comments during the game, so this may limit their game play.
- SCAN 'MODS' FOR MALWARE:** Minecraft's mod's add content to games to give more options to interact and change the way the game looks and feels. But while mods can bring fun for a child, it's important to consider that downloading and installing mods could potentially infect their device with a virus or malware. In 2017, security company Symantec said that between 600,000 and 2.5 million Minecraft players had installed dodgy apps, which hijacked players' devices and tried them to power an advertising botnet, install a malware scanner on every device that their child plays Minecraft on, and make sure it's up-to-date.
- SET TIME LIMITS:** With 'Gaming Disorder' becoming an official health condition, it's important to set a maximum time limit when playing Minecraft. Parents can use parental controls on devices to limit the time a child is playing games. It's worth having a conversation with your child to understand what 'mod' they are playing on the game. This may help you decide on how much time your child has to spend playing on it. For example, a mini game will have an end, but this will depend on how long the game mod has made the game last. In 'survival' mode, the game has no end as there is no goal to be achieved other than the child's own, so they have to resist something.
- PLAY IN 'CREATIVE' OR 'PEACEFUL' MODE:** Adding your child to only enter servers with people they know and trust to protect them from engaging in conversation with strangers. Your child can also create their own mod, play on a server and share this with their friends to join in which is safer and more controlled than joining a stranger's server.
- CHOOSE SERVERS CAREFULLY:** Adding your child to only enter servers with people they know and trust to protect them from engaging in conversation with strangers. Your child can also create their own mod, play on a server and share this with their friends to join in which is safer and more controlled than joining a stranger's server.

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 (*please pay via ParentPay*).

NOTICE FOR PARENTS / CARERS



School is open to pupils from 8.50am for early work.

We cannot be held responsible for children being left unsupervised on the playground before this time.

Pupils are expected to be in class by 8.50am so they can start their learning briskly. Register is taken at 9.00am prompt.



w/c Monday 16th September

Swimming Year 4

Please do not forget your swimming kit!

REMINDER

It is school policy that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time.

This includes leaving dogs unattended at school entrances.

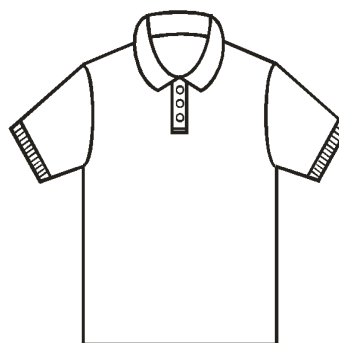
The safety of all in our learning family is our number one priority.
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

School uniform for sale

Good quality used uniform.
Come along and have a look.

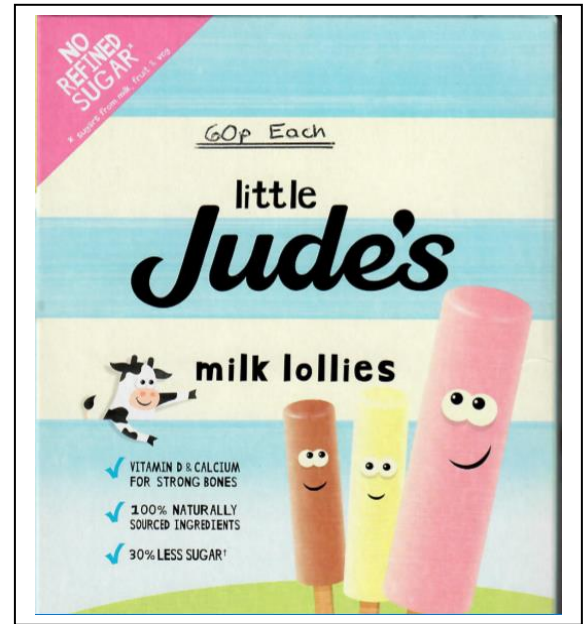
Price List

Sweat Shirts	£2.00
Polo Shirts	£1.00
Cardigans	£2.00
Dresses	£2.00
Trousers	£1.00



Morning Break Sales

Toast	30p	Veggie Stick	30p
Cheese on Toast	60p	Jam on Toast	35p
Tea Cake	35p	Half Bagel (toasted)	30p
Half Cheese Bagel	45p	Oatcake with Cheese	60p
Fruit Pot/Veggie Pot	35p	Crumpet	35p
Veggie Sticks	35p	Scotch Pancakes	35p
Small Water	30p	Fresh Milk	25p
Flavoured Milk	60p	Orange Shot 85ml	40p
Orange & Apple Juice	35p	Hot Chocolate	50p



We're collecting
Team GB stickers with
Aldi's Kit for Schools.

Help us collect 300 stickers to complete
our poster and we'll receive an exclusive
sports kit plus a chance to win

£20,000!

Find out more and get stuck in at
getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools

T&Cs apply.



Coton Green Primary School – School Terms and Holiday Dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Inset Day 1: Monday 2 September **(Staff Only)**

Inset Day 2: Tuesday 3 September **(Staff Only)**

Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September

Inset Day 3: Friday 25th October **(Staff Only)**

Holiday: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Term ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2020

Inset Day 4: Monday 6 January **(Staff Only)**

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Half term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Term ends: Friday 3 April

Holiday: Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 20 April

May Day: Friday 8th May

Half term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

Inset Day 5: Monday 20th July **(Staff Only)**

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July - Monday 31 August

Staff Total: 195 days Pupil Total: (pupils are required to attend for 190 days)

(Monday 2nd September 2019 is already fixed as an Inset day and the other four days are to be identified by schools. Coton Green Primary have worked with other schools to try to align our Inset days where possible)

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

- ❖ 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 do avoid disappointment.

Payment via ParentPay please.

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

Lunch Reminder

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

Thank you



Week Commencing Monday 16th September 2019			Week 2	
Child's Name:			Class:	
<i>Monday</i>	Vegetable Supreme Pizza With Pasta Salad Served with Sweetcorn & Peas Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) BBQ Quorn Burger With Pasta Salad Served with Sweetcorn & Peas Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Tuesday</i>	Pork Sausages with Creamed Potato, Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) Vegetarian Sausages with Creamed Potato Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Wednesday</i>	Roast Chicken With Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cabbage and Carrots Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) Cauliflower & Creamed Corn Bake With Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cabbage and Carrots Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Thursday</i>	Pasta Bolognese Served with Broccoli & Sweetcorn Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(v) Mild Chickpea Curry With Wolegrain Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
<i>Friday</i>	Golden Cod Fish Fillet Fingers Served with Chips Peas, Carrots & Baked Beans Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	(V) Baked Bean & Cheese Wrap Served with Chips Peas, Carrots & Baked Beans Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Choice of Assorted Sandwiches
Subject to availability				