

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 11

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Welcome to our weekly newsletter, here we will keep you up to date with important information and upcoming events. Please also keep an eye on your year group newsletters and our school website: <https://www.cotefordjunior.org.uk/>

Merit Book:

The following children are in the merit book this week:

3EB: Harley for following the 3Rs

3TH: Skye-Rose for being kind

4LF: Dhrish for amazing effort

4IW: Dunya for 100% effort

5DJ: All 5DJ for amazing effort all week

5EP: All 5EP amazing behavior on the trip

5RC: Franklin for amazing Geography homework

6KB: Amiin for representing the 3Rs

6SP: Evie for always participating in lessons

6UQ: Melissa for creativity and enthusiasm

Miss Skinner: Aryana for adapting to change

Mrs. Eckley: Ruqia, Maddison, & Alisa for great work in drama club

Miss Martin: Rahima for bravery & determination

A huge well done to them!



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	94.2%
Whole school	94%

Road Safety Week:

It's Road Safety Week nationally and one of the topics highlights the importance of seatbelts and car seats. For this reason, we are providing you with some useful information that we would encourage you to read.

Did you know that children must use the correct car seat until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first?

If your child measures under the height of 135cm and is still under 12 years old, your child by law **MUST** be sitting in the correct car seat. To check that your child is properly restrained or if they are not currently sitting in a car seat, we urge you to go to the following website where you can find all the information you need to know.

[Choosing & Using | Child Car Seats](#)

Penalties

If you do not obey the law you will:

- be liable to prosecution if any child under 14 is in your car and not wearing a correct child restraint or seatbelt. If over 14, they will be liable themselves.
- be served a monetary fixed penalty of up to £500 or possibly penalty points if a child is found to be unrestrained.
- have your compensation restricted. Any money awarded after an accident may be reduced if anyone in the car was not properly restrained.

Despite the above penalties, the most important thing is your child's safety and, being unrestrained in a moving vehicle in the event of a collision could have much worse consequences.

We hope you have found this information useful and have taken into consideration the dangers of your child not being properly restrained.



Local Activity News:

Manor Farm House in Ruislip will be Hosting Father Christmas

On 23 November, Manor Farm House in Ruislip will be hosting Father Christmas and his Elves for a Christmas Grotto experience with crafts and storytelling.

Book via this link: [Christmas at Manor Farm - Discover Hillingdon](#)

£12.50 per child - includes entry and a special gift. Two adults go free per booking!

- Meet Father Christmas
- Enjoy festive storytelling
- Create your own Christmas crafts
- Receive a special gift from Santa!
- Warm up with seasonal refreshments served throughout the day

Mandir Trip

Year 5 had the most magical day at Neasden Mandir this week. As part of our Hinduism topic, the children stepped inside the beautiful temple and were amazed by the carvings, colours, and peaceful atmosphere. Everywhere they looked there was something new to wonder at, and they loved learning how worship and tradition are celebrated in such a special place. It was a trip full of awe, curiosity, and excitement — one they will all remember for a long time!

Anti-Racism and Drama Club

Mrs Eckley was delighted with the progress Drama Club has made in exploring the theme of anti-racism. Maddison, Ruqia and Alisa spoke passionately about pioneers who have challenged the world, including Dr Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. Inspired by their learning, the girls shared their own poems entitled "I Have a Dream", echoing Dr King's famous words. Mrs Eckley was incredibly proud of their thoughtful reflections and powerful voices, showing that children can inspire change and help make the world a fairer place. Drama Club are working on a piece called 'I Am The One You Bullied at At School' and will be performing in assembly next week.

Christmas is Coming!

The whole school is busy preparing for our special Christmas service at St Lawrence's Church in December. The sound of carols is filling the halls as everyone joins together in song, creating a joyful atmosphere. Our Year 5 and Year 6 choir are also rehearsing with great excitement, ready to perform at the Christmas Fair at St Lawrence's on Saturday 6th December. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of music, community, and festive spirit! Please do pop along if you can.

Match Report:

On Wednesday, the school team played a cup game against Breakspear. This game resulted in a 2-1 loss. In regards to the result, we did not come away with the result that we were after, but in terms of the ingredients which create a foundation for great characters; resilience, teamwork, hard work and respect for another and your opponent - all of these qualities were on display from the moment the first whistle blew, till the last whistle. The first half ended 1 -1, with Breakspear getting the first goal, We battled back to bring the score to the 1-1 - this came from a long pass from Logan and a tap in by Ethan. The second half was an evenly contested half, with momentum shifting back and forth. Our opportunities came, but we couldn't quite covert them into goals - Our clearest opportunity landing to Arthur, who done really well to chase the ball down and was one v one with the keeper from a difficult angle - his shot was narrowly wide. Breakspear did manage to take the lead after a superb strike from just inside the box.

I'm extremely proud of the team, this was arguably their most accomplished performance of the season against a tough opponent, there was not a moment where the team was willing concede their will to win. They battled for every ball and chased down every ball; even if they were lost causes.

I have chosen Elliott as our player of the game; He showed extreme composure with his control, his tackling and passing was accompanied with great measure.

A big well done to: Ali, Jash, Samuel, Elliott, Ethan, Edward, Logan, Arthur and Franklin

Mr Belinga

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Information:
14/10/25-17/10/25	Book Fair
24/10/25	Inset Day (school closed to children)
27/10/25-31/10/25	Half Term
04/11/25	Parents Evening
06/11/25	Parents Evening
20/11/25	Y5 Mandir trip
26/11/25	Catch up flu clinic
10/12/25	Open evening for families to look around classes Children may wear non-uniform in exchange for a cake donation. Please label any gluten-free items and remember—no nuts, thank you!
11/12/25	Whole school Christmas service at St Lawrence's Church
12/12/25	Christmas Panto & Christmas Jumper Day
19/12/25	Term ends 12 noon
05/01/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
06/01/26	Children return
16/02/26-20/02/26	Half Term
27/03/26	Term ends 12 noon
13/04/26	Children return
22/05/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
25/05/26-29/05/26	Half-term
21/07/26	Term ends 12 noon