

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 21

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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: Poppy – good luck

3TH: David - for incredible resilience this week

4LF: Neve - for fabulous English

4IW: Parker - for science knowledge

5DJ: All of 5DJ - for a fantastic cafe

5EP: Yousef A - for always doing his best

5RC: Yousuf R - Good luck

6KB: Leia - for working hard

6SP: Reggie - for improving in Maths

6UQ: Hafsa - for her assessment results

Mrs. Eckley: Marcus for great reading progress

Miss Martin: Hugo, Harley, Priscilla, Joseph G, Ciara for great improvement in attendance

A huge well done to them!



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	%
Whole school	94.4%

Reminder: please check parentmail for any outstanding payments.

Thank You for Supporting Our Book Fair

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers who supported the recent book fair. Your purchases have helped us earn lots of lovely new books for our school library, which our pupils are already enjoying. We really appreciate your support in helping to foster a love of reading across our school.



Online Safety

It was a pleasure to welcome you to school on Wednesday and join our AI lesson. Thank you for making the time to come in.

Please find attached a really helpful **Online Safety Presentation** for you to read. It's for families from Y3 to Y6. Not all parts will apply to you but it will signpost you to helpful links. There is a wealth of material available to support families. It's a tricky world to navigate but hopefully this will be supportive to you. If you need any help, please contact:

Mrs Eckley - PSHE Lead

Miss Coburn - Computing Lead

RSE Consultation Meeting

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent RSE Consultation Meeting. We hope you found the session helpful in understanding how we teach Relationships and Sex Education at Coteford, and we truly welcome your thoughts as we continue to refine our approach.

After half-term, we will be sending out a set of documents for you to review and comment on. You are also very welcome to come into school to look through our schemes of work and the resources we use with pupils.

We will share the specific dates for when each year group will be taught the Growing and changing units, which will take place during the summer term.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership.

SCARF Assembly – What It Means and Why We Celebrate It

This week in assembly we explored SCARF, the values that sit at the heart of our PSHE curriculum. SCARF stands for:

- Safety
- Caring
- Achievement
- Resilience
- Friendship

These five values help guide the way we learn, play, and look after one another at Coteford. They give pupils a shared language for making positive choices, building healthy relationships, and feeling confident in themselves. We wore our scarves yesterday to represent these values!

We also talked about how SCARF links to our whole-school focus on belonging. When children feel safe, cared for, supported to achieve, encouraged to keep going, and surrounded by friendship, they feel that powerful sense of being part of something bigger. SCARF helps us create a school where every child knows they matter and every child feels they belong.

It was a joyful assembly, and the children spoke brilliantly about how they show SCARF values every day!

Children's Mental Health Week – Celebrating Belonging

We've had a wonderful week celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme of belonging has been explored in every class, and it has been lovely to see pupils reflecting on what helps them feel connected, valued, and part of our Coteford community.

Each child has created a leaf for our whole-school Belonging Tree, now proudly displayed in the hall. Some pupils chose to write their names in their home language, which has added a beautiful, personal touch and really highlights the diversity we are so proud of.

We have also launched our Community Appreciation Board, where pupils have been nominating a member of staff or a friend they really appreciate. Families are warmly invited to add to the board too—simply pop a message on a post-it and place it alongside the children's contributions. Everyone loves to feel appreciated, and the board is already bringing lots of smiles.

Thank you for helping us make this week so meaningful and uplifting for us!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Information:
19/01/26	Y6 Planetarium
22/01/26	Y6 Junior Citizens event
30/01/26	Neon Disco
06/02/26	Y5 Incident at station Road
09/02/26	Children's Mental Health week
10/02/26	PSHE / RSE / Sex Education Consultation for Families at 6pm with Mrs Eckley.
11/02/26	Wear your SCARF Day
16/02/26-20/02/26	Half Term
23/02/26	Woodland workshop
26/02/26	RNLI Assembly
19/03/26	World book day – treasure Island
27/03/26	Term ends 12 noon
13/04/26	Children return
23/04/26	Y4 Hampton Court Palace
22/05/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
25/05/26-29/05/26	Half-term
21/07/26	Term ends 12 noon