



# COTON NEWS



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## Message from Mrs McIntosh

It's incredible to think a fortnight has passed since I wrote my first newsletter to you, and a week since the announcement of the death of the Queen. Such a wonderful reminder of why we should be proud of this country.

The children have settled in extremely well and I am full of pride to be leading this delightful school. Thank you for all your 'hellos' and welcoming smiles on the gate. Meeting some of you today has been helpful and enjoyable. I shared my vision for the school, which I think can be summed up superbly in the words I heard from Bishop Libby yesterday: *Our children are the joy of the present and the hope for the future.* During my time with representatives from Derby Diocese, I had the opportunity to reflect on the parable of The Mustard Seed (Mark 4: 30–32) and how this resembles how we should remember that the small things are used by God for big purposes. Our small children will go to provide hope and salvation for others.

I hope you have had chance to look at the updates on the website, including further curriculum information and also the curriculum letters you received last week. We look forward to welcoming you to the workshops next week. We have a school Book of Commemoration, in remembrance of the Queen that you are invited to contribute to. This will be available during the welcome meetings in school next week and then in the school office.



Hot  
Chocolate  
Reward was  
enjoyed by:

Theo, Olly,  
Saffie, Hugo,  
Austin, Lily,  
Scarlett,  
Dorothy,  
Meadow  
and Scarlett.



Special  
Mentions went  
to:

YR: Raya  
Y1: Freddie E  
Y2: Finley  
Y3: Xander  
Y4: George  
Y5: Zach  
Amber  
Y6: Olivia



## Eco-Council

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home. This week we have elected members to join the school Eco-Council. We have spent our first meeting looking through an audit, to decide what our priorities should be and to create an action plan. Take a look at the school website over the coming weeks for more information about what we are doing to help to make a difference.



## School Parliament

This is a crucial aspect of our school. Through regular meetings, pupils are able to provide the important pupil voice for us to listen to. Parliament will be led by Mr. Melville and the children elected will meet with Mr. Melville regularly to share their ideas. We are looking forward to hearing the manifestos next week from those in Year 6 who wish to be elected in the role of Prime Minister.



## Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. This means it's your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly. You should plan your holidays within school holidays as usual. There have been a number of requests for leave from school. Please be aware that any requests for leave for holiday cannot be authorised. This is statutory guidance set by the DfE. Unauthorised absence from school can trigger a penalty fine from the Local Authority. Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning.

This week's attendance is:  
**94.35%**

The classes with the best  
attendance are:  
**Year 1 and Year 5 (100%)**





### **e-safety**

The Ofcom report gives a detailed insight into the media use and attitudes of children aged 3-17. The research headlines from the report include:

- Using video-sharing platforms (VSPs) such as YouTube or TikTok was the most popular online activity among children aged 3-17 (95%).
  - Among all types of online platforms, YouTube was the most widely used by children; 89% used it, compared to half using TikTok. But TikTok was more popular for posting content.
  - A majority of children under 13 had their own profile on at least one social media app or site.
  - More than a third (36%) of children aged 8-17 said they had seen something 'worrying or nasty' online in the past 12 months.
  - Children were more likely to experience being bullied via technology than face-to-face.
  - Only a third of children knew how to use online reporting or flagging functions (32%); and just 14% had ever used them.
- Please check in with your child and review their online activity. Be vigilant in keeping children safe online.

**Key dates: Please see our school website for these**

[School term dates 2022 to 2023 \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

We are holding 'Welcome to...' meetings next week at 2.30pm each afternoon for years 1 – 6. We do hope you can join us. Please check the Key Dates on the school website for details of when your child's class has their meeting. These meetings will share key information about what your child will be learning in school and how you can help your child at home. We will send home copies of handouts shared to any parents who are unable to attend. *The School Open Day for prospective parents is at 9.30am and 2pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October*

### **European Day of Languages**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September we are celebrating International Languages Day. Each class will be spending some time learning about a language and their country. They will learn hello and goodbye and will play some games to find out about their country. We hope they will enjoy this and that it will show them how learning a language can help them communicate with people around the world.



### **Recipe of the month**

Enjoying a home cooked meal with friends and family brings joy and an opportunity to spend valuable family time together. The school newsletter will include easy and affordable recipes for you to try and enjoy at home. This month's suggested recipe is [One-pan mushroom and leek orzo recipe - BBC Food](#)

### **National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA):**



Coton-in-the-Elms C of E Primary School has recently renewed membership to the NSEA. The "NSEA: promoting and encouraging the participation in and recognition of equestrian sports within schools in Great Britain". Their competitions start from Grass Roots level which are warm and welcoming and start from lead rein upwards. Events can be entered individually or as a team if numbers allow. If anyone is interested in their child joining please visit the website for further information at [www.nsea.org.uk](http://www.nsea.org.uk). Please contact the school office if you are keen to discuss membership for child to join in with activities.

### **Recommended read**

Brothers Damian and Anthony didn't mean to get caught up in a botched train robbery. But what would you do if a massive bag of cash dropped from the sky and you had only a few days to spend it before it became worthless? Buy a million pizzas? End world poverty? Not such an easy decision, is it? The boys soon find out that being rich is a mug's game. Not only is the clock ticking, the bank robbers want their money back . . .



### **This week's quiz question:**

#### ***Where in the world?***

A capital city in Europe.  
This is where the next Olympic Games in 2024 will be held.  
The River Sienne runs through it.  
It is famous for a tower built by Gustave Eiffel in 1889



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.  
Mrs. McIntosh