



Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your understanding on Tuesday when we had to make changes to access arrangements due the snow. I think it took us all by surprise and I certainly can't remember having snow this early. It was lovely to see the children enjoying it and being so excited!

Last week we celebrated Inter-Faith Week in school and thank you to Mrs Collier-Bett who organised a number of activities to enhance and develop the children's learning. We welcomed some speakers who spoke to the children in different assemblies. It is always lovely to welcome visitors into our school and special thanks must go to Parmjit Sandhu who spoke to the Y3/4 children about Sikhism, Attiya Bhatti who shared her knowledge of Islam with Y1/2 children and Jane Sault who spoke to Y5/6 about Humanism. The children also took part in other activities throughout the week.

It is vital that our children develop a mutual understanding, respect and understanding of diversity. Children followed our school rule of Be Respectful really well, asking thoughtful questions and listening to our guests – we were so proud of them. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore and appreciate the many religions and beliefs that make up our community and the wider world.

Also in Reception, children have been sharing artefacts or objects that reflect their own family special celebrations and festivals which has been lovely for them to enlighten others in their class as well as developing their speaking and listening skills.

This week, teaching staff took part in some training about the new RE syllabus which has now adopted a worldviews approach rather than just teaching specifics or stereotypical concepts and views about individual religions. We are starting to implement this and we will update the website later in the year with further information.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend

Sarah Sheepy

BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

School news

Remembrance

On Monday 11th November, children and staff showed their respect for Remembrance Day along with the rest of the school with a 2-minute silence. Girls and boys were invited to wear their Beaver and Brownie uniforms to school. We were very proud to see how respectful the children's behaviour was during the silence.



Inter Faith week

Last week we marked Inter Faith week. The week got off to a great start with an assembly to Year 3 by Pam Sandhu. The children learnt many facts about Sikhism and what it means to Ms Sandhu to be a Sikh. During the week, children were invited to share their religion with their classes.



Sports

Rowing and Dodgeball:

Recently, Year 5 and 6 children have participated in rowing and dodgeball competitions. The children were fantastic Coten End Ambassadors and demonstrated all of our school values, particularly determination and courage.

In the rowing event, out of 12 participants, Coten End placed 3rd - a tremendous achievement, especially given they had no prior rowing experience.

In the dodgeball event, the Year 5 team qualified for the County Finals that will take place next week! We will let you know how they get on. Well done to all involved.



Opal Update

Hopefully you have seen or heard about our fantastic new mud kitchen built by a group of very generous parent volunteers. We also had our first experience of an OPAL 'Snow Day'...just about.

We are looking for the following items to enhance 4 areas we are developing in school:

- Shovels/spades/trowels
- Buckets
- Kitchen items/utensils
- Rope
- Tarpaulin/large plastic sheets
- Milk crates or similar



Christmas activities in school



We are heading into a very busy festive period in school with many events and trips in the coming weeks.

Parents have been sent letters this week about the trips to see Christmas shows and dates have already been given for Christmas performances involving YR—4.

A comprehensive timetable of events and activities can be found on the school website at: [Christmas 2024](#)

Please take time to read this as there is a lot going on! If you have any queries please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Christmas Jumper Day—Monday 9th December

This year we are helping raise money for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 9th December. On this day children are invited to come to school in their festive tops/jumpers and parents may donate to Save the Children via their ParentPay account. The payment is already set up so please donate when you can.

To find out more about the Christmas Jumper Day, please visit:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about>



Christmas Decorations

We will be starting to put up our school Christmas decorations next week. We have four Christmas trees that are decorated in our house colours—blue, green, yellow, green—and if you would like to donate any hand made or other decorations to put on the trees they will be very gratefully accepted. Please either drop these to the school office or your child's classroom.



School Christmas Card Competition

Mr Graña will be judging the school Christmas Card competition again this year. One (or more) of the school values should be incorporated into the card design, which should be drawn/painted/signed on an A5 piece of paper.

There is more information further on in the newsletter, but please do not miss the deadline date of Monday 2nd December!

Nativity tableau

Wednesday sees the arrival of our school Christmas tree which is situated on the grass outside the school office.

We will also have our traditional nativity scene on display. A stable, along with the figures of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in a manger and some animals will be placed in front of the tree and we know that many children and adults enjoy seeing this tableau.

Please can I ask parents to closely supervise children when they are looking at the stable and to avoid touching any of the figures.

Mayor of Warwick Christmas cards

Cllr Dave Skinner, Mayor of Warwick, has chosen to support Safeline and Evelyn's Gift during his mayoral year and what better way to do this than with his Christmas cards. The artwork has been designed by one of Safeline's art therapy young clients

The cards come in packs of 5 and can be purchased for £4.99 via this link <https://www.visitwarwickshop.co.uk/>

You can also buy the cards from the Warwick Information Centre on Jury Street.



Online Safety

Please take note of a parent guide (further on in this newsletter) for a new app 'OMETV' which has gathered pace nationally but also in Warwickshire. OMETV is alleged to have replaced Omegle which was shut down as a platform in 2023 due to the level of abuse taking place on the app. This new platform operates in the same way as Omegle and pairs strangers online. Then the pairing is often implemented through its webcam. Online predators are using this platform to talk to children via the webcam and as the platform pairs the strangers it is extremely unsafe as to who the children could be talking to.

Please be vigilant and continue to monitor your child's online activity. If you would like further support, please follow this link to our website or speak to your child's class teacher.

<https://www.cotenend.warwickshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=36>

Message from Warwickshire Road Safety

Be Bright, Be Seen

Being visible to other road users is important all year round, whether walking, cycling, scooting or wheeling. However, it is especially important during the autumn and winter months when days are shorter and evenings longer.

We can improve our visibility and help drivers and other road users see us by wearing light, bright and fluorescent clothing or accessories in the day, and reflective clothing or accessories in the evening. If cycling, we must make sure our bicycles have a working white front light, and red back light. A simple message is to help us remember this is 'Be Bright Be Seen'.

Specs for Africa

The Crowne Plaza (Stratford Upon Avon) is collecting pre-loved spectacles to send to people in Africa as one of its Christmas projects. The donated glasses project will make a huge difference to people's lives, including children in Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The scheme has sent over 3,000 specs so far.

If you have an old pair of specs lying around, please drop them off at the office and Mrs Sheepy will take them to the Crowne Plaza.

To find out more about the project please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/48tyepvx>

Family Information Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at:

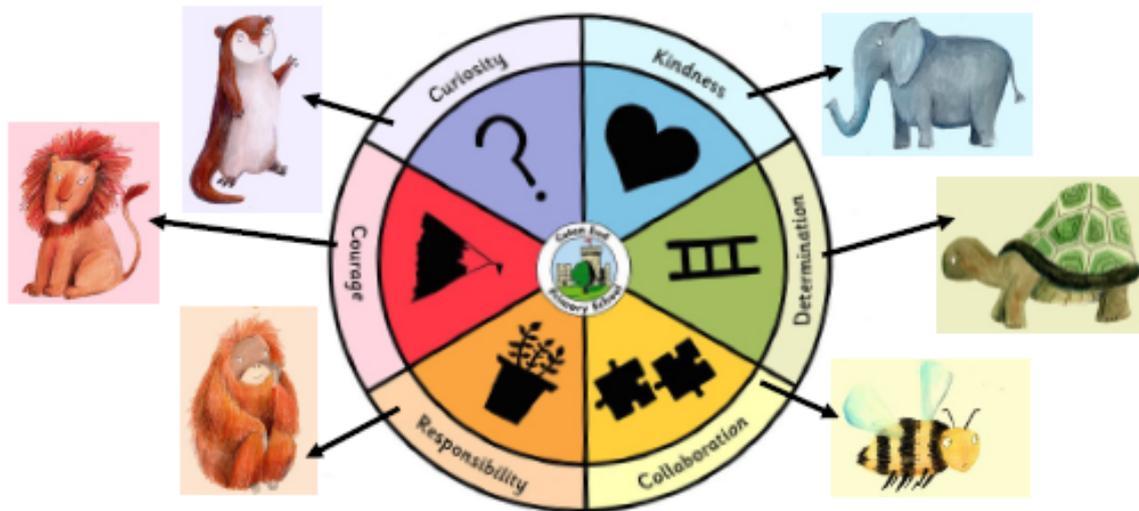
[FIS Newsletter](#)



	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 25th November				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 26th November				Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 27th November			Dodgeball County Finals	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Chess (Y3-6)
Thursday 28th November	Non-Uniform Day (donations to chocolate tombola) Y1/2 Author Visit			Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 29th November	Rec/KS1 Christmas Fair Y5 Harry Potter Theme Day			Dance (Y1—2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y2)
Monday 2nd December	KS2 Christmas Fair Fire Service visit Y1			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 3rd December	Y4 The Big Freeze Theme Day			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 4th December			4.30pm Governors Meeting	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Chess (Y3-6)
Thursday 5th December	9.30am Open Morning		2.00pm & 6.00pm Y2 Maths Calculation meeting for parents	Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 6th December				Dance (Y1—2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y2)

School Christmas Card Competition 2024

Could you design this year's official **Coten End Primary School** Christmas card?



- **One or more of the school's new values must be drawn in the picture somewhere** (e.g. **Collaboration** - children building a snowman together; **Kindness** - carol singers collecting for charity; **Determination** - trying to reach the top of the Christmas tree to put the star up, etc).
- **Your festive design could even include one of the animals related to one of the values (see above).**
- Please complete your design, in colour, **on A5 paper** (available from school if required) using crayons, coloured pencils, pastels or felt tip pens. Please do not add any glitter, sequins or anything stuck on the design.
- Please avoid excessive white background.
- Please **write your name and class in pencil on the back.**

Prizes

The overall winner will see their card professionally printed and will receive a **£10 book token**. There will also be a prize for the winner from each year group.

The closing date is Monday 2nd December.
All entries should be given to your child's class teacher.
Mr Graña will then choose the winners.

Christmas Hampers

Coten End Primary School Hamper Raffle

£1

Per Ticket

4 luxury hampers are available to win. Each one filled with festive goodies. All items have been donated by members of staff at the school.

Tickets will be available to purchase from the link below or via the QR code.

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/teachers-hamper-raffle>

Ticket sales close on the 18th December and the raffle will be drawn at 2.00pm. Prizes can be collected from the office on the 19th and 20th December.



Promoter – Friends of Coten End Primary School!
Coten End Primary School, Warwick, CV34 4NP.
Charity number 1071996

Friday 6th December

Wear something Christmassy alongside your school uniform to take part in the...



NATIONAL SANTA DASH

We are joining schools across the country to participate in the School Games 2024 Santa Dash! On **Friday 6th December** children all over the country will run their Santa Dash whilst at school.

At Coten End, children and staff will take part as a year group during the school day. We will run 2 laps of our school playground whilst dressed for Christmas. This could be a Christmas jumper, Christmas hat or even a Santa outfit!

Last year 94,011 young people took part nationally. Can Coten End help to beat that total this year?!

Are You Worried About Your Child's
Mental Health?

Emotional Wellbeing?

Anxiety? Low Mood? Self-Harm?



Come and join us for a coffee and a
chat about supporting your child's
emotional wellbeing.

on

Friday 29th November

9am - 10am

Here at Coten End Primary School





CAROLS AT WARWICK CASTLE

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT!
SING ALONG TO FESTIVE CAROLS WITH THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S,
ACCOMPANIED BY THE FANTASTIC ROYAL SPA BRASS

SAT 21.12.2024

GATES
OPEN

6.30 - 9 PM

EVENT LOCATION:

WARWICK CASTLE, WARWICK,
WARWICKSHIRE, CV34 6AH

**TICKET
PRICES**

£10
ADULT

£5
CHILD

FOR MORE EVENT INFO AND TICKETS VISIT: WWW.CAROLSWARWICK.ORG.UK

[@CAROLSWARWICKCASTLE](https://twitter.com/CAROLSWARWICKCASTLE)

24 Nov 2024, 2.30-5.30pm

CASTLE HILL
BAPTIST CHURCH, WARWICK
CASTLE HILL, CV34 4EX

Stir Up Sunday

Join us for festive fun & make a Christmas pudding!



Raising money for Street Pastors and Global Care
Ingredients & basin provided

Fun for all ages
Pudding for approx. 8
Craft activities for children

Suggested donation £8
Register by Fri 22 Nov
Don't forget large bowl & mixing spoon

For more info, time slots and registration: warwickbaptists.org.uk/stir



Something for everyone

Fri
29
November

Advent Supper

Kickstart the Advent season with a time of reflective worship, around a simple meal and communion. £5pp
Booking required (use link/QR code below). **6.30pm**



Sun
08
December

Blue Christmas

Christmas can be a difficult time for some people. Blue Christmas is a simple service of remembrance, reflection and hope (including a time to share). **4pm**



Sun
15
December

Christmas Carols

An evening celebrating the meaning of Christmas by "candlelight" — through carols, songs, drama and prayer. Stay for refreshments. All welcome. **5.30pm**



Sun
22
December

*Christingle Service**

What has an orange to do with Christmas? Why not come along to this all-age gathering as we reflect on the Christmas story in an interactive way. **10.30am**



Wed
25
December

*Christmas Day Service**

An all-age gathering taking time to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Jesus! **10.30am**



*also streamed live on Zoom

<https://warwickbaptists.org.uk/community-life/events-2>



CV34 4EX
CASTLE HILL
BAPTIST CHURCH, WARWICK
Upcoming Events



of Coten End Primary School



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 28th November

to support the Christmas Fair



NUT-FREE
donations
only please

Please bring:
CHOCOLATE &
CONFECTIONERY
donations that
kids enjoy



*Donations to be handed to
your class teacher on the
morning of the 28th November*

The Myton Hospices Santa Dash...

Get in the festive spirit by taking part in The Myton Hospice's famous Santa Dash in Leamington Spa!

Dressed head to mistle-toe in Santa suits, Christmas t-shirts or other festive clothing and join fellow dashers on Sunday 8th December at 9:00am as you run, jog or walk around Victoria Park and Leamington Spa.

Yule even be able to meet the main man himself, with Santa congratulating you on the finish line with festive face painting, refreshments and an inflatable snow globe!

Every dasher taking part will receive a Santa Dash medal which you can proudly hang on your tree!

Join us on Sunday 8th December

Distance: 5K

Where: Victoria Park, Leamington

When: Sunday 8th December

Adult: From £19

Child: From £8

Suggested minimum sponsorship: £50 per person or £100 for a family of four

Sign up via link below:

<https://www.mytonhospice.org/our-events/santa-dash-registration-form/>



The SYDNI Centre

WINTER FAYRE

- Stalls
- SYDNI Café
- Santa
- Craft workshop for kids



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NOVEMBER

11AM - 4PM

Cottage Square,
Sydenham
CV31 1PT



FREE ENTRY



The JUNIOR CHOIR

of All Saints' Parish Church, Leamington Spa
is recruiting **singers** for *Christmas and beyond!*



Does your child love to sing?

Are they aged 6-11?

Would they like to take part
in the town's biggest
carol concert?

Sign up using the QR code!

Get in touch: music@allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk

Re-established in 2024, our Junior Choir is friendly, fun, and open to primary-aged boys and girls of any background who want to come and sing.

We rehearse for 45 minutes every Friday after school and perform at Sunday morning services with the amazing regular choir once a month.

The highlight of this term will be the Myton Carol Concert on 7th December. We'll be singing popular favourites including...

Ding Dong Merrily on High
Jingle Bells

I Saw Three Ships
Silent night

ALL are welcome to join:

- ★ FREE training, and snacks included!
- ★ No audition and no experience required
- ★ Make new friends
- ★ Sing in a variety of styles
- ★ Learn to read music



- ★ Rehearsals: Fridays, 4:15pm to 5pm during term time
- ★ Services: Sundays, 10am to 11:30am (monthly)
- ★ Location: All Saints' Church, Priory Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 1AA



COME & TRY

Netball

For girls in years 4, 5 & 6

LEAMINGTON NETBALL. SUPER SKILLS

TUESDAYS | 6PM | LEAMINGTON NETBALL CLUB

Ready. Net. Go!



CONTACT JESS ON 07368 289466 TO REGISTER



leamington_netball

Tell us what you think...



... and help influence the development of services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Warwickshire

**Progress starts with listening,
which aids understanding and
enables better solutions.**

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback

Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer

Has lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send

