



17th May 2024

Dear parents / carers

Wonderful Year 6

This week, our super Year 6 worked their socks off during their SATs tests in school. We remain extremely proud of all the work that the children have put in. We have continued to remind the children that this week will not define them as young people and it is who they are individuals that is the most important thing. However, the children have seemed to take the week in their stride, yet another reflection of how impressive they all are. We hope that they are proud of all that they have achieved across their whole time in school as well as whatever they achieve from this week. We certainly are.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is an opportunity for people to come together to focus on learning about our mental health. This year's theme is 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health'. This year's Mental Health Awareness Week aims to spread awareness of how building more movement into our daily lives can support our mental health. This week, the children have learnt about the importance of exercise and movement, linked to how we feel. They also talked about how they can further incorporate movement into their daily lives, something we encourage lots of at Cottesmore. If you need support with any area relating to mental health, please do reach out as we are all here to help and have some staff who are Mental Health First Aid Trained.

Tomato Sale and Refill Shop

Children in Forest School this week painted signs to advertise the refill and tomato plant sale next Thursday. They also helped plant more tomatoes in the school poly tunnel and transfer the butternut squash to bigger beds. The Dirt is Good project is well under way and we hope to have a bumper harvest.



Hello from Nepal

It was lovely to hear from Miss Sandwell this week (one of our Teaching Assistants who left to teach yoga abroad). Miss Sandwell is currently in Chitwan, Nepal and is helping in a local school called Shree Rastriya. Children there, in Grade One, are just starting to learn English and are enjoying singing English Nursery Rhymes. The children she is teaching send our school a video of them saying 'Hello Cottesmore'. How nice to have links with schools in different countries.



Tik Aware

Public Health Team- Brighton and Hove City Council are encouraging people to [#BeTickAware](#) while enjoying the outdoors. Ticks can be active all year round, but they are most active in the months of April to July, and sometimes later in the autumn. We have been asked to share the following.



Information about ticks

Ticks are small, spiderlike creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people. During this feeding process, they can transmit bacteria, viruses or other microorganisms which can result in infections such as Lyme Disease.

Ticks live in many different outdoor environments, but they are particularly common in grassy and wooded areas. You are therefore more at risk of being bitten if you take part in activities such as hiking, cycling or camping, but ticks can also sometimes be found in urban gardens. Tick bites are not always painful. You may not notice a tick unless you see it on your skin.

The chance of acquiring a tick bite when enjoying outdoor activities can be reduced by:

- regularly checking clothing and exposed skin for ticks that might be crawling on you and brushing them off immediately
- walking on clearly defined paths to avoid brushing against vegetation where ticks may be present
- wearing light-coloured clothing so that ticks crawling on clothing can be spotted and brushed off immediately
- using an insect repellent (for example DEET) that can repel ticks and prevent them from climbing onto clothing or attaching to skin (always follow the manufacturer's guidance)
- wearing long trousers and long-sleeved tops to reduce the direct exposure of ticks to your skin, making it more difficult for them to find a suitable area to attach

After spending time outside, check yourself, your clothing, your pets and others for ticks. If you find a tick, safely remove it as soon as possible. After spending time outside, check yourself, your clothing, your pets and others for ticks. If you find a tick, safely remove it as soon as possible. Some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible. More info on how to remove ticks from the skin can be found on the [Lyme disease NHS site](#). If you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), contact your GP practice or dial NHS 111 promptly.

Safe Parking

Thank you again for improved parking this week. It was great to see Parking Enforcement Officers from the Council (thank you to them) join us, before and after school, but what was even better is that they weren't required to do much as the parking was super. Thank you all for supporting us with this and doing all we can to help keep the children safe and neighbours content. How wonderful if this continues.



Have a lovely weekend. Rachel Breen, Headteacher

Mary Mass – 24th May

Our annual whole school, outdoor Mary Mass will be held on Friday 24th May. May is the month that we celebrate Mary, our school patron. You are invited to join us.

Mass Time: 11.00 am- 11.55am

Picnic Time: 12.10pm - 1.10 pm



- Only Radinden Manor Road gate will open so please don't arrive at any other entrance. This gate will open at 10.45am - 11.05am. This will then be closed. The gate will reopen 11.55am - 12.15pm. It will then be closed during lunch and reopened 1.15pm - 1.30pm.
- We ask that all children bring in some flowers on the day of the Mass. These will be used to decorate the altar and crown Mary.
- Children will need to wear smart school uniform (NO PE KITS ON THIS DAY) but can wear sun hats and have sun cream applied in the morning.
- Please can all bring in named water bottles. Please can all children bring a packed lunch as the whole school will enjoy a picnic on the field after the mass. Children in receipt of free school meals who would like school to provide a packed lunch can do so, but we ask that you inform the office by Monday 20th May. There will be no hot school dinners provided on this day.
- There will be a retiring collection for families affected by what is taking place due to conflict around the world. We look forward to celebrating with you.
- If you wish to take your child at 1.20pm, you will need to email the teacher by Friday 17th May. These children will return to class after the picnic and then be brought back out to you, at 1.20pm with their belongings. Please do not ask to take your child before 1.20pm as this won't be possible.

Summer Fair – we need your help!

Please support for our Summer Fair on Friday 12th July.

The Summer Fair is an enjoyable occasion for our school community, offering fun activities and memorable experiences for families.

To ensure its success, we are in need of volunteers to assist with various aspects of the event, including setup, assistance during the fair, and cleanup afterward.

The fair will start at 3:10pm and run until 5:00pm. If you are able to help out (setup beforehand, helping at a stall and/or cleanup afterwards), please let us know. Whether you can spare a little time or are available for the entirety of the event, any help you can provide will be immensely appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer your time, please email

melistopcam@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

or friendsofcottesmoreprimary@gmail.com indicating your availability. Thank you in advance for your willingness to support our school community. Melis Topcam (PTA link).



Sports Day

Thursday 18th July (KS2)

Year 3 and 4 = 9:15am - 10:45am

(entry will be between 9:05am –

9:20am but parents are also welcome to wait on the field after drop off)

Year 5 and 6 = 1:15pm - 2:45pm (entry will be via the gate on Radinden Manor between 1:05pm - 1:20pm)

Friday 19th July (KS2)

Reception = 9:15am - 10:15am (entry will be between 9:05am - 9:20am but parents are also welcome to wait on the field after drop off)

Year 1 = 10:30am - 11:30am (entry will be via the gate on Radinden Manor between 10:20am - 10:35am)

Year 2 = 1:30pm - 2:30pm (entry will be via the gate on Radinden Manor between 1:20pm - 1:35pm)

Please note that all entry to these events will be via the gate on Radinden Manor and that once the gates close there will be no one to open them and the office are unfortunately unable to let people through the school as everyone will need escorting and the office would then be unmanned. You will have to wait until the end of each session in order to exit the school. Please ensure that all children bring water bottles, wear sun screen and bring a hat if a sunny day. KS1 children are to come dressed in normal PE kit. KS2 children please come dressed in PE shorts and trainers and then a top in your child's house colours. These area as follows: Fisher – Red, More – Yellow, Champion – Blue and Howard – Green. Please do not worry if your child does not have a top in their house colours as we have plenty of bibs in house colours as well.



Being at school on time

A reminder that school starts at 8.45am and children need to be in the school building by that time - not entering a gate by 8.45am. Doors to the school building are closed at 8.45am and registers are taken immediately. This has to be prompt so that we can ascertain that all those who should be in school are in school and that there are no safeguarding concerns. For this reason, the gates shut promptly and people arriving to the gates at 8.45am are directed to go round and enter via the main front office. The LA policy states that fixed penalty notices (fines) should be issued to families where children are late to school 6 times or more a half term. The fixed penalty fines are the same as those given to those with unauthorised absence of 3 days or more - £60 per parent, per child.



Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Thursday 23rd May
In KS2 playground 15.10 – 15.30

Collection of donated pre-loved uniform Tuesday 21st May

PLEASE LEAVE ALL DONATIONS IN THE COVERED AREA IN KS2 PLAYGROUND.

ALL ITEMS £1-£2



All clothes should be in good condition.
Cottesmore uniform only please.



MONDAY 20 th		Year 3 trip to Cuckmere Haven
TUESDAY 21 st		
WEDNESDAY 22 nd	• •	Honeypot Party Year 1 school trip to Arundel Castle
THURSDAY 23 rd	• •	PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2 PGL Marchant Hill TEAMS meeting with parents at 3.45 pm
FRIDAY 24 th	• •	Year 5 Swimming 11am Mary Mass for all, followed by 12.10pm family picnic on the field
HALF TERM Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field		
JUNE		
MONDAY 3 rd	•	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
TUESDAY 4 th	•	Year 6 leavers hoodies can be worn in school from this date
WEDNESDAY 5 th	• •	Year 2 St Monica Forest School am Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 6 th		
FRIDAY 7 th	• •	Year 5 Swimming Reception and Year 1 Drama Workshop – no charge
MONDAY 10 th	• •	Reception Bikeability Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Test week
TUESDAY 11 th	• •	Reception Bikeability 6.25pm welcome meeting for new Reception (Sept 2024) parents
WEDNESDAY 12 th	• • •	Reception Bikeability Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 13 th	• •	Reception Bikeability Year 4 Beach School
FRIDAY 14 th	• •	Year 5 Swimming Reception Bike Day on KS2 playground
MONDAY 17 th		Islam fortnight (17 th – 28 th June)
TUESDAY 18 th	•	
WEDNESDAY 19 th		Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19 th – 21 st) Year 5 St Josephine Forest School am Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 20 th		Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19 th – 21 st) Refugee Day
FRIDAY 21 st	•	Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19 th – 21 st) New Reception Starters Teddy Bear’s picnic 1.30pm – 2.30pm
MONDAY 24 th		
TUESDAY 25 th	•	Year 5 Activity Day at E3 Adventures
WEDNESDAY 26 th	• •	Class / Leaver photos with JP Photographic Sussex Police Youth Team Officers visiting Year 6
THURSDAY 27 th		
FRIDAY 28 th		Year 5 Swimming
JULY		
MONDAY 1 st	•	Year 5 Cycle Bikeability
TUESDAY 2 nd	•	Year 5 Cycle Bikeability
WEDNESDAY 3 rd	• • •	Year 5 Cycle Bikeability New Reception storytime sessions. Group A 10.30am – 11.30am and Group B 1.30pm – 2.20pm Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am Year 1 St Teresa & Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 4 th	• •	Year 5 Cycle Bikeability First Holy Communion Mass and breakfast for children in Year 3 and 4
FRIDAY 5 th	• • •	Year 6 Transition Day with secondary schools Year 5 Cycle Bikeability Reports and new classes to go out
SATURDAY 6 th	•	Faith in action Mass Arundel
MONDAY 8 th		
TUESDAY 9 th		
WEDNESDAY 10 th	• • •	Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am Year 6 St Benedict Forest School pm Meet new teacher sessions
THURSDAY 11 th	•	FHC Mass
FRIDAY 12 th	• •	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal to School Summer Fair 3pm – 5pm.
SATURDAY 14 th		
MONDAY 15 th		
TUESDAY 16 th		Year 6 show to parents at 1.15pm and 6pm
WEDNESDAY 17 th		Honeypot Party
THURSDAY 18 th		PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2 Sports Day sessions for KS2 (parents welcome) 9.15am – 10.45am Year 3 and 4 1.15pm – 2.45pm Year 5 and 6
FRIDAY 19 th	• •	Sports Day sessions for KS1 (parents welcome) 9.15am – 10.15am Reception 10.30am – 11.30am Year 1 1.30pm – 2.30pm Year 2 Year 6 leaver’s disco 4.30pm until 6pm (children only unless parent helpers)
MONDAY 22 nd		
TUESDAY 23 rd		9.15am – 10.15am Year 6 Leavers mass, followed by a picnic until 12pm Last day of term – school closed for summer