



Cotgrave Church of England Primary School



Autumn Term Newsletter 3

Our Autumn 1 Value Thankfulness

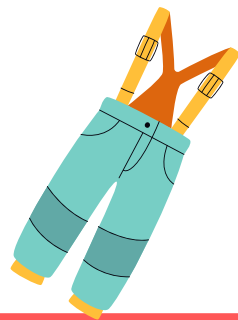
'Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever.'

Psalms 136:1

Wellies!

As we approach winter, the school field is becoming wet and muddy. Please send your child with a spare pair of trainers/wellies that they can wear on the field. A spare pair of trousers/leggings would also be a good idea.

We have purchased new wooden sheds to keep all of the shoes/boots dry. Please make sure that your child's things are labelled clearly.



Useful Contacts

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Harvest Reminder



On Sunday 6th October at
10:30am, we will be
celebrating Harvest festival at
church. We would like as
many children as possible to
join us as we have been busy
preparing songs and readings
to share with the church
congregation. Children will
need to attend with an adult
and be in school uniform.
The children are also invited
to bring gifts of food (long
lasting canned or packet
goods) for the church to
distribute to those in need.

October Half Term Dates

School will close for half
term at 3:30pm on Friday
18th October. We will
reopen on Monday 4th
November.



School Dinners and Friday Snack

Parents who came to our Tuesday afternoon Parents' evening had the chance to try some dishes from the new catering menu that will be running after half term. We are working hard with the catering service to improve meal provision in the school. We would like to start offering a snack for children to purchase on a Friday morning break time. A pizza muffin can be purchased for 50p and can be made to suit any dietary requirements. We would be very grateful if you could take a minute to complete this online form to let us know if this is something that your child would be interested in.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tiEwKT9aJ5>



Upcoming Dates

Monday 7th –Cauliflower cards deadline
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th- Year 5 Bikeability.
Wednesday 6th- Class 2 Collective Worship.

Sunday 24th-Wednesday 27th- Year 4-6 Norfolk Residential

SAVE!
THE DATE

Working together to improve school attendance

KEY MESSAGES

Attendance is one of the biggest challenges facing the school system today. Since the pandemic, there has been a worldwide rise in school absence and persistent absence. In response to this, the government are pressing ahead with tougher attendance rules, with new statutory guidance in place from August 2024.

- All schools to hold electronic registers and **share their daily attendance data with the Department for Education and the Local Authority.**
- Attendance improvement to be a priority, with schools **monitoring attendance data rigorously** and working with families to address poor attendance.
- Head Teachers are unable to grant leave of absence unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. *"A need or desire for a holiday"* does not constitute an exceptional circumstance. **(Statutory Guidance August 2024)**

Every moment in school counts. It is essential that children arrive at school on time to ensure academic success and to enable children to form good habits. Where school has concerns about lateness, we will get in touch to discuss what support is needed. In order to safeguard pupils, a reason must be given for any absence. This should be done by ringing the school office, and must be done on the first day of absence. Failure to inform school of reasons for absence may lead to welfare visits, unauthorised absences, and possible legal intervention. If your child is at risk of becoming 'persistently absent', school will alert you to this via email with an offer of support. If these concerns continue, and/or your child's attendance drops to 90% or lower, school will invite you in for a meeting to explore any barriers your child may be facing.

- If school has raised concerns about a child's attendance and offered support, but there is limited/no improvement, the **Local Authority will intervene**, offering formal support or, the case may be escalated to legal prosecution.
- The revised guidance from the Department for Education dictates that if a child has 5 or more days of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, a **Fixed Penalty Notice** may be issued.
- From August 2024, the **first FPN is £160** (reduced to £80 if paid within 28 days), a **second FPN is £160** to be paid within 28 days, a **third FPN cannot be issued** within a 3 year period. **Legal action may result.**, for example, prosecution. FPNs are charged per child and per adult in the house hold e.g one child will be fined £160 per parent. Two children would be fined £320 per parent.

It is usually safe for children to attend school with mild illnesses, like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should stay at home if they have a high temperature of 38C or above. The NHS has published guidance to help parents/ carers decide whether their child is well enough to attend school.

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	