



8th November 2019

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful break.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and various items with poppies on them are available in school. Please send a donation into school if your child would like to show their support.



School Photographer

The photographer will be in school to take individual and family photographs on **Monday 11th November**. If you are wanting younger brothers and sisters on the photographs, please come into school at 8.50am and these will be done first. If this impacts on Nursery etc please let them know that your child may be late. We will make sure that brothers and sisters within school are taken together and separately unless you tell us otherwise. Please remember there is no obligation to buy.



Aldi Stickers

The Get Set Eat Fresh promotion that Aldi is running is coming to an end. If you have any stickers please send them into school a.s.a.p as we need to complete our poster and get it set off. Thank you.



Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our School Governing Body. The role of the governing body is a strategic one with three core functions:

- setting strategic direction
- creating robust accountability
- ensuring best use of financial resources

The work of the governing body is driven by the school improvement plan. Discussions, decisions and actions for governors focus on school finance, staffing matters, use and condition of premises, pupils' wellbeing, curriculum, data and assessment, working with stakeholders, admissions and organisational changes.

The full governing body must meet at least three times per academic year but we meet more frequently through committee meetings. There is an expectation that governors will also undertake monitoring visits into school to find out more about the school throughout the year. Governors work closely with the headteacher and make decisions collectively as a team.

If you are interested or would like more information please speak to Tracey Haynes, our Chair of Governors or Mrs Cook, Headteacher.

Website

Our school website is now live. The address is www.cotsfordprimary.durham.sch.uk. There is lots of information on the site to tell you about the work that we do and we will be adding to it.

Children in Need

On **Friday 15th November** we will be supporting Children in Need. Please see the attached letter from Thunder Family Group who are organising this event.



Parking Outside of School

If you are parking outside of school please make sure that you are mindful of other drivers and pedestrians. It can be a busy time particularly at home time and some parental feedback has indicated that not everyone is being as patient and polite as they could be!



Christmas Bells

One of our Year 5 Pupils, Amelia, is making personalised bells for Christmas in order to raise money for the Baby Bank Hartlepool and the FEED food bank project. You can find further details on the Parent Noticeboard or by visiting www.facebook.com/Amelias-Christmas-Bells.

Dates for your Diary

More information about times etc will be given in the coming weeks...

29.11.19	Am <u>or</u> Pm	Christmas decorations with parents
10.12.19	Pm	Winter enterprise
11.12.19		Christmas Dinner day
16.12.19	Pm	Christmas Production (you only attend once either on the Monday or Tuesday)
17.12.19	Am	
17.12.19	Pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Party / Event
18.12.19	Pm	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Party