



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear families,

It has been a busy week of learning here at Cottons Farm Primary Academy. Across the school, the children have been working hard on their number skills in maths– it has been great to see the children using number lines to support their learning.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join the parent forum on Wednesday. We believe a supportive partnership between home and school is an essential ingredient for a child's successful education. As part of this partnership we would like to hear your views of the school. Following the forum, we endeavour to use the information collected to make further improvements and developments to the school. We are looking forward to hosting the next meeting with you.

All the children across school should bring their reading book and reading record home every night to read. Reading is the key to learning, therefore we encourage our children to read for pleasure. Whether that may be their school reading book, magazines, enjoying a trip to the library or an online book. We will soon be sharing more information on how to help your child at with reading at home.



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Patmore (Principal)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Weekly story time every Friday in EYFS at
9am

Wednesday 28th September parent
forum in the school hall at 2:30pm

Friday 21st October INSET day

Monday 24th– Friday 28th October

HALF TERM

We would like to remind you that we are a healthy eating school.

We request that the following items **should not** be included in packed lunches or for snacks:

- Sweets and chocolate
- Chocolate bars
- Crisps (unless baked or low fat)
- Sweet cakes or sugary doughnuts
- Any bars containing nuts



Healthy School

The Harmony Pledge

The Character Competencies:



THE HARMONY TRUST
BELIEVE • ACHIEVE • SUCCEED

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| 1. Aspirational | 6. Communicator |
| 2. Confident | 7. Motivational |
| 3. Resilient | 8. Co-operative |
| 4. Tolerant | 9. Problem Solver |
| 5. Creative | 10. Honest |



ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Ahlberg — 88.00%

Donaldson — 92.08%

Cowell — 93.78%

Rundell — 93.55%

Well done to Cowell Class!



SEND and Inclusion News

This week we've been busy finalising new Individual Plans for each child on our SEND register. These plans help us to ensure that we are doing everything we can to support your child with their additional needs.

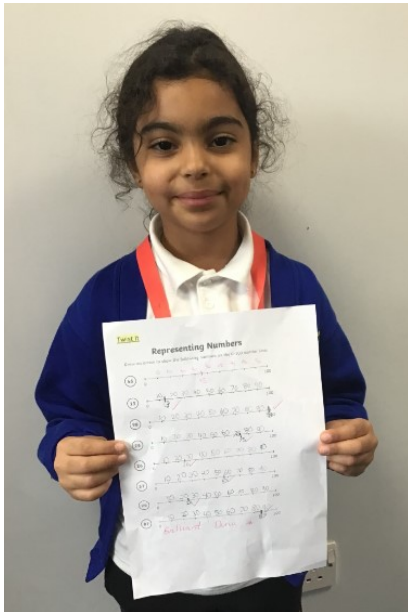
It's really important to us that you have a chance to contribute to your child's plan. So, if you haven't already heard from me, please keep an eye on your email for your invitation.

For further information about how Special Needs are supported in schools, please follow this link:

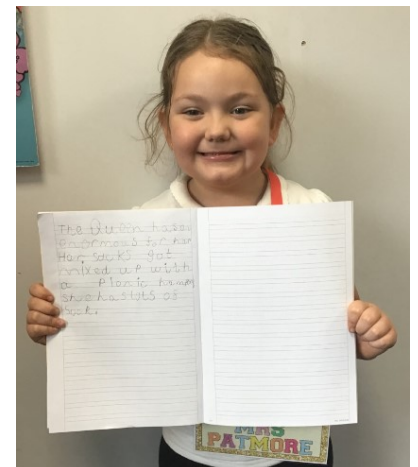
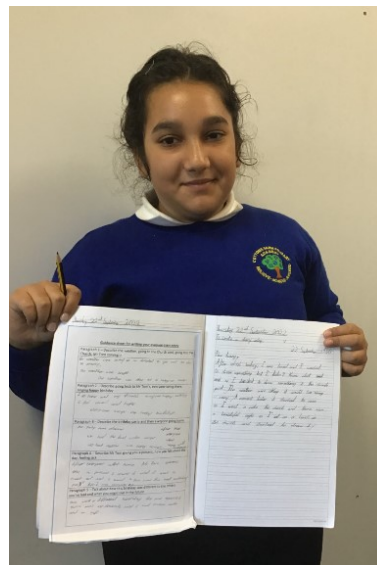
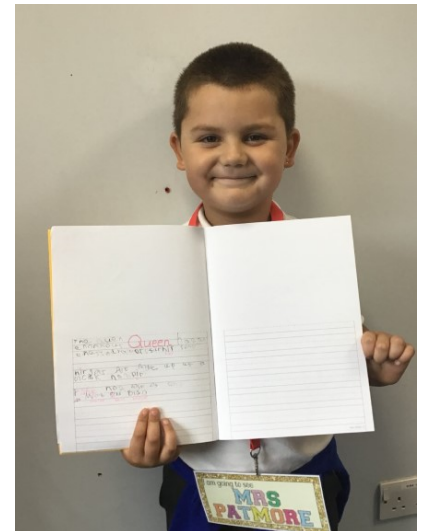
<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/derbys-send-local-offer/education/meeting-your-childs-needs-in-school/#page-1>

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Mrs Grainger



Excellent writing



Class of the Week

This week in the Ahlberg class, we have been extremely busy learning about 'me and my family,' which is our topic this half term. This includes learning about what a skeleton is and what it is made up of. The children have enjoyed having a go at making a skeleton using straws and cotton buds. There has been a very big skeleton in our class which the children have been fascinated by. Do ask your children at home what a skeleton is, what it is for and what it is made from. The main book which has supported this teaching is 'Funny Bones' by Allen Ahlberg, which they have enjoyed thoroughly. They have also gotten very good at knowing where their different bones are in their body from singing dancing bones which can be found on YouTube.

VERY EXCITINGLY we have begun to teach phase 2 phonics which is the sounds of the letters, we call them phonemes. Please do ask your child the phonemes s and a. We will be learning t, p, i and n next week. A massive well done to all of the children who have read this week at home! Well done! Don't forget to read 5 times a week so you can get a special prize! Well done parents for supporting your child in this way!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Rothe

