



We will be producing fortnightly letters this year, in an effort to continue to improve our communication with you. In these newsletters you will find information about events linked to the school, areas of the curriculum that our children will be focusing on this term, general information and reminders, and most importantly some input from the children themselves! We hope you find them useful and enjoyable to read.

Upcoming dates for your diary



19th September - First swimming session

19th September - First 'soup lunch'

25th September - Cossington Harvest Event at St Mary's Church

29th September - Harvest Festival at Cossington

Primary School

Topics and Themes for this term

Class 1 - Materials (natural and manufactured), Ourselves, Toys from the past, Colour

Class 2 / 3 - Poetry, Myths and Legends, Festivals of Light, Light and Shadows, Food, still life drawing, mountains, Earth, sun and moon

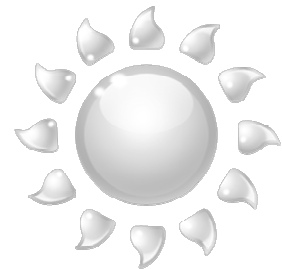
Parents and Family Support Advisor (PFSA)

We have a new Parent & Family Support Advisor, Maria Crowle, who will be working at both Catcott and Cossington. The role of a PFSA is to work closely with children / families and carers. Maria's role includes supporting families by offering impartial and confidential advice and guidance with any issues that may arise. She will also be helping with attendance.

Meetings can be arranged in school or alternatively at your home. She can be contacted on the following numbers: 07500 882397/01458442979 or by email: mcrowle@educ.somerset.gov.uk

What did you do last summer?

Kate Bell (year 1) wrote "I went to the beach and I went on the donkey. My nanny and my granddad went to holidays"



Isabelle Pyke (year 2) wrote "In the holidays I went to Wales. I made some friends. I went to the beach. I went in the sea but it was warm instead of cold."

Road Safety / Traffic Management

Please be aware that the road outside Cossington Primary School is a very dangerous one, particularly at the beginnings and ends of days. Please use the school crossing patrol when crossing the road and keep your children next to you at all times. We would also like to you be aware that the police undertake regular checks for cars that are illegally parked adjacent to the school. Can we also ask you to ensure that your children do not throw apples into the school pond or out into the road as this is happening at the moment and is very dangerous.



A Poem from George Ingram (class 2) about a Dragon Lizard

His fur is all scaly and green, withered old wrinkly bumpy fingers.

His back is all spiky like a hedgehog's body.

His toenails are all white and sharp like sharp ends of a glistening sword.

His eyes are like big yellow glistening shiny cats eyes.

His tail is all long and scaly and bumpy like a snake.

His tongue is all long and red as the blood of a Jabberwocky.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of one of the following support payments you are entitled to receive a Free School Meal for your child:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance - Income Related (ESA-IR)
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), providing you do not also received Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190.

If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit this automatically disqualifies entitlement to Free School Meals. No other benefits or allowances qualify parents/guardians to receive Free School Meals for their children. If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals please see Mrs Hague in the office for more information.

Soup lunch

If you have not signed your child up for a soup lunch then you will be able to have a free sample on Monday 19th September, when the children who have made the soup will be in the playground at the end of the day. You will be able to find out more about what is on offer, and if you then wish to sign up you will be able to do so for later in the term.

Swimming

With swimming starting next week we wanted to communicate to you a couple of expectations on our part.

1. If your child is not well enough to go swimming, then please do not send them to school on a swimming day. This obviously does not include children with ongoing medical conditions, but we will need this in writing from you.
2. If your child forgets their swimming kit then we will provide one for them to wear so that they do not miss out.



Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Super Sentences from Hannah Stephens in Class 3 - she has been learning about mountains

"As I was adventuring up the highest mountain in the world, I was so worried about finishing because I had just recovered from a heart attack and my lungs were really struggling. I was thinking about what my doctor would say if I didn't get to the top. I must finish!"