

Coton School Newsletter Autumn 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning at our Macmillan Coffee Morning. There was a lovely atmosphere in school, and the children enjoyed joining with parents and other members of the community to eat their cakes and biscuits! Thank you, too, to everyone for the amazing array of cakes and biscuits – it meant that we raised a fantastic £417.90 this morning, and we will add to that total with our after-school cake sale this afternoon.

Welcome Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Welcome Meeting on Wednesday; I hope you found it useful and informative. There will also be a chance to visit the classrooms and look at your child's work with them on the 15th November between 3pm and 4pm. More details nearer the time.

Parent Consultations

As last year, teachers will be available for consultation meetings on six evenings through the year: two per term. The meetings will be held in the school hall as usual, and we would like to meet with you **twice** during the year. Hopefully this will give you, as parents, some flexibility about when you would like to come and discuss your child's progress with us. Consultations will be held on:

- Monday 16th October, 4:00-5:30
- Wednesday 8th November, 5:30-7:00
- Monday 5th February, 4:00-5:30
- Wednesday 21st March, 5:30-7:00
- Monday 21st May, 4:00-5:30
- Monday 16th July, 4:00-5:30

To reiterate, you do not need to see your child's class teacher every half term, please **choose 2** as usual. Please book appointments in advance at the office. It **will not** be possible to make appointments on the day of the consultation, as teachers will need time to prepare for the meetings.

Lego Kits

If anyone has any Lego Kits or Lego in general, that they no longer use, we would happily take it off your hands for our Lego club and wet play.

Medication

If your child suffers from a medical condition eg asthma or an allergy to certain foods and requires medication eg inhalers, epipen, please ensure that an individual health care plan and up to date medication is sent to school. The plan and medication should be sent in a box with your child's name and photograph on. It is vital we have this information to keep your child safe. The documentation you need can be found on the school website. Your consent is needed to allow us to administer the medication. If you have completed the necessary forms in the past, please check that the information contained in those forms is still accurate. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lunch Money

Pupil meals cost £2.30 a day. Please pay for school meals in advance.

First half term	£77.55
Second half term	£86.95
Whole term	£164.50

Illness

If your child is ill, please inform the office via phone or e-mail before 9.00am. It is essential to let the office know on a daily basis. If your child is absent for more than 3 days, please provide a note. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they need to be clear for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness before coming back to school; this prevents germs from spreading.

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Emergency contacts

If you change your phone number, please let us know as we have had instances where children have been ill and we have been unable to contact parents/carers. This has been distressing for the child. If you have listed other people for us to contact, please ensure their details are up-to-date. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Best wishes

Farah McPhee, Anna Hayesmore and Staff

Important Dates

11th October – Harvest Festival (time to be confirmed)

16th October – Parent Consultations

17th-20th October – Year 6 visit to Hilltop

23rd-27th October – Half-term break

3rd November – Sapphire Class's Greek Day

8th November – Parent Consultations

15th October – Open Afternoon 3.00-4.00

4th December – KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal

5th December – KS1 Christmas Performance

6th December – KS1 Christmas Performance

18th December – KS2 Carol Concert in St Peters Church

19th December – End of Term

4th January – Spring Term starts