



# Trottiscliffe CE Primary School Newsletter

*Learning together, believing together, achieving together*

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Term 1 Week 5

Whole school  
attendance this  
week

98.5%

Whole school  
attendance this term

96.8%

Whole school  
attendance since  
September

96.8%

Minutes late this  
week

0

Number of pupils  
with 100%  
attendance this  
week

71/76

Class with  
100% attendance  
this week

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Phoebe B in Uganda Class and Elizabeth B in Burundi Class for completing the Summer 2020 #DoodleMathsChallenge, they were awarded their badge in class today. Well done Phoebe and Elizabeth! Lots of children are keeping up with their daily practice on these apps which is fantastic. Please continue to encourage your child to do their daily tasks on each of the four apps as this really helps their progress with developing core skills.

## NHS COVID-19 App

The NHS has launched their COVID-19 app which is free to download and available on iOS or android from the App Store or Google Play.

The app runs on proven software developed by Apple and Google, designed so that nobody will know who you are or where you are. You can delete your data, or the app, at any time. Anyone aged 16 or over who lives in England or Wales can use the NHS COVID-19 app.

It has a number of features:

**Trace:** find out when you've been near other app users who have tested positive for coronavirus.

**Alert:** lets you know the level of coronavirus risk in your postcode district.

**Check-in:** get alerted if you've visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus, using a simple QR code scanner. No more form filling.

Our school has its own QR code for you to scan and check in using the NHS COVID-19 App. The code is located on the office window as you proceed through the playground gate.

**Symptoms:** check if you have coronavirus symptoms and see if you need to order a test.

**Test:** helps you order a test if you need to.

**Isolate:** keep track of your self-isolation countdown and access relevant advice.

It's the fastest way of knowing when you're at risk from coronavirus (COVID-19). The quicker you know, the quicker you can alert your loved ones, and your community.

The more of us that use it, the better we can be alerted to the spread coronavirus.

Protect your loved ones. Please download the app.

## Parents' Evening

Due to the ongoing restrictions in place around visitors in school we are not able to hold face to face consultations with parents to discuss children's progress. We are therefore holding virtual consultations on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom. More details will be sent out next week in a letter.

## School Dinners

We are pleased to be able to provide hot dinners for children from Term 2. Service will be a little different as we have to observe social distancing and children will eat lunch within their bubble but we have a timetable in place which means that we can accommodate hot dinners for all children during lunch break.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Children in all other year groups must pay online for their school meal.

The cost of a school meal is **£2.30** per day.

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal this will be provided. Please contact the school if you believe you are entitled to Free School Meals and we can provide further information.

### Road Closure

We have received notification that School Lane will be closed to all traffic from 12<sup>th</sup> October to 16<sup>th</sup> October. Diversions will be in place along Church Lane and Taylors Lane and we would urge you to exercise extreme caution and be more aware of traffic and pedestrians as this closure is likely to cause chaos at school drop-off and pick-up times.

We have notified Tonbridge and Malling of the gridlock caused earlier in the week by the two refuse lorries arriving during school drop-off time. They are looking into rescheduling their times however we did note that the problem outside the school was exacerbated by parents continuing to park on the road despite our countless requests to park in the car parks.

### Admission to Primary School in 2021

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 it's time to start thinking about applying for their primary school place for September 2021.

Applications must be made online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) between 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

If you require a paper application form or information booklet please call 03000 41 21 21

### School Photographs

Our school photographer is coming on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs. Unfortunately, there will be NO family group photographs as we cannot allow children to mix outside of their bubble, all children will be photographed individually. You will have the opportunity to purchase photographs if you wish.

More details will follow next week.

## TERM DATES

OCTOBER	
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Parent Consultations via Zoom
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Test (for pupils who attend a Kent school)
16 <sup>th</sup>	School photographs – individual ONLY, no family photos
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Term 1
NOVEMBER	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Staff Training Day, children do NOT attend
3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Day of Term 2
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal Flu Vaccine – whole school
DECEMBER	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2

Please visit our website for updated information and a full list of term dates

<http://www.trottiscliffe.kent.sch.uk>