



# Cossington C.E. Primary School

*'Care, Significance, Purpose'*

## Newsletter

16th October, 2020.

## Mr Yandell's News

### First Half Term

We have reached the end of our first half term back at school after the COVID 19 disruptions and the summer break. We have, of course, had our first bubble closure this week and we are sad that we didn't quite make it through to the holiday with all the children being in school for the entire time. However, I am positive that it has been a relatively successful start back and the safety procedures have ensured that we have had far less disruption than many other schools across the country. It has been great having a full school again and the children have been working so hard since they have been back. Thank you to all parents for sticking so carefully to the school and national guidance during this time. It really has helped everyone stay as safe as possible.

### Changes to Drop Off and Collection Times

We are going to make some small changes to the timings for dropping off children and collecting at the end of the day. The revised timings are shown below and come into effect on the first day after half term.

Classes	Arrival Time	Collection Time
Acorns and Saplings	8.45-8.55am	3.15-3.25pm
Seedlings and Oaks	8.55-9.05am	3.25-3.35pm

**Parents with siblings working to the two timing options should aim to arrive at 8:55 a.m. and collect at 3:25 p.m. so that you do not need to wait unnecessarily outside the school.**

We are making these changes as the vast majority of children have been in school and collected within the time frames above already over this half term, and we believe these shortened time frames will be safe and manageable. They will allow for less learning time being lost each day as lessons can start more promptly. Thank you in advance for adhering to and supporting these amendments.

### The Cossington Harvest Scarecrow Hunt

The 'great harvest scarecrow hunt' begins today! Many of you have been busy building 'thankful scarecrows' at home using the theme of 'people who help us' and at school the children have also been creating eight scarecrows to display around our local area. The pictures below show the Oaks and Acorns busy building their mum, dad, police officer and Joe Wicks scarecrow.



You should have received your map of the hunt today and you have until 25<sup>th</sup> October to complete the walk so even the children in isolation should be able to get out there on the final day and search for the scarecrows this half term.

Some other local schools are running similar events to ours and so you do not need to stop hunting for scarecrows after completing our map. You should have received an email with trail maps for Swithland, Burton-on-the-Wolds and Kegworth. They have made scarecrows around different themes so each one will be a different selection of scarecrows to find. I wonder if any children will be able to find them all!

Please do update us with pictures and messages from your scarecrow hunt. You can send us what you found via the office email or post updates from your hunt to the school Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making the harvest hunt a success. It has been lovely seeing the whole community coming together in this way.

## COVID 19- reporting during half term

If one of your children tests positive for COVID 19 during the half term break, please let the office know via email. We will be monitoring this email through the break so that we may take any appropriate actions.

## Half Term

Next week is our half term break. Children return to school on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October**. School is closed on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October for an inset day. I can't wait to see everyone back after the break and hope all the children have a fabulous and safe break from learning in school.

*Matt Yandell.*