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Newsletter July 2017

Dear Parents

I can't quite believe we are here at the end of another year and this is my final newsletter. We have so much to celebrate as we look back on the year and look forward to the new academic start in September.

Some goodbyes

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we are saying goodbye to Mr Harben as he moves onto his new post. We are also saying goodbye to some other colleagues unexpectedly, so we also wish them lots of luck as they also move onto pastures new.

We wish Mrs Hannaford the best of luck as she leaves us. She has just been awarded a teaching assistant post at Southbrook School so she is remaining in education. Mrs Hawkins is remaining as a clerk to governors here but is leaving her teaching assistant position this week. She has been a clerk and assistant to the headteacher at Southbrook School for a little while now. We also wish lots of luck to Mr Nathan Keast, our PE coach, who will be running his own franchise in mid Devon. Mr Mitchell, our keyboard teacher is also leaving us so from all of the staff and children, we wish our colleagues the best for the future.

We also wish our fantastic Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they move on and we look forward to their leavers assembly **tomorrow at 9:30am in the village hall**. They have been a credit to our school and we wish Tilly, Henry, Leighton, Angus, Sam, Rhea, Nerissa, Florence, Albie, Jake, Jack, Asha, Chloe and Ruby the best of luck in their new schools in September.

Meal time assistant post

We have a vacancy for a meal time assistant. We would be happy for it to be 5 days per week or less if someone wasn't able to do the whole week. It could suit two people who may want to share this role. The post would be for 1.25 hours per day in term time and the hourly rate is £8.19 so it would be £10.23 per day. There may be opportunities for additional hours in the future as a teaching assistant for the right candidate but we are looking for help at lunchtimes in the first instance. If you might be interested please get in touch as soon as possible.

The Bear Trail

We had an amazing day at the Bear Trail recently, where we saw the children and grown ups tackle the obstacles within their house groups. Brunel won with the quickest time on the day but it was wonderful to see how the children supported each other, and also the levels of perseverance displayed by all. Thank you so much to the parents who came along with us to support the children. The event was also a fund raising day and some of our families raised an incredible amount. Nerissa Lawson raised £245 and won Headteacher for the Day, Rhea Crocker raised £170 and won Teaching assistant for the day, Myah Harris raised £112 and won

a lovely book hamper, whilst Millie Beer raised £95.16 and won a stationary hamper. Thank you to everyone who helped raise £1700 for the school PFA. An amazing achievement. A special well done to Kai Down who has raised over £100 too. He will receive a special prize for this achievement tomorrow.



Nerissa's day as headteacher

Today I have been the headteacher because I raised the most sponsorship for the Bear Trail. I started off the day having to decide whether it was wet play or not, which was quite hard. After that, I listened to some reading in Class 3. Once I had finished that, I made an evaluation of Mr Keast (who is, sadly leaving) teaching a lesson for Class 2. I came up for break time which I spent "on duty" with Class 3. When break finished I counted up the money raised from non-school uniform day. Then it was time for assembly which I ran. I awarded postcards, completed the 50/50 draw and awarded prizes for the Bear Trail. Lunch was normal for me. I finished off the day with analysing which children had a term's attendance of 100% and completed some topic research for Class 1's new unit of work in September.

Wimbledon

A selection of pupils in Class 1 were lucky enough to get the chance to visit Wimbledon. They enjoyed some great tennis and even though it was a long day, were a credit to the school as some members of the public were wowed on the train with songs from Oliver!



Oliver

The Staff and Year 6 show of Oliver was amazing, so a huge well done to everyone who was involved. Thank you so much to the Langstone Cliff Hotel for hosting this special event and to all parents and friends who came to see it. The children were incredible and DVDs are still available from the school office if you would like one. We raised in excess of £500 in ticket sales.



Class 3 Assembly

We enjoyed a fantastic Class 3 assembly last week centred on the seaside. The children performed brilliantly and their confidence was super to see. It was very entertaining and the children should feel very proud of their achievements. Well done to all involved in this lovely event.

Cockwood's Got Talent

Many of the children performed last week at our annual talent show. Well done to Ruby in Year 6 who was the eventual winner. She sang to the school and was fantastic.

Move up days

The children all moved into their new classes recently and Class 2 were able to meet

Mr Fenton, who will be their class teacher in September. We welcomed our new Foundation pupils, who settled very quickly and enjoyed their time with the current Foundation pupils helping them throughout the day.

50 50 winners

Well done to our July and August winners.

July 1st prize £50 - Sarah Bentley

2nd prize £22 - Clare Lowton

August 1st prize £50 - Neil Tindall

2nd prize - Sue Cunliffe

Child Genius in August

Nerissa Lawson, one of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Child Genius show on Channel 4. It will be televised between 14th August to the 20th August at 8pm on Channel 4. Nerissa did incredibly well and I am sure that the children will be interested in watching her on TV!

School Bus

There will be places available on the school bus with effect from September. Please contact Suzie Squires if you are interested - 07881954193.

Thank you

A huge thank you must go to Tim Bradshaw, Wayne Butler and Chris Ham who have donated some sports hoodies to the school. This was a lovely surprise and most unexpected. They will come in very handy when we start taking the children to sporting events in September so thank you.

Reports

Your feedback is very important to us, so please send your feedback form to school tomorrow if you can. Much appreciated.

Work experience

We have welcomed Liam Wollington, Mei Wilcox, Laila Sant-Jennings and Millie Coulson to Cockwood this month on work experience.

Dates

We finish for the summer tomorrow and the children return to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Thank you for all of your help and support over this last year. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils grow and develop and I would like to thank the staff for putting in so much time for the children, both in and outside the classroom. We already have some incredible experiences lined up for the Autumn Term, where we will be welcoming a Paralympic GB footballer into school to work with the children, have a theatre show organised in addition to seeing Elf the musical, and a potential overnight stay for one class linked to their topic. I would also like to thank the governors of Cockwood for helping the children and ensuring they receive the best from us as a school.

We wish all of our families a wonderful summer holiday and we will see you in the autumn.

Yours sincerely
Lorraine Curry