



Cockwood Primary School
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Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Curry



28th April 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to you all after the Easter break. This is just a short newsletter with some important messages.

Parking and Road Safety

This has been an issue for us for some time and my concerns in this area are increasing. I have spoken to governors many times on this issue and we are looking to try to put more in place to ensure we are doing everything to keep our children safe.

Some of the issues that I have discussed with you include the following:

- Parking in and around the school where this affects visibility and causes traffic congestion
- Parking on yellow zig zags
- Speeding around the area of the school site and not taking account of children, adults and residents
- Use of mobile phone when driving

Could I remind all parents and visitors that this is the responsibility of all of us. **In only exceptional circumstances** should parents be parking near to the school - this should not be something that is done every day. If you believe that you have a health need which means you cannot park at the bottom of the hill then I would hope you will have a conversation with me regarding why it is difficult for you to walk up the hill. If there are genuine reasons why this is not possible then I would be discussing the potential of a staggered start to the beginning and end of the day to ensure no vehicles are parking near the school when children are arriving and leaving.

We are going to be working with the children on this issue, and have some activities planned for the whole school at the beginning of next term. These will include looking at road safety in the classroom but we are also working with the police and Teignbridge, and with parental consent, children will be out in the local area completing speed checks and asking adults why they are parking in particular places, if these choices are putting the safety of the children at risk.

We have received a number of complaints linked to individual drivers. The Governing Body are writing to those particular parents this term and will be providing details to the police if

parents and other road users continue to drive too fast or carelessly near where our children are walking.

I am sure that you are all supportive of these measures. We are all parents and must ensure that we put our own child's safety at the top of our priority lists and therefore all children's.

As this message is so important, I have attached a slip at the back of this newsletter. I hope that you are all able to take the time to read this newsletter and return the slip back to school.

Can I remind all parents that there is an informal one way system which operates around the school. Please come up Cofton Hill and go down School Hill. This makes the area around the school safer and avoids any unnecessary reversing around the entrance to the school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parent Survey

The Governing Body have attached their annual parent survey. I would be most grateful if you are able to complete this short survey and send it back to me by Monday May 15th. They are very keen to explore your views as parents and this is a crucial step in the school improving and moving forwards. We are once again holding a prize draw. You can of course leave your survey without a name but all of those which are named can go in a prize draw and a winner will be allocated before half term. It is a great prize this year!

Other news

SATs in Year 6

The children in Year 6 have been working incredibly hard and their tests are next week. The Class 1 team will be providing breakfasts for the Year 6 children and some information will come to you soon. We wish the children the very best of luck and can I request that all parents of pupils in Year 6 ensure that their child is on time for school next week.

Year 2 SATs

These tests will be administered the week beginning Monday 15th May. The final grades for Year 2 will be teacher assessed and the tests will help to inform Mrs Roper's judgements. The children will sit a Maths and a Reading Test. Writing assessments are being made continuously and the children do not sit a Writing test. Any questions at all please have a chat with Mrs Roper.

Karen Hannaford

Well done to Mrs Hannaford who ran the London Marathon last week. This was a super achievement and certainly an inspiration to us all.

Clubs

Clubs are up and running and I am pleased to see so many children taking part in at least one club after school. We have offered more clubs this term than in previous Summer Terms and I would like to thank the efforts of the staff in this regard, as this term is an incredibly busy one.

I recognise that as a parent you may be unhappy when we have a waiting list for a club: this is very rare nowadays as we offer so many clubs but unfortunately running club has been particularly popular this term. We have 20 places and if a child does drop out we will contact parents of children who are on the waiting list. Drawing the names out of the hat is a fair

way of trying to organise the clubs and we do take account of children's requests so the chance of a child not getting any club at all is very rare.

My own child has never been able to attend a club in her school as the choice is so limited and the numbers of children in each year group so big. I do feel that we try our best to offer as many clubs as we can here but I am always happy to discuss what we do and what other systems we can operate which could be fairer. Do give me a call at school if you would like to talk to me further about your own child or clubs generally.

PFA 50:50 winners

March 1st prize of £50 Nicole Brooks

2nd prize of £24 Nicole Brooks

April 1st prize of £50 Tania Tothill

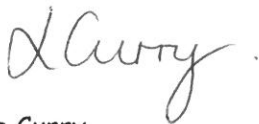
2nd prize of £26 Lyndsey Jolly

We look forward to another exciting term where the children in Class 1 will be preparing for their residential and we are looking to hold another Farmer's Market, with the whole school taking a part in the organising. These events are just two that will be part of our Summer Term calendar.

Keep an eye on the school website and calendar for dates and we will of course keep you posted via emails and the school monthly newsletter.

Please pop in if you have any concerns, worries or matters you would like to share.

Yours sincerely



Lorraine Curry

I have read the April 2017 newsletter, particularly the section on road safety.

Name of child _____

Signature of parent _____



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PARENT VOICE QUESTIONNAIRE 2017

As part of Cockwood School's Parent Voice, and our annual self-evaluation process the governors would like to invite you to complete a questionnaire on your thoughts and views. We really value your opinion and feel that your involvement is essential in us maintaining a high standard of education for all our children in the community. Could you please take time to fill in this questionnaire and return it to the school reception by **19th May**.

Many thanks for your participation.

1. MY CHILD	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Comments on Section 1
Enjoys school				
Is kept safe				
Is treated fairly and with respect				
Is expected to work hard and do their best				
Is helped to have a healthy lifestyle				
Is encouraged to become mature and independent				
Is making progress at school				

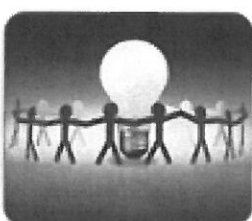
2. I AM	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Comments on Section 2
Made welcome in the school				
Happy with the quality of teaching				
Satisfied with the amount & quality of information I receive				
Kept well informed about how my child is getting on				
Given sufficient access to meet and discuss any issues I have				
Happy with the school lunches				
Satisfied with the condition of the school buildings				
Happy with the quality of school clubs				
Made aware of what the school's Governors do				

3. THE SCHOOL	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Comments on Section 3
Ensures the children's vision is met				
Promotes worthwhile attitudes and values				
Provides a broad and balanced curriculum				
Offers a good range of activities				
Sets the right amount of homework for my child				
Meets my child's needs				
Is led and managed well				
Informs me regularly about my child's progress				
Has provided worthwhile help with learning difficulties				
Makes sure my child is well prepared for the future				
Has appropriate procedures for dealing with complaints				
Deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour				
Encourages me to be involved in its life and work				
Communicates effectively with its parents				
Takes account of my suggestions and concerns				
Website is a useful source of information				
Website is easy to navigate and I can find what I am looking for				

Name (optional)	
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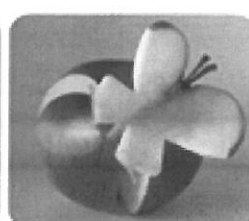
Teamwork



Learning Journey



Perseverance



Grow and Succeed