

Cockwood Primary School  
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Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Curry



30<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term and here are some dates, announcements and reminders.

### Staff changes

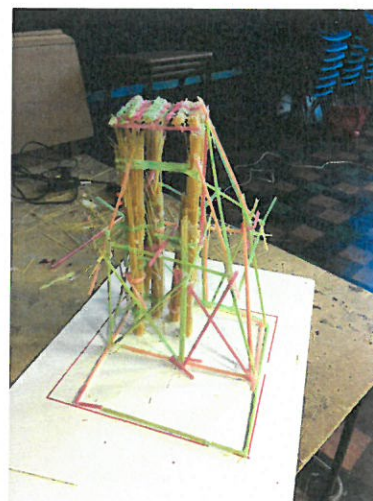
We welcome Liz Groves to our Governing Body who will act as a clerk to governors. Liz is currently a governor from a school in Exeter and brings with her a wealth of experience in this area. We also welcome Dan Partridge as our new sports coach.

### Dartmoor Christmas Tree Competition

We received a cheque for £250 this month as the award for winning the Christmas tree competition. We have organised a special Space Odyssey experience for the children this term and the funds will help to cover the cost of this. If you would like to find out more please visit the website at [www.spaceodyssey.co.uk](http://www.spaceodyssey.co.uk). This a brilliant treat and very educational and we are all looking forward to this event.

### Primary Schools Technical Challenge

The Rotary Club organised their annual technical challenge which was held at Dawlish Community College. We took a team of Year 6 pupils who competed against several other local schools and came away with the trophy! Well done to our DT experts, who had to build a tower to hold as much weight as possible. The tower didn't actually break under several kilograms of weight. A super achievement!





### Class 1 trip to Bristol Aerospace

Pupils and Staff enjoyed a brilliant day learning about flight and forces this month. The children had an amazing time learning about Concorde from its inception to its final flight. It was a privilege to board the plane and see it first-hand. The children enjoyed a workshop making rockets and testing them, and also visited the museum. The children were incredibly well behaved and impressed the staff with their knowledge.



### Beauty and the Beast

The children enjoyed a super pantomime from M and M Productions. Thank you to the PFA for helping to support this super treat for the children.

### Play leaders

Our Year 5 pupils have continued their play leader training and have now focussed on wet play games and how to support our younger children in the school. This is wonderful training for the children and having a positive effect on our play times so well done to our group of play leaders.

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### KS1 Aesthetics

Pupils from Year's 1 and 2 enjoyed a super afternoon of gym, yoga and dance at a festival on Friday. The event was organised by the South Dartmoor Sports Partnership and the children learnt some great skills.



### Exeter Chiefs

A selection of pupils were invited to attend an event organised by Education South West, focusing on writing, journalism and match day reporting at Exeter Chiefs. The pupils have attended a full day working with the education team there, and are now set to watch a match and report on it. A brilliant experience!

### Dance workshops for all pupils

Katie from Step Up and Dance has been putting pupils from each class through their paces with some wonderful dance workshops linked to their Literacy units. The sessions looked amazing, and we can't wait for her to come back on Monday to carry these on further!

### Swimming in Class 1

Pupils in Class 1 begin their swimming sessions this month. Thank you to everyone who has helped to fund this vital experience for the children. Class 2 swimming will follow after half term.



### Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared,

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in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any further questions, please come in and see myself or Mrs Watts.

#### PFA

Thank you to the PFA for helping to support swimming for pupils in Classes 1 and 2 this term. There is a huge cost involved, and with the school also subsidising some of this cost, this makes it far more manageable for parents.

#### 50:50 winners for January

£50 prize - Slavka Al Khalili

£20 prize - Danielle Nisbet

£20 - Ann and Peter Large

If you haven't yet collected your winnings, pop into the office.

#### Dates for your diary

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dance workshops for each class with Step Up and Dance
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming Class 1 pupils
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Week beginning Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swimming Class 2 Pupils
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Charity Bingo - Langstone Cliff
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	PFA Meeting 3.30pm
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb After school	PFA event - Film Night
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament (selected children) 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Spacy Odyssey Experience for all pupils
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Fire Safety talks from the fire service
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairtrade Event at Westcliff School PFA Cake Sale
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Science week events to include an inter-house competition
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2 assembly 9:30am in the village hall
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 Rotary Club Quiz 6:30pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Yrs 3 to 6 gym competition (selected pupils)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	DCC Open Evening
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Non uniform for egg donation

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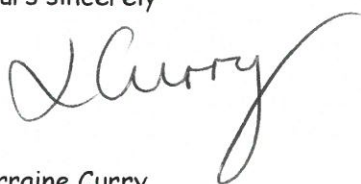


Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Vision Screening 4 and 5 year olds Parent Consultations
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Cycling competition Years 3 - 6 (selected pupils)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term Chocolate Bingo

As you can see we have another busy but fun term ahead. Please come in and chat to me if you are interested in joining our team of governors.

Please read the addition to this newsletter from Nick Tallamy, our Chair of Governors.

Yours sincerely



Lorraine Curry

*Message from the Chair of Governors*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the consultation period moves into its final days, I would like to thank those who have submitted questions, have attended the meetings or have given their opinions on whether Cockwood should seek to join Teignmouth Learning Trust.

I would like to remind you all that the consultation period remains open until half-term and if any of you have questions or would like to speak with any of the governors, then please do ask us directly or email [governors@cockwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:governors@cockwoodschool.co.uk) (please add "Academy Consultation" as the subject).

At the end of the consultation period, governors will meet again to discuss the questions raised and the opinions given. A Consultation Report will be written and sent out to all of our stakeholders. This will include a copy of the questions asked and the responses from the governing body.

On another note, we are actively looking to add new governors to our governing body. If you feel that you would like to become more involved in how the school is run and help shape the future of Cockwood School, then please do get in touch with any of the current governors, Mrs Curry or our Clerk, Liz Groves. Our current governors are:

Nick Tallamy (Chair); Judith McGrath (Chair of Teaching & Learning); Glynis Buckle (Chair of Resources); Tania Weeks; Holly Hilliard (Staff Governor); Richard Crompton; Andy Lawrence; Lorraine Curry (Head Teacher)

Thank you once again for your continued support.  
Nick Tallamy, Chair of Governors

