



Cockwood Primary School
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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term. Here are some announcements and reminders. I have included the dates section again on the end of this newsletter, in case you missed this last time. Thank you for bearing with us last week with the school closure re snow and weather conditions.

We will look at rescheduling the swimming for Class 2 as soon as we can. World Book Day celebrations will now take place on Thursday 29th March (last day of term).

Ofsted visit

We recently welcomed an Ofsted inspector into the school who spent a day making judgements on our school. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the survey and to all pupils who did this in school on the day. The inspector did say that the percentage of parents who took part was incredible, so thank you once again. I will send the report to you as soon as we receive it.

Create a club

Sharon from *Create A Club* has the following message.

"This term at Create Club we have been whizzing around the world being inspired by different periods of time such as cave painting, to various continents and countries including Africa, Japan and Mexico. I can't wait to see where we are off to this half term. It's not too late to join us, so please email sharonkeirle@thecreationstation.co.uk to find out more and to secure your child's space"

Tempest Photography

It seems a little while ago now, but thanks to your school photograph purchases; the school secured commission of £239.99, which the PFA will spend wisely.

Community and Celebration Event

The children have been busy preparing for the Community Celebration Event taking place on Friday 9th March. Each class have had the opportunity to create some artwork which will go towards a final whole school piece. The artist KT Hemmings has been working tirelessly on putting this together so we can't wait to see it on show at the event. Please do join us if you can, to see the children perform and enjoy a nice cream tea.

Holiday and absence requests

Can I just remind parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. If holidays are taken, then you will be subject to a penalty notice. If two of these are received within a two year period, then you may be called to magistrate's court. Small periods of unauthorised absence also mount up across a year. If you have any questions regarding absences please do contact me at school.

Traffic and roadworks

This is a real problem at the moment, especially for families who live in Dawlish. Thank you once again to all parents who park at the bottom of School Hill and Cofton Hill when dropping off and collecting your child. I know that the traffic issues are putting increased pressure on you. Could I once again urge those parents who are still parking at the school, to not do this please, as the area is still very congested and will continue to be until June, when the harbour works will hopefully be completed. The safety of all children must remain a high priority at this time. Thank you.

Class 2 Assembly

Just a reminder that the Class 2 assembly will be held on Tuesday 13th March, in Cockwood Village Hall. Children will need to arrive on time and be dropped at the hall rather than the school. The assembly itself will begin at 9:30am and doors will open around 9:15am.

Class 1 Parent Meal

If you are a parent or grandparent of a pupil in Class 1, then please join us for our Parent Meal on Thursday 15th March. Details on menu choices have been sent home already. We can extend the deadline for this to Wednesday 7th March.

Class 2 visit to RAMM and the cathedral

Just a reminder that this is taking place on Thursday 15th March. If you haven't yet paid for this then please log on to School Money asap.

Class 1 Rotary Quiz

This is taking place at 6:30pm on Wednesday 14th March. We are the current trophy holders, so the best of luck Class 1. Mrs Roper will send out further information nearer the day.

Job Centre Plus

We have been contacted by Job Centre Plus and have been asked to let you know that they have made it easier for you to find local benefits and employment information.

Please go to <http://www.jobcentrenearme.com> for more information.

PFA

Thank you to the PFA for contributing £962.75 for playground equipment and organising the Film Night.

50:50 winners for February

£50 prize - Mrs Jago

£20 prize - Mrs J Taylor

£20 - Mrs Hatherly

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

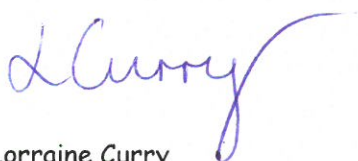
Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6 th March	Spacy Odyssey Experience for all pupils
Wednesday 7 th March	Fire Safety talks from the fire service
Friday 9 th March	Community Celebration Event 1:30pm until 3:00pm
Week beginning 12 th March	Science week events to include an inter-house competition
Tuesday 13 th March	Class 2 assembly 9:30am in the village hall
Wednesday 14 th March	Class 1 Rotary Club Quiz 6:30pm
Thursday 15 th March	Class 2 trip to Exeter
Thursday 15 th March	Class 1 Parent Meal
Friday 16 th March	PFA Meeting - 3.30pm
Tuesday 20 th March	Years 3 to 6 gym competition (selected pupils)
Wednesday 21 st March	DCC Open Evening
Friday 23 rd March	Non uniform for egg donation
Monday 26 th March	Vision Screening 4 and 5 year olds Parent Consultations
Tuesday 27 th March	Parent Consultation Cycling competition Years 3 - 6 (selected pupils)
Thursday 29 th March	Rescheduled World Book Day
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term Chocolate Bingo

Please read the addition to this newsletter from Mrs Judith McGrath, Vice Chair of our Governing Body.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Lorraine Curry

Dear Parents,

Firstly the governors would like to thank you for your support last week when we had our short notice Ofsted inspection. We are very grateful to parents for giving their time to feedback to the inspector. We will share the findings once we have the published report.

Feedback is an important part of the self evaluation process at Cockwood School, where we value your views on how well we are serving the needs of your children in their daily learning. This year we have been collecting feedback from parents and staff according to the governors' agreed feedback schedule:

November - new parents and carers

March - staff

June - parents and carers

In addition to surveys, we also value verbal feedback. To do this we like to ensure that a governor is present at events and parents consultations. This term's consultations are soon, so please if you have any queries, praise or concerns come and talk to us on 26th or 27th March. All comments are fed back at Governing Body meetings for discussion and will inform actions going forward, so your views are extremely important to us.

For 2018 we have changed how we ask our children to give feedback. Instead of a questionnaire, governors are now meeting with the School Council to collect their views on designated topics.

Glynis Buckle, governor responsible for Safeguarding, met with the Council in November to talk to the children about feeling safe at school and also bullying. I met with them to talk about Maths, English and the other subjects they study here as part of our 2018 curriculum review. Other meetings are planned for next term. In addition to this we will be completing a written survey in July with our Year 6 leavers.

New parents were asked to complete a short questionnaire in November and the findings were extremely positive once again, with parents strongly agreeing with the questions asked and feeding back 'my child has loved every day so far' and 'we feel so lucky to have our child at Cockwood, it's a fabulous school'. Governors would like to thank our Reception Class teachers for making this such a happy experience for our new children and for all our children.

If you would like to contact governors, you can write to me, Judith McGrath, via the School Office or by email: jammymcg@me.com