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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope that the term has started well for you and your family. This is just a short update this month as we have had the Easter break, but there are some important dates here which you may want to make a note of.

Waitrose

You may remember that last year we were able to be one of the chosen charities supported by Waitrose customers in Teignmouth. We received a cheque this week for over £250 as part of the Community Matters Scheme, which will be spent on new books for the library. This is a super addition to our funds and we are very keen to supplement our fiction books. We will let the children know as soon as they have arrived and are on the shelves, as they love having a chance to read them.

Chocolate Bingo

Well done to the PFA for organising and running this event for us. It was a great evening and a huge thanks to everyone who supported this. The PFA raised £590.83 which all goes back to the children, either in subsidising visits or swimming, or buys crucial equipment for the school.

World Book Day

Our delayed celebrations were held on the last day of term and it was wonderful to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book character. We are always promoting a love of reading in the school and this is one event which the children love to take part in. Well done to everyone who made such a huge effort to share their favourite book character with us.





Powderham House Cup winners

Well done to Powderham House for gaining the most house points in the Spring Term. It was a close competition yet again, and the children are working hard in all areas of school. Let's see who the final champions are in the summer!



Winners for effort and progress

At the end of every term we recognise pupils who have stood out in terms of effort across Reading, Writing and Maths. Well done also goes to our Platinum Award winners who have made outstanding progress this term.

Super effort in Reading



Super effort in Maths



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Super effort in Writing



Platinum Award winners for outstanding progress



Music in the Castle

On Friday, children in Class 1 were able to go to Powderham Castle to watch a special performance by the Meridies Piano Trio.

We were invited to the prestigious James Wyatt music room to listen to an hour long performance covering pieces by Debussy and Haydn, and even a world exclusive composition! The trio consisted of a pianist, violinist and cellist, who are all postgraduate students from the Trinity Laban Conservatoire that perform all over the world and take part in competitions. The children had the opportunity to ask questions at the end, where they found out about their inspirations, how long they had been playing, and how they started the instrument. The children loved the performance and enjoyed listening to a different type of music. It was especially exciting to listen to a world premiere! (Miss Buttree)

Twitter

Just a reminder that we will upload news on our Twitter account @Cockwoodprimary, where you can follow what the children are doing and share in their achievements.

Devon Air Ambulance

We welcomed a representative from Devon Air Ambulance into school this week who talked to us about the good work that they do. The children are keen to do some fund raising to support this brilliant cause so we will keep you posted.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to all parents who order goods online via the easyfundraising site. Every penny counts and we have just received a cheque for £27.43. If you can order goods this way then the school gets commission. The link is on the homepage of the school website so please use this if you can.

Meal Time Assistant

We have a vacancy for a meal time assistant for 2-5 days per week (1.25 hours per day). If you are interested please contact the school office for more details.

Guitars

Mr Ford has space on a Friday if your child is interested in learning to play the guitar. Please contact the school office for more information.

Some important dates

Please make a note of some of these important dates.

Thursday 3 rd May	Swimming for Class 2 - pick up by 3:15pm at the pool
Friday 4 th May	Swimming for Class 2 - pick up by 3:15pm at the pool
Friday 4 th May	Key Stage 1 Sports Festival for selected pupils 10:00am - 11:30am at DCC
Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8 th May	Yr 5/6 rounders competition for selected pupils at Forches Cross 3:00pm until 6:00pm
Wednesday 16 th May	Class 3 trip to Paignton Zoo
Week Beginning Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATS Tests
Week beginning Monday 21 st May	Year 2 SATS tests
Thursday 24 th May	TCS staff to meet pupils who are attending in September
Friday 25 th May	Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 Dartmoor 3 Ball Tournament for selected pupils
Friday 25 th May	Non-uniform and cake sale
Week beginning Monday 28 th May	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 4 th June	Non-pupil day
Tuesday 5 th June	TERM STARTS
Monday 11 th June	Dawlish Learning Partnership Music Event at the Langstone Cliff Hotel 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday 12 th June	Sports Day (pm)
Tuesday 19 th June	Sports Day (Reserve Day 1 if poor weather on the 12th)
Wednesday 20 th June	Class 3 visit to Dawlish Warren
Thursday 21 st June and Friday 22 nd June	Class 2 residential trip to the Manor House Hotel Activity Centre
Monday 25 th June to Wednesday 27 th June	Class 1 residential trip to London
Tuesday 3 rd July	Yr 3/4 athletics competition for selected pupils 10:00am - 12:00pm at DCC
Wednesday 4 th July	Wimbledon trip for selected pupils in Class 1
Thursday 5 th July	Sports Day (Reserve Day 2 if poor weather on Reserve Day 1)
Monday 9 th July	Year 6 and Staff show at the Langstone Cliff Hotel Evening
Wednesday 11 th July	Move up afternoon for all pupils to include new Reception intake

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Monday 16 th July	Reports to parents
Tuesday 17 th July	Class 3 Assembly 9:30am in the village hall
Wednesday 18 th July	Move up morning to include all new Reception intake
Monday 23 rd July	Parent consultations afternoon and evening
Thursday 26 th July	Leavers Assembly for Year 6 9:30am in the village hall
Thursday 26 th July	Last day of term

As you can see have an exciting term ahead.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events.

Kind regards


Lorraine Curry

Message from Nick Tallamy, Chair of Governors

As you know, we had our consultation exercise on the joining of the Teignbridge Learning Trust recently. I am in the process of completing a report based on the questions that were raised during that period, which will be with you all shortly. All of the parents that attended the meetings or submitted their views and questions via email were very supportive of the schools move to the Trust. Some parents are sceptical of the idea of a MAT in general, but are aware that the governors have considered everything and have not come to their decision lightly.

There have been a number of events that I would like to advise you about relating to the timeline. As you are aware the original intention was for Cockwood to join the MAT from May 1st, 2018. Due to a delay in the funding becoming available from the Department for Education, it was decided to postpone this until the beginning of the next financial year, which for Multi-Academy Trusts begins in September. We have since been asked by the Department for Education to postpone further to October 2018, as they are currently inundated with applications.

Therefore, the new proposed date for joining the Teignbridge Learning Trust will be October 1st, 2018.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do let one of the governing board know, or feel free to email governors@cockwoodschool.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Nick Tallamy

