



Cockwood Primary School
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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The sun is shining and the term has flown by. We look forward to the half term break, and the children need a well-deserved rest! Here are the highlights and reminders from May.

Sun protection

We are enjoying some lovely weather so please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before they arrive at school and that they also bring some with them in a labelled container if the day is going to be very sunny. A sunhat is also essential at the moment.

We are going to put up gazebos on the field for lunchtimes but the children must still have sun protection and a water bottle/cup in school for when they need a drink of water. Thank you for your support in this.

Year 6 SATS

Well done to all of the children in Year 6 who have sat additional tests recently. Thank you to the Year 6 team for providing breakfasts for the children on their test days; this really helped with nerves and it was lovely to see them having fun before school started.

Good luck to Year 2 who are currently having some assessed tasks to complete this week.

Sport

We have had a number of events going on recently: to include a rounders tournament against 9 other schools in Newton Abbot, a KS1 striking and fielding festival and a girls football match against Gatehouse School. Selected pupils in Years 5 and 6 are competing in a Dartmoor 3 Ball tournament on Friday. Well done to all of the children who are taking part. As the year progresses we try to include as many different children as possible, to ensure that pupils who wish to compete against other schools get the opportunity.

Well done to the rounders team who achieved fourth overall - in some very close matches! It was nearly a final place but for half a rounder! A huge congratulation must also go to the girls football team who won 7 goals to 6 yesterday. Our team of 5 managed to beat a team of 14 - superb effort!





PFA

Thank you to the PFA for helping to fund some new playground equipment, which the children are enjoying. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday in exchange for a £1 contribution to the PFA.

Cake donations will be gratefully received as there is a cake sale after school on Friday. Please take much needed donations to the Sunny Room.

50:50 winners

1st prize of £50 - Gilly Jolly

2nd prize of £15 - Teresa Butttree

Our numbers have dropped for 50 50 so if you are interested in joining please see Mrs Jago in the office. It is only £2 per month for 1 number with the funds raised going straight out in prizes and into the PFA fundraising pot. Please support us if you can. It may be your number pulled out and a £50 first prize is superb. The more numbers, the bigger the prizes.

Class 3 visit to Paignton Zoo

Our youngest pupils enjoyed a super day at the zoo, learning about the different animals and habitats. We have enjoyed listening to their stories in school! This was a wonderful visit, which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along to assist.



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Year 4 and Exeter Chiefs

We have organised some sessions for our Year 4 pupils after half term to enhance their PE and Maths skills. Exeter Chiefs are coming in to work with the Year 4 pupils over a period of 5 weeks, focusing on Maths and financial skills in particular, and then they will also have a PE session each week. This is a great opportunity and the Year 4 pupils from Classes 1 and 2 will take part on a Friday morning, beginning on Friday 15th June. There is no charge for this opportunity, and we are very excited to see how the sessions go!

New school vision

Pupils, Staff, Governors and Parents have been exploring our core values since January and we have a new set of vision pictures to go with our new vision statement, which can be found on the homepage of our school website. Just a reminder that updates and news are posted regularly on the website and these feature alongside a range of important documents and information. The Easyfunding link can be found on the homepage, in addition to our school's twitter feed.

We will continue to explore our core values after half term with the children, but below are the collective values/skills which we want to instil in our pupils. At Cockwood School we see these areas as most important and we look forward to promoting these further, within our curriculum, enrichment opportunities and the ethos generally across the school.



Perseverance



Respect



Reflection



Creativity



Ambition



Happiness

Music event for singers at the Langstone Cliff Hotel

If your child is performing in the show (your child will know if they are - Class 1 only), don't forget that your tickets to attend are in the school office. The cost for the ticket is £3 and we are limited to two per family. All proceeds are going to a school in Africa.

Parking

Just a further reminder to all parents who continue to park near the school gates. The more cars that block the roads and cause congestion, the more dangerous this is becoming. Please put our children's safety first and park at the bottom near the village hall or on Kenbury Crescent.

Thank you once again to all parents who do this. Your support is much appreciated.

Holiday and absence requests

Holidays cannot be authorised unless there are clear exceptional circumstances and this is very rare. There are strict criteria which the school must follow with regards to this, as set out by Devon and the DFE. Please be mindful that you may receive a penalty notice from Devon if your child does take a holiday in term time. If you have any questions, please do speak to me at school. All holidays should be taken in holiday time. Thank you for your support.

A Royal Lunch

The children enjoyed a fantastic lunch in celebration of the royal wedding. Well done to Sheree, Jo and all the lunchtime staff, who made the occasion so special.

Some important dates

Please make a note of some of these important dates.

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
Friday 15 th June	Exeter Chiefs to begin working with Year 4 pupils
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
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 consultation 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 we have an exciting term ahead. The first Sports Day is early on in the half term - so weather permitting, this will be a great afternoon. More details will follow, but for all new parents to the school, families can arrive on the school field for lunchtime and share a

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picnic lunch with the children. We then usually kick off the events just after 1:00pm. Sheree and Jo in the kitchen will be providing a super sports day lunch for children and parents, should you want one. We will send out details after half term.

We look forward to a lovely final term of the year. I can't believe we are at this stage already! Have a super half term holiday and we will see the children back on Tuesday 5th June.

Kind regards



Lorraine Curry

