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Newsletter

Dear Parents

We have a very busy run up to Christmas with many exciting events approaching. I have added the dates onto the end of this newsletter again for you but can I point out a slight change. We are combining the Red Cross Christmas Jumper Appeal day with our Carol Service, so when the children attend school on the last day and we sing carols in the church, they can wear their Christmas jumper then. They can wear their own clothes on the bottom and sensible shoes please for walking to and from the church. A small donation for the Red Cross would be greatly appreciated. We will let you know more about the Carol Service nearer the time, but it is open to Year 6 parents only, as it is a very informal event for the children, rather than a performance.

The children have been very keen this term to support worthwhile causes, which is a real credit to them, as they consider others who are less fortunate.

Just a quick reminder that all children must have a named coat in school please.

The Fair Trade Café

Well done to Mrs Morris and the School Council for organising another super Fair Trade Café. £93.50 was raised to help Fair Trade farmers and thank you to all parents who came along or donated some cakes on the day. Well done to Wilbur Genders and Maisie Horn, who guessed correctly the names of the Fair Trade cat and dog!

Crazy Hair Day and Children in Need

Well done Jamie on a great suggestion for Children in Need Day. The school embraced Crazy Hair Day and thank you to Sheree for providing the Pudsey Bear biscuits. £190 was raised for both Children in Need and Jamie's charity, The Red Cross, who are supporting the Indonesian tsunami appeal.



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Forest Schools

Class 1 are now enjoying their Forest Schools sessions. Some of the activities require the children having trust in their partner! It looks like lots of fun, with den building included.



Class 1 Assembly

What a brilliant performance from our Class 1 pupils. The assembly had everything, from super acting skills to incredible singing and dancing. To tackle Macbeth in primary school is a real achievement and it was phenomenal. Well done!



Sport

Pupils have enjoyed tag rugby tournaments (Years 3 - 6) and a group of pupils participated in a personal challenge sports festival recently, which they enjoyed. Cross country is planned for tomorrow, weather dependent.

Shoe box appeal for children in Lesvos

Thank you so much if you were able to provide a gift for a Syrian refugee in Lesvos. 200 boxes were collected from local schools, so thank you for your contribution if you were able to help. The children at school were very keen for us to help these children have a special Christmas, so thank you.

Switching on the Dawlish Christmas lights

Our choir are singing at this event on Friday so please pop along if you can. The choir are singing beautifully, so well done to Miss Butttree - our amazing singing teacher. The children are meeting at 4:45pm and the event kicks off at 5:00pm

Mr Fenton

As you may be aware, Mr Fenton's wife is about to have a baby - any day now! He will have a short period of paternity leave and will then be back with us. We have worked hard to try to ensure that there is consistency for Class 2 in his absence and have been looking at this for a number of weeks. In the most part, Mrs Watts will teach Class 2 for the two weeks covering Mr Fenton's absence and Miss Butttree will teach Class 3. Thank you to all staff who have stepped up and helped of late, as it has been a busy few weeks in school.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

- Just a reminder that if you are involved in the wreath making you need to bring your own scissors or secateurs.
- The PFA urgently need an assistant treasurer to help Becks Tallamy in the counting and banking of any money that comes into the PFA from various events. If you have some time to spare please contact the school office.
- Film Night will be on Thursday 20th December. More details to follow.

The Always Club

We celebrate achievement all the time at Cockwood and we have many different awards that the children can work towards. In addition to what we already do, we are going to have an Always Club, which will begin this term. This is a special Headteacher Club, which is designed to celebrate those children who are always polite, always kind to others, always ready to learn, always enthusiastic etc. One child from each class will be recognised each month, and they will receive a very special treat at the end of the half term. This will run alongside the new Headteacher Reading Award, which I mentioned in my last newsletter. We will continue with our weekly postcards and our termly Reading, Writing, and Maths effort awards, which are presented with our Special Platinum Award for outstanding progress. Of course we also have our housepoints too, so that when children receive 20, 50 and 80 housepoints they receive a prize. Best of luck to all of the children here at Cockwood! We will mention the new award in our next assembly.

Sustainability workshops

We are running a workshop for Classes 1 and 2 on Tuesday 4th December, with a focus on marine pollution.

Pennywell Farm Visit Class 3

This will take place next week on Wed 5th December. Payment and consent needed by Monday 3rd December.

Cockwood Christmas Fayre

Sat 8th December at the Golden Sands Holiday Park. 10:00am - 12:30pm.

Christmas performance (whole school)

This will take place at the Langstone Cliff Hotel at 4:15pm on Monday 17th December. Consent forms needed please.

Christmas dinner

Thursday 20th December - normal school uniform.

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PFA Film Night in Cockwood Village Hall.

Carol service

This is for Year 6 parents only at the church on Friday 21st December. All pupils to wear non-uniform but a Christmas jumper to be included if possible. Fund raising for the Red Cross Christmas Jumper Appeal.

As you can see we have a very busy term ahead. Please send in any consent forms for the events as soon as possible please. A huge thank you to all parents and grandparents who have supported this school this term. We hope to see you at some of our events as we approach the festive season!

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