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## Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Cockwood School after our half term break. We have enjoyed some lovely weather on our return and the children have been amazing. It is fantastic to have them back and ready to go! We have an exciting term ahead and the staff have been busy preparing some super learning experiences to include Science Week activities and school visits! Here are some important points and reminders for you.

### CAP

The Child Assault Prevention Team came in and led an assembly to recap on the themes from their workshops. Some issues around e-safety came up and both myself and Mrs Watts emailed you some important information. Please check your emails to ensure you have picked these up.

### Workshop for Parents - using 'Normal Magic' for good mental health

Life for adults and children seems to be getting more stressful and this is such a valuable workshop to attend. It will give you some fantastic information on how you can support yourself and your child in today's busy world. It is free and you will take away plenty of ideas and strategies that you can use at home. Please do try to attend as these workshops are not available very often. This may be the only one that will come to us here so let us know if you need support with childcare on the day and if you are able to attend. The date is Weds 20<sup>th</sup> March from 3:40pm to 5:40pm. Further information is on the slip sent home this week.

### Forest School

We are still exploring the possibility of continuing Forest School sessions at a different location. Please bear with us and we will update you as soon as we can.

### Sport at Cockwood

Selected pupils have taken part in a variety of sporting opportunities - both competitive and otherwise. These have included a KS2 Aquasplash Festival, KS1 Aesthetics Festival and mixed Year 5/6 football at Gatehouse Primary School. Well done to all of the children who took part.

### Radio Devon Shout Out

The school was nominated by a member of the public to do the Shout Out on Radio Devon this week. Well done to the pupils in Class 1 who completed this - it was very exciting listening to the Shout Out at 3:30pm on Wednesday. If we receive the link we will send this on so if you missed it you may be able to get a further chance to hear it.

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### Mandarin Chinese

Pupils in Class 1 have experienced learning Mandarin Chinese this week, via a link with a teacher in Beijing. They loved it and have been singing Chinese songs all day! The children even started to write in Chinese and I know they were proud of their achievements. We are looking at introducing this into the curriculum as we want to offer breadth and diversity - we also want the children to enjoy their learning and Chinese is a hugely important language. We are exploring how to fund this so watch this space. The children are very keen to continue to learn Chinese.



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### Matilda

Pupils enjoyed a super evening watching Matilda at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. We have secured tickets for Nativity The Musical in November so we will let you know further information in the Autumn Term.

### PFA

The PFA have been working hard as always and well done on a super Valentines Disco. Thank you to Cofton for providing the venue and all of the parent helpers who supported this fun event for the children.



### Community Transport Event

The Community Transport Team who run the Rosie Bus are celebrating their 30 year anniversary on Sat March 16<sup>th</sup>. If your child uses the bus and you would like to attend you are more than welcome. It is from 11:00am to 3:00pm at The Manor House, Old Town Street in Dawlish. There are performances from the High C's Choir and refreshments

### Fencing

We are offering 4 weeks of fencing in PE for Class 1 starting next week. This will be on Tuesday afternoons during their PE sessions.

### World Book Day

Don't forget that World Book Day is next Thursday and this coincides with the sponsored read event and a special menu on the day. All information on this has come to you already so please support this day. We look forward to seeing children dressed as their favourite characters or bringing a hint of a book. The sponsored read is helping us add more books to our library so please talk to your child about this.

### Head Lice Treatment Plan

The orange card was sent home with some conditioner and a head lice comb before half term. All completed cards should be sent in to me at school when completed.

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### Parent Consultations and Rotary Quiz

There is a slight change to the dates below as the Rotary Club quiz is clashing and we would really like to take part in this. The quiz for Class 1 is taking place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 4:00pm to 6:00pm so the evening appointments for Class 1 will now be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Weds 27<sup>th</sup> March and for Classes 2 and 3 they will remain on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Weds 27<sup>th</sup>. Further information will come to you shortly.

### Signing in procedures

Just a reminder that all children who are late must be signed in at the office. We are seeing fewer late children so this is great. Well done everyone.

### Twitter

Don't forget to follow events at school on twitter @cockwoodschool.

### Guitar lessons

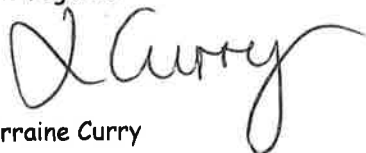
If your child is interested in having guitar lessons from Richard Ford then please get in touch with Mrs Jago or Mrs Rose in the school office.

### Dates

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	PFA Mad March Hair Day in exchange for chocolate donations for Chocolate Bingo
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Handball competition for Years 3 -6 selected pupils
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Understanding mental health workshops for parents. After school in the village hall.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Odd socks day - raising funds for Downs Syndrome
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Non uniform day raising funds for the Princess Trust (Isla Nicholson) and cake sale
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening - Class 1 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations afternoon and evening
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Rotary Club Quiz
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2 Assembly
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	X-Country event

We look forward to a lovely few weeks.

Kind regards



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