



Cockwood Primary School
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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely term so far, and well done to all of the children for starting the year so well. We have enjoyed harvest, school visits, Forest School and much more. Please read through the newsletter as there are vital reminders - such as it is a **non-pupil day** on **Friday** this week. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 28th October. Here are some important reminders and messages, including a very important addition from Glynis Buckle, safeguarding governor at the end of this newsletter.

Reminder - nut free school

Just a further reminder that nuts, in particular, peanuts should not be brought into school please. We are looking to clarify the type of lunch or snack products which can be brought in after half term, as I know some children are a little confused with what can come in. After half term we will send you some additional information, which I hope you will find helpful.

Class 1 trip to Bovington Tank Museum

The children had a super time at Bovington, where they could explore life from a WWII perspective. They enjoyed exploring a house from the 1940's and learnt how life was different to today. Other areas of learning were: the home guard and their purpose, the land girls and the roles of the ARP wardens. They were able to climb into tanks from different periods to see how they had changed. They loved dressing up, and were a real credit to the school, as their behaviour was exceptional.





Parking

Can I just ask parents once again to be thoughtful about their parking and driving around the school. Following the Class 1 trip to Bovington, it has been reported to me by a resident that a parent parked on their private land at the bottom of School Hill and refused to move when asked. I have also had complaints from residents about other parents parking on their driveways. These actions are not supported by the school and we are left in a very difficult position. Can I ask all parents to be very thoughtful about their parking and keep working hard to keep our children safe. Thank you as always to the parents who park at the bottom of the hill and walk up to the school. This is very much appreciated.

Coffee morning

Well done to our super Year 6 pupils who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning in the hall. They helped sell raffle tickets and collected tea and coffee cups from the visitors. They thoroughly enjoyed their time in the hall and we have received some wonderful comments from the residents. They even had a cheer and a clap at the end of the event, so well done!



Bikeability

The children flew through the bikeability sessions and were fantastic. This is such a worthwhile experience and one which is incredibly important. We look forward to our pupils in Year 6 taking part next year.

Forest School and Dance

Class 2 are enjoying their final Forest School session tomorrow and it will be the turn of Class 1 after the break. Could all Class 2 parents ensure that their child comes in to school in their uniform tomorrow for the school photos and brings a change of clothes with them. If any adults would like to support Forest School sessions with Class 1 please let us know. They will take place on Thursday afternoons.

Kate will continue with her superb dance sessions on Thursdays - with Class 2 and 3 after the holiday.



Phonic workshop

Mrs Watts is holding a short phonic workshops for parents of pupils in EYFS. Please see the date in the Reminders and Events box.

Harvest

What a wonderful celebration this was. It is always a lovely event for us and the children were amazing. The Reverend Richard Allen said it was the best harvest that he had ever been part of. Thank you to all of you who shared this event with us and for donating goods to St Petrocs in Exeter.





PFA news

Thank you to the PFA for some super fundraising – including attending the Dawlish Triathlon - selling cakes and taking on the role of event marshal. We are all benefiting from their hard work so please read their newsletter and help if you can.

September 50:50 Club

1st Prize £50 Sarah Bentley
2nd Prize £10 Chrissy Long
3rd Prize £10 Norman Taylor

Reminders and events

School photos	Tomorrow
Class 1 Assembly in the village hall	Tuesday 29 th October
Forest School for Class 1	Begins Thursday 31 st October
Class 2 lego workshop	Tuesday 5 th November
Phonics workshop for EYFS parents	Wednesday 6 th November 3:00pm in the Sunny Room
Nativity Musical in Plymouth Year 2 upwards	Wednesday 27 th November
Non pupil day	Friday 18 th October
Start of term	Monday 28 th October

Thank you for your continued support. It was super to see so many of you at the Parent Consultation meetings. Please ensure that you come along after half term if you were unable to make an appointment. These meetings are so valuable.

Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you on Monday 28th.

Kind regards

Lorraine Curry

**MY responsibility, YOUR responsibility, OUR responsibility
SAFEGUARDING is EVERYONE'S responsibility**

In September 2019 the Department of Education published an update to its statutory guidance for schools and colleges and defined safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as

- *Protecting children from maltreatment*
- *Preventing impairment of children's health or development*
- *Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care*
- *Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes*

This provides the framework which schools must adhere to when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of their pupils. All staff, volunteers and governors at Cockwood are committed to this and recognise and understand that they are expected to demonstrate this commitment in all aspects of their work. Our aim is to achieve a child centred and co-ordinated approach by:

- *Establishing and maintaining an environment where all children feel secure and are encouraged to talk and know they are listened to*
- *Ensuring children know that there are adults within school they can talk to if they are worried or concerned and ensuring that those adults know how to respond appropriately*
- *Training and educating staff to identify early indicators of welfare concerns and to understand the appropriate measures to follow to address their concerns, be it neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse.*
- *Providing opportunities for children to develop skills to recognise and stay safe from abuse.*
- *Helping children to learn about safeguarding in an age appropriate way throughout the curriculum*
- *Promoting courteous and responsible behaviour by the children, enabling everyone to feel safe*
- *Maintaining rigorous internal systems and ensuring that we keep our safeguarding at the highest level and always on our agenda.*

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers

- *We will share with parents and carers any concerns we may have about your child **unless** to do so may place a child at increased risk of harm.*
- *We work with parents and carers positively, openly and honestly and ensuring that all parents and carers are treated with respect, dignity and courtesy.*
- *We will respect parents' rights to privacy and confidentiality and will not share sensitive information unless we have permission or it is necessary to do so in order to safeguard a child from harm.*
- *We will share information with appropriate agencies to enable us to work together when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will always ensure that our concerns are discussed with the parents or carers first*

unless we have reason to believe that this is not in the child's best interests or a child is at significant risk or in immediate danger.

- The Head Teacher (who is the designated safe guarding lead) is required to report any obvious or suspected child abuse – which includes non-accidental injury, severe physical neglect, emotional abuse and/or sexual abuse. This procedure is intended to protect children at risk and schools are encouraged to take the attitude that where there are grounds for suspicion it is better to be safe than sorry.

Day - to - Day Safeguarding

There are many ways that we can work together on a daily basis to ensure the safety of our children at Cockwood

- Ensuring that the school holds at least 2 up to date emergency contact telephone numbers
- Notifying a member of staff if there are any changes (temporary or permanent) to home life that may have an impact on your child
- Ensuring that staff are aware of any temporary, permanent or ad hoc changes to your child's 'pick-up' arrangements
- Responsible and considerate parking. Many thanks to the majority of parents who do park at the bottom of School Hill or Cofton Hill. Unfortunately there are still some parents who park at the top of the hill putting children and other pedestrians at unnecessary risk.
- Internet safety and diligent use of social media. Again many thanks to parents for not posting photographs of school events or activities on Facebook (or similar). Any photograph/video of children other than your own must have the explicit consent of the parent/carer of all of the other children in the photograph/video.

Child protection is everyone's responsibility and everyone who comes into contact with our children has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.

Fears about sharing information cannot be allowed to stand in the way of ensuring the welfare and safety of children. GDPR does not prevent the sharing of information for the purpose of keeping children safe.

No-one should assume that someone else will pass on information which they think may be critical to keeping a child safe. Where safeguarding is concerned we must all maintain the attitude of 'it could happen here'.

We recognise that child protection is a very sensitive issue and it raises many questions and a range of strong emotions. We will do everything we can to support our children and you can be assured that any action we take will be in the best interests of your child.

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child, please speak to one of the Designated Members of Staff shown below

Safeguarding Contacts:

Lorraine Curry (Head Teacher)

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Gill Watts (Class 3)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

(If you cannot find any of the people named, please tell someone in the office so that they can inform the designated person for safeguarding)