



Cockwood Primary School
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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We are fast approaching Christmas and the children are starting to get excited about the events to come. Could I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of you for supporting the many fund raising events that have taken place this term. The children are passionate about helping others and this is so important. We have enjoyed some wonderful activities during Parliament Week and I certainly feel that we have some budding politicians within our school! Never before has a General Election sparked so much interest! Well done to Mrs Roper and the team for putting together a great programme. We are looking to be awarded the Gold Standard from Parliament - I certainly think the Brexit vote which took place in Class 1 should be something that could be discussed in the Houses of Commons. It was lovely to see young people debating and showing real passion and understanding for some very important issues. So what else has been happening at Cockwood? Please read about the events which we have enjoyed and those coming up.

Just a quick reminder - can I ask all parents to please **not park on the private land at the bottom of School Hill, or indeed any private land such as on resident's driveways**. There have been several incidents now where parents have parked on land which does not have public access, and this is causing huge issues for the school. Please respect the private property of residents in the village. Thank you so much.

Year 2 - 6 Theatre Trip

What a lovely afternoon on Wednesday! Children, staff and parents enjoyed the musical Nativity at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. The show was amazing, and it was wonderful to see the children having so much fun. Some children had never been to the theatre, so this was such a special experience for them.



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Music Mark Award

Well done to Miss Butttree! As a school we have been recognised as offering a superb provision in Music. Miss Butttree has worked very hard to ensure that we offer many different types of music lessons to our children - we currently offer drums, keyboard, singing and guitar, alongside running an amazing choir who attend many events in the area. The choir are singing this evening in Dawlish for the Christmas lights switch on and are also singing in Sainsburys in the near future. In addition, they are singing at a local residential home in the new year and many members of school have attended music events, such as the Powderham Castle music event. We will also see the choir at the Christmas Fayre.



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We look forward to the amazing Christmas performance at the Langstone Cliff Hotel in December. Thank you Miss Butttree.

Supporting Good Causes

Thank you to all parents who made Christmas shoe boxes for the children in Moldova. The Rotary were very grateful today when they were all collected.

We raised £50 for the Railway Children (our school's chosen charity) at the Fair Trade Café, and £20 for Children in Need. Well done to the School Council and Mrs Morris for all of their hard work.

We also raised £100.75 for the Poppy Appeal this year so thank you for supporting this.



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Class 1 Assembly

Well done to Class 1 for a superb assembly. The quality of the drama, singing and dancing was superb. I particularly liked the jive! You should all feel very proud of your performance - the audience certainly were! We loved it!



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Class 2 Lego experience

Pupils in Class 2 had a super day learning about Brunel through their building of bridges in a day long lego workshop. The children also attempted to build Cockwood! A super day was had by all.



PFA news

Well done to the PFA who have had a very busy month. The Halloween Disco was brilliant - so thank you. It was a super event and the children had an amazing time! Thank you to Cofton for providing the venue too.

We have also had some great cake sales and there are some brilliant events to come in December!

50:50 winners

£50 Julie Briscoe
£20 Gilly Jolly
£10 Adrian Jordan

Thank you to Mr Steve Bearne and Mr Matthew Bearne for providing the funds to purchase a sofa for the nurture area we want to set up in the Sunny Room. This is to provide a comfortable and relaxing place for children to talk, relax and spend time working with key adults when they are feeling anxious, upset or just need some time out of class. This is so very much appreciated.

This is in memory of Mandy - a very special person who was a wonderful part of our school community and who is very sadly missed by all of us.

Thank you once again.

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Thank you to Pam Calder and Lynne Gaskell, two residents who wanted to raise money for the school. They organised a table top sale and raised over £180 for the children at Cockwood. This money will go towards providing sensory equipment and additional furniture and resources for our nurture area. Thank you so much for supporting us.

Meal time Assistant Vacancy

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Llewellyn-Mayne at Christmas. Thank you for all of your hard work and being part of our school.

We now have a vacancy for a meal time assistant. Please contact the office if you are interested - either every day or for some of the week.

The post would involve 1.5 hours per day at £9.36 per hour.

Photographs

The school received a donation from Tempest Photography of £250.93 so thank you for supporting this by purchasing photos of your child.

NEW Book for Families

Does your child struggle with emotions?

Easy Tiger is the only book you need to understand what goes on inside us and how to find calm. The facts about brain science help children understand how to build a healthy mind and the activities can be photocopied for family use so that new mental habits can be built. Best of all, it's fun! This resource is available by Open Minds.

Match Funding

Match funding is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as primary schools. It is a very simple and easy means of extra funding. As an employee it doesn't cost anything, except maybe a little help at an event but could mean **hundreds of pounds** of extra money for our PFA, which directly benefits the children. In many cases it is as simple as approaching your HR department and finding out about their scheme. Employees can be parents, relatives or friends. Please see the attached list of companies known to have offered this to employees previously. The list is by no means exhaustive, so other companies may offer this.

Please see the list at the end of this newsletter if you could help raise funds for our school.

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Class 1 Anderson Shelters

As the children have worked so hard in Class 1 on their homework of building Anderson Shelters, I thought they deserved some newsletter space!



Reminders and events

Switching on Christmas lights in Dawlish	4:45pm today
Film Night in Cockwood	Weds 4 th December 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Christmas Fayre – St Mary's Village Hall	Sat 7 th December 10:00am – 12:00pm
Whole School Christmas Production at the Langstone Cliff Hotel	Monday 16 th December 4:15pm
Choir singing at Sainsburys	4:30pm – 5:30pm
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 19 th Dec
Carol Service at St Mary's Church – Year 6 parents, staff, pupils and governors	Friday 20 th Dec 10:30am
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of term
Start of term	Tuesday 7 th January



Have a super end to the term. Thank you for all of your help and support.

We will enjoy our final few weeks of school.

Kind regards

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Match Funding Scheme – Companies known to have offered this to employees previously

- Abbey
- Accenture
- Alliance and Leicester
- Arla Foods
- Argos
- Asda
- Aviva
- Bank of America
- Barclays
- Benfield Group
- Boots
- BP
- B&Q
- Bradford and Bingley
- British Gas
- BT
- Cable & Wireless
- Camelot
- Carlsberg
- Centrica
- Co-op
- Co-op Bank
- Costcutter
- Daryl Industries
- Debenhams
- Deloitte
- DHL
- Diageo
- Dixons
- Ernst & Young
- Experian
- Ford
- HBOS
- HSBC
- Ipsos Mori
- JP Morgan Chase
- Kingfisher Group
- Northern Rock
- Kellogs
- KPMG
- Littlewoods
- Legal & General
- Lloyds TSB
- Marks & Spencer
- Microsoft
- N Power
- National Grid
- Northern Rock
- Norwich Union
- O2
- Peugeot
- Price Waterhouse Cooper
- RBS Group - Churchill
- RBS Group – Natwest
- Royal Dutch Shell
- Sainsburys
- Santander
- Schroders
- Sky
- Stagecoach
- Tarmac
- Tesco
- Texaco
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- UBS
- Unilever
- United Utilities
- WH Smith
- Whitbread
- Yorkshire Bank

