



Cockwood Primary School
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Dear Parents

Newsletter

What a wonderful start to the week with the Christmas performance. I hope everyone is starting to feel festive and raring to go as the holiday time approaches. I have been listening to carols being sung, watched cards being made and heard children chatting about their lovely letters to Santa. This is the final newsletter for 2019 - as always with some important updates and dates for the new term.

Staffing changes

We say goodbye to Mrs Morris on Friday, who has been with the school for many years. We thank her for all that she has contributed to our school - from the early morning funfit sessions, the interventions with Class 3 pupils to the prop making for our shows! We will all miss her very much.

We welcome two new members to the team in January. Mrs Nicola Beck will be our new meal time assistant and Mrs Lauren Brewer will become part of the Class 3 team.

Parliament Gold Winners

Mrs Roper has worked very hard across the school and set up some super activities which link to the role of Parliament. The school has been awarded the Gold Standard, which is amazing. Mrs Roper has been invited to attend a meeting in London in June, to talk about what the children of Cockwood have achieved and what they have learnt. Our local MP Anne Marie Morris is visiting the school in the new year, so the children will be given time to come up with some questions they would like to ask her. Well done to everyone involved.

Choir events

The choir have had a very busy term! Well done to the children who sang beautifully at the Christmas lights switch on in Dawlish. This is always a lovely event and we were very proud of their singing and behaviour. The choir also sang at the Christmas Fayre - beautiful singing there too. Just fantastic! Our busy choir are singing at Sainsburys this evening and I am sure that they will make many shoppers very happy today. Well done to Miss Buttrees for all of your hard work with this lovely group of children.

Carol Service and Christmas dinner

Just a reminder that the dinner is Thursday and our Carol Service is Friday morning. All children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers instead of their normal Cockwood jumper on

this day. We will be singing and having a service at the church in the morning. All governors and Year 6 parents are welcome to attend. Please ensure that your child is wearing the bottom half of their uniform and that they have sensible shoes and a waterproof coat, as we are walking to and from the church. No trainers please.

PFA news

Well done to the PFA for doing so much to support the children this term.

Money raised from events below:

Christmas performance - £195

Film Night - £172

Triathlon - £559.00

Cake Sale - £119.00

Halloween Disco & Sweet Sale £382.00

Christmas Fayre & Cake Sale £1,060.00

The Christmas Fayre was a super event and very well supported. Thank you to everyone who helped source raffle prizes, ran a stall, helped with the setting up and clearing away, and to those who attended and made it such a special event. Well done!

50:50 winners for December

£50 prize to Mrs Hatherley

£20 prize to Mrs Al Khalili

£10 prize to Mrs Price-Holden

There is going to be a sweet stall after school on Thursday. Please support if you can.

Dates for your diary	
Monday 6 th January	Non pupil day. Teacher training only
Tuesday 7 th January	Start of the Spring Term
Thursday 9 th January	Forest School begins again for Class 1
Week beginning Monday 13 th January	Swimming for Class 1 every afternoon (no forest school this week due to swimming)
Tuesday 14 th January	Gifted and talented event for able geographers in Class 1 - Torquay Boys Grammar School (Sustainability focus)
Thursday 16 th January	Class 2 visit from Dental Team - oral hygiene
Week beginning Monday 20 th January	Swimming for Class 2 every afternoon
Thursday 23 rd January	Class 1 visit to a waste management centre
Thursday 28 th January	Class 1 visit to a solar farm
Thursday 30 th January	Gifted and talented event for more able pupils in Design Technology - Rotary Club Challenge
Friday 14 th February	Cake sale and non-uniform day
Week beginning Monday 17 th February	Half term week

And finally - let me share some of our memories from Monday's performance at the Langstone Cliff Hotel.

Thank you as always for your support and we will see you in the New Year.

Kind regards

Lorraine Curry





