



Cockwood Primary School  
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## Newsletter

24th January 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term. The children in Classes 1 and 2 have had a super series of sessions at the swimming pool and Forest School, and dance sessions are up and running again too. The clubs letter for the term has been sent out, and it would be wonderful to see as many children as possible enjoying some additional activities which are on offer. I am particularly interested in seeing how many of our pupils and parents are able to drop in to the reading sessions on Mondays. Please do stay for 30 minutes after school and read with your child. Mrs Roper is looking at great rewards for all pupils who read with their parents - so do come along! We would love to see some new faces.

You may or may not have noticed the news feature recently listing the highest performing schools in Devon. I am very proud of our pupils and staff once again, as Cockwood featured 9th on the list of nearly 380 schools. This was super recognition for all of the hard work leading up to the Year 6 external SATs tests, and thoroughly deserved.

### Pupil passports

We issued pupil passports before Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing how the children are doing. Could all pupils bring in their passports and record book the last week of the half term please, so we can share our experiences and celebrate how much the children have achieved.

### Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who supported this lovely end of term event. The Reverend Richard Allen was very impressed with the children's singing and readings - this was a super end to the busy term. A very joyous and happy occasion for us all.

### Online safety

We subscribe to the National Online Safety service which provide really useful guides and training for parents. We will be providing some sessions for parents to access these valuable resources in the coming weeks. The site is currently going through some changes, but I will be sending all parent login links to you at the end of next week.



Perseverance



Respect



Reflection



Creativity



Ambition



Happiness

Pupils will also be covering online safety in their PSHE lessons, but talking to your child about their actions online is vital. Please speak to members of staff if you have any concerns and try to read the parent guides sent out to you every month. These can also be found on our school website.

### End of term awards

Well done to the following children who received awards in December.

Reading effort award  Ava Beck Mya Harris Sienna Graham	Writing effort award  Audrey Custons- Cole Oskar Smik Faye Bentley	Maths effort award  Katie Ham Vincent Jordan Jaydon Jackson
Always Club Winners  Maisie Horn Brooke Mole Josh King	Platinum Award winners (Outstanding progress and achievement)  Michalela Adamakou Evie Butler Dylan Harris	House points totals  <b>Brunel 293</b> <b>Powderham 356</b> <b>Exe 304</b> <b>Cofton 298</b>  Well done to Powderham House.

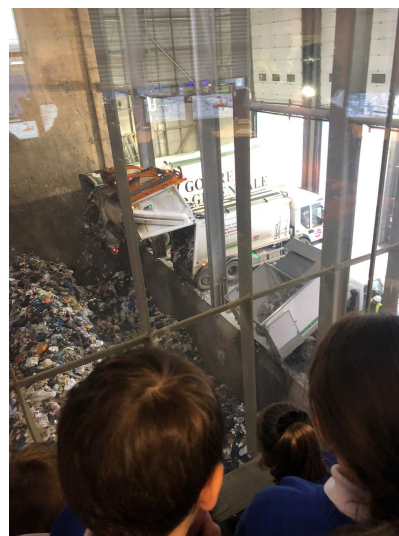
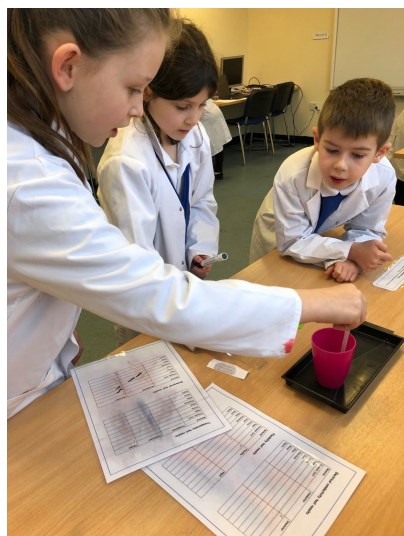
### Visit from the MP

Anne- Marie Morris visited the school recently to talk to the children and present Mrs Roper with the Gold Parliament Ambassador Award. The children have been inspired and we are keen to continue this fantastic work by building a Youth Parliament to work across all of the schools in the Trust. Children are very passionate at Cockwood and we want to continue to support their debating skills further by providing a platform for their future work. Mrs Morris will liaise with our Youth Parliament regularly and she is keen to be a part of our future plans. We were featured in the Mid Devon Advertiser and the Dawlish Gazette last week. Hopefully you managed to see it!



### **Gifted and Talented workshop and Class 1 visit to the waste and recycling centre**

Pupils in Class 1 enjoyed a super gifted and talented visit at Torquay Boys' Grammar School last week. They developed their knowledge and understanding of sustainability which has tied in really well with the Class 1 visit to the waste and recycling centres. I am keen to see how the children will use this knowledge to make some changes both in school and at home.



### **Flapjack Friday and lunches**

We are starting a tuck shop on Friday this week. Jayne in the kitchen will be making flapjacks to sell at break time. They will be made with healthy ingredients and children can go to the hatch to purchase them. They will be 40p each. I have been speaking to the area manager of the catering company who provide our meals here. I am pleased to announce that we will be providing the vegetarian options on the menu in full after half term.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 27th January	First session of fencing/archery club
Tuesday 28th January	Class 1 visit to Ashcombe Solar Farm
Wednesday 29th January	<b>3.45pm Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop for Parents of Year 1 upwards</b> M and M Productions - whole school production
Thursday 30th January	Forest School Class 1 sessions begin (6th Feb, 13th Feb)
Thursday 30th January	Design and technology gifted and talented workshop at DCC - selected pupils Year 6
Friday 31st January	KS1 aesthetics competition - selected pupils
Monday 3rd February	All other clubs begin
Tuesday 4th February	Safer Internet workshops for all pupils
Wednesday 5th February	Writing workshop for selected pupils Yr 6
Thursday 6th February	Play leader training



Thursday 13th February	Always Club winners trip (Autumn Term winners)
Friday 14th February	Cake sale and non-uniform fundraiser
Week beginning Monday 17th February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	Return to school

### **Governing Board**

The governors at Cockwood have a very important role and that is to ensure that your children get the best that we can provide. This is a rewarding position, which provides a super insight into the workings of our very busy and successful school. We have some vacancies for new governors, so if you are interested in giving up some time to support us then please pop in and meet with me, or one of our current governors.

Have a super few weeks and thanks again for your continued support.

Lorraine Curry

Please see this addition to the newsletter from Nick Tallamy (Chair)

*Hello everyone and Happy New Year to you all.*

*I hope you've all got back into your routines after the festive break and are looking forward to the Spring. We have now completed our first full term as part of the Osprey Learning Trust and we are starting to benefit from the closer links we have with the other member schools.*

*As a governing body, we are always looking for new members to join us. It is a rewarding role, knowing that you are helping to shape the future of the school, not only for your children, but for those coming up to school age.*

*It is a gentle on-boarding process, you won't be left to work it all out yourselves. There is a commitment to attend the Full Board meetings (4 per year) and to join either the Teaching & Learning or Finance & Resources committees (3 meetings per year).*

*If you would like to see what goes on, then please do join us as an observer, for any of our meetings. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do ask any of the governors directly, or feel free to email me at [nicktallamy@gmail.com](mailto:nicktallamy@gmail.com).*

### **Current Governors**

*Nick Tallamy - Chair of Board; Director of Osprey Learning Trust (parent of former pupil)*

*Judith McGrath - Vice-chair of Board; Chair of Teaching & Learning committee (local resident)*

*Glynis Buckle - Chair of Finance & Resources committee; Safeguarding Governor (grandparent of current pupil)*

*Andy Lawrence - Vice-chair of Finance & Resources committee (parent of current pupil)*

*Liz Price-Holden - Vice-chair of Teaching & Learning committee (parent of current pupil)*

*Charlotte Wilkin - Health & Safety Governor (parent of current pupil)*

*Tania Weeks - Early Years and SEN Governor (parent of former pupil and local resident)*

*Laura Charlesworth - Parent Governor (parent of current pupil)*

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