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Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new half term. This is another short term and I know the children are looking forward to some of the exciting things to come.

We are very proud of our school and we were especially proud this week when we received a letter from the Schools Minister for Education, the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, who has congratulated the staff and pupils for the amazing results in Maths at the end of KS2 last year. I have attached the letter, as I wanted to share this news with you. I would like to congratulate the staff, pupils and parents, for all of their hard work, which has meant that Cockwood School is in the top 2% of schools nationally for achievement in Maths. Well done everyone and I know that all of the staff here are very proud of our children, who work hard to do their best. Support from home is essential in this, so thank you to all parents who listen to their child read daily, who talk to their child about their learning, who help their child learn their multiplication tables, and who support their child in all aspects of school life. Please keep working on the Pupil Passports, which give the children a real breadth of opportunities, in and outside school.

PFA

Well done to the hardworking PFA, who continue to support all children with their fundraising. The Valentines Disco was a great success and I know the children had a super time. Thanks again to Cofton Holiday Park for providing such an amazing venue and all of the parents who came along to support this event. The PFA have also been working hard with cake sales both at school and beyond. Well done to Danielle, Celia, Otto and Sienna, who are selling cakes at EDF in Exeter today to raise funds for our school. I cannot stress to you enough how important this work is, as the PFA financially supports the purchase of essential resources alongside the help it provides in subsidising so many trips and opportunities for the children. All help, if you can spare a little time, will be much appreciated.



Perseverance



Respect



Reflection



Creativity



Ambition



Happiness

Paralympic and NSPCC events

We have two valuable opportunities approaching for the children at Cockwood. We are welcoming David Hill, a Paralympic athlete to the school who will be spending an afternoon with the children completing a circuit of activities. The children will learn about what it is like to be an Olympian and be able to work with David, to raise funds for the organisation that supports him and a percentage of this will also go to the school to buy much needed sports equipment.

We are also welcoming the NSPCC back to school. They will be working with all of the children, supporting them with age appropriate resources and activities, in keeping themselves safe. More details on these events will be coming to you before the event takes place. The NSPCC do not charge for their sessions, and they will be spending at least an hour with each class. The children will be grouped in their key stages, so all of Year 2 will be together with KS1 and the Year 3 and 4 pupils will have a different input to the Year 5 and 6 pupils. To support this worthy cause, the School Council are going to be organising an NSPCC Big Workout Sponsored Event, where the children will be spending time exercising, having fun and hopefully raising some funds for this incredibly worthwhile organisation. Just bear in mind that we have two sponsored events coming up when you are talking to your child about these in the near future.

Online safety

We subscribe to the organisation known as National Online Safety. This is a brilliant resource, for both staff and parents. I often send out the parent guides to you, and have included one at the end of this newsletter. You can access these and all of the other resources by logging in as a parent. There are also interactive parent workshops which are constantly being updated. As a parent of 2 children myself, I know it is difficult to keep up with how things change so quickly, and I must urge you to login in when you have some time and look at the dangers that our children face and how you can support them. There are guides around the newest platforms and the risks associated with these. We provided this resource last year, to replace the online safety meetings we held in school, as these were a struggle for some parents. I can see that only two parents accessed the parent course last year, which is such a shame. Please register yourself as a parent and complete the course. There is no charge to you and you will be kept up-to-date with all key information around online safety for children.

To login please go to

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/cockwood-primary-school>

You will need to register your account and you will need to complete your details and select 'I am a Parent/Carer' from the drop down menu where it says Account.

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and National Online Safety's Resources (which includes a wide

range of online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

If you have any questions, or trouble accessing the course please contact support@nationalonlinesafety.com or have a chat with me at school.

In addition to the above, the school organised for the pupils to have an interactive session in classes, from Barefoot Arts Education group, around online safety. The school wanted to explore different ways of getting the same messages across, and the children enjoyed these sessions.

Design Technology Rotary Schools Challenge

A group of pupils travelled to Dawlish Community College to take part in a gifted and talented DT event. Well done to our pupils who came second overall.



Always Club winners

A super well done to our three amazing Always Club winners, who are outstanding members of our school community. They enjoyed an afternoon at Shaldon Zoo, for always being well behaved, polite, thoughtful and kind. A group of thoroughly deserving children, who now join our club, so will be invited to a super end of year treat with the other members of our Always Club.



Playleader training

Well done to our super playleaders, who went to a training session recently. A group of older children have taken charge of play during our break times and support all children, but particularly our younger children, in finding fun and safe games to play.

Key Stage 1 Sports Festival

Our budding sports stars from Key Stage 1 took part in a sports festival before half term. I know that they really enjoyed this event, so well done to all of the children for participating in such a brilliant way.



M and M Productions

The whole school enjoyed the production of Sleeping Beauty performed by M and M Productions. Thank you to the PFA for helping to support the cost of this event for the children.

Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who attended this meeting yesterday. I hope that you found it useful. Do ask if you have any further questions related to AR or reading in general and how you can support your child.

World Book Day

You have received a letter linked to World Book Day next week. We look forward to seeing pupils enjoy the reading based sessions planned for them. Children can dress up but they don't have to, as there are other options for the day. Please check the letter for more guidance. Your World Book Day voucher is attached to the letter.

No Nuts Policy

Just a gentle reminder that we do not allow nuts in school please. We have had two incidents this week where nuts have been brought in. Nutella is a nut based product so we hope that this does not come in please. Thank you for your support.

Dates for diary

Forest School sessions for Class 3	27 th Feb, 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th March
African Drumming Workshop - all classes	Tuesday 3 rd March
KS2 Multi-sports session for selected pupils	Friday 6 th March
Class 3 trip to Paignton Zoo	Weds 11 th March
Author Visit for Classes 1 and 2	Weds 11 th March
Class 2 India Day	Thursday 12 th March
Gymnastics competition for selected pupils	Friday 13 th March
Mad March Hair Day in exchange for eggs for the PFA chocolate bingo	Friday 13 th March
Paralympic Athlete Visit	Weds 18 th March
Class 2 Assembly	Thursday 19 th March - 9.30am Village Hall
Parent consultations afternoon and early evening	Monday 23 rd March Weds 25 th March
Rotary Club Quiz for Class 1 4:00pm	Tuesday 24 th March
Easter Service for pupils and staff	Friday 27 th March
Break up for Easter	Last day of term Friday 27 th March Return to school Tuesday 14 th April

We look forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

Kind regards

Lorraine Curry



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mrs Curry,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in mathematics, Cockwood Primary School is in the top 2 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

The latest digital trend growing in popularity for our children are apps on their phone or tablet that look like one thing but are secretly hiding another purpose. They first became particularly popular in 2016. However, children are becoming more and more familiar with 'secret' photo hiding apps, where an app which looks relatively ordinary is actually a hidden gateway to private photos and videos. These apps allow their users to hide images, videos and notes within the app which is also passcode protected. One of the most common types of hidden app used is a 'fake calculator' app however many others are also available.

What parents need to know about HIDDEN PHOTO APPS

MAY HIDE 'SEXTING'

The most common use for the apps is to hide 'sexting' images which young people may be sending or receiving. This problem is growing rapidly amongst students, and from an increasingly early age. Not only is sexting dangerous, but it is illegal when it involves a minor even if both the sender and receiver are underage. By storing and sending these images, young people should be aware that they are committing a crime.

ENCOURAGE IMPULSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Young people tend to act more impulsively if they believe that their behaviour will go unnoticed and remain secret, so often they will produce content for these apps thinking that it will be safe. Let's face it, how many adults read all the small print in the terms and conditions, so why would we expect our children to.

PRIVACY RISK

If you are aware that your children are using the app, you should read the small-print in the usage policy/terms and conditions to ensure the developers do not have access to any of the images stored on the device. If the photos are linked to a cloud storage, then the images stored are also in danger of being released if the application is compromised/hacked.

BYPASS PARENTAL CONTROLS

Although these apps are not specifically 'targeting' their advertisements towards children, they can generally be used by anyone over the age of 4. This means that these apps will not be blocked automatically by parental controls. Whilst online platforms, such as Apple, have removed these apps on numerous occasions from their app store, due to their popularity and potential profitability for creators, they continue to be produced and find their way into the stores or available for download.

FAKE/DECOY PASSWORDS

Some of the most secure apps that are available offer the ability to set-up a decoy feature as an added layer of security. This allows the user to provide a fake password which, when used, directs people to a decoy folder containing content of the user's choice or just stock photos. The real password provides access to the secret folder within the app.



Safety Tips For Parents

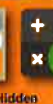


TRY TO REMAIN VIGILANT

There is a natural human instinct to believe that what we see on screen is real and accurate. If you are concerned that your child might be using secret apps, you may want to look at their phone. The search feature on a device can be used to type keywords such as 'secret', 'hidden' and 'photo vault'. On iOS, this can be done by swiping down on the home screen to open a search bar. If the app appears and says 'Open' then the app is installed. If it says 'Get' then it is not installed. On an android device, you can go to the apps menu and use the search bar at the top of the screen.

QUESTION THE AUTHENTICITY OF DUPLICATE APPS

You should be aware that almost every mobile device will have pre-installed apps, such as notes and calculator, so the first major warning sign would be to look for duplicates of these apps. By default, the pre-installed apps are almost always displayed on the first page of the home screen.



Default iOS Calculator

Examples of Hidden Calculator Apps

DISCUSS THE DANGERS OF 'SEXTING'

Ensure your child is aware of the dangers of sexting, and how it is illegal to keep or distribute images of minors. Try to talk to your children in a positive way and encourage them to take control of their online persona and what they are posting to others. Remind them that they always have a choice and that they can say no to anything that makes them feel even the slightest bit uncomfortable.



LOOK OUT FOR IN-BUILT 'HIDDEN' FEATURES

iPhones have the option to lock notes within the default Notes app. Users can paste images into a note file and lock it using Touch/Face ID and a password. In addition, iOS allows their users to move images to a Hidden folder in the photos app. When an image is moved to the hidden folder, it is removed from the 'All Photos' folder. To find this folder, open the 'Photos' app, scroll down and click 'Hidden'. Users may also create folders to try and hide the app on their home screen or on a second or third page. If you see a folder on your child's device, ensure you check each page for hidden apps.

CONTROL APP USAGE

If your child's iOS device is linked to your Apple ID account, you are able to set a password for downloading apps which only you know. This will mean every time your child tries to download an app, they will need your password to do so. If you do not have access to your child's Apple ID, you can delete the app without a passcode. This will delete any images stored on the app and will not be recoverable, even if the app is redownloaded.

Meet our expert

Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.

