

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

We are now approaching mid- November and I can't believe how the time has flown by. The children have been amazing and the overall attendance for each class has also been fantastic, which is so wonderful to see after the last lockdown. It is vital that your child is in school, but of course if they display any signs at all of Covid – 19 then they must not attend. I have attached the information sheet for parents again so that you have it to hand. Within school the staff are continuing to work hard to ensure we keep the school as Covid secure as we can, but I would also ask all parents to ensure that they follow the government guidelines outside school to ensure we keep our children, families and staff safe at this time.

We are seeing some congregation at the gates at the end of the day. Could I just remind parents that we have staggered pick-ups, so please help us by arriving at the time that your child leaves, and as soon as they exit the school to move away from the entrance as other parents are arriving.

Please also use this link for information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

HALLOWEEN

The children looked superb in their Halloween costumes and we all had a wonderful day. The children enjoyed some Halloween themed activities in their classes, and although we all missed our annual Halloween Disco, the day was still plenty of fun.

Well done to all of the children who took part in the pumpkin designing competition. The entries were amazing – thank you to the PFA for supporting this and by donating some lovely prizes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

16TH, 17TH AND 18TH NOV

Virtual Parent Consultations

17TH NOVEMBER

Flu vaccinations

23RD NOVEMBER

Shoe box appeal deadline

11TH DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day

17TH DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If you haven't yet asked for a virtual meeting, phone call or short written summary for next week, please email the school office on admin@cockwoodschool.co.uk



SPORTS IMPACT DAY

We welcomed Ian Pratchett from the South Dartmoor Sports Partnership who led some team building workshops for us. He also explored ideas for Daily Physical Activity with the children and we look to build on these ideas in the future.



MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

PSHE COMPETITION

Well done to Faith who won the 1Decsion competition which was completed in class. She had to draw a new Halloween character and her design was chosen by the company. Faith won a super prize - so well done Faith.

PARLIAMENT WORKSHOP

Pupils in Class 1 enjoyed meeting some representatives based in Parliament this week as part of their studies. It was a virtual session and the ladies who met with the children were amazed at how much the children knew about politics. They demonstrated better knowledge than an A-Level class who they had met just before. Well done Class 1. We are very proud of the interest you show in this area! Hopefully we have a future Prime Minister with us!



MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

REMEMBRANCE

The children produced some beautiful work based on Remembrance this week which was displayed around the school and within the village. It was lovely to see the children taking part in a community display to remember those who sacrificed so much during the many conflicts.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you to all parents who have donated a filled shoe box for the children in Moldova. We still have some time if you would like to help with this. The deadline for collection by Dawlish Rotary is Monday 23rd November.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have our new School Council, led by Lexi and Callum. Well done to the children who have been chosen by their peers to represent their year groups. We will be having a virtual meeting next week – something we haven't done before as a Council – and we can start to think about what we all need. It is a good chance for the children to feedback on how the term has gone, and what they would like to do next!

50 50 RESULTS FOR OCTOBER

£50 prize to Mr Tindall

£20 prize to Mrs Parr

£10 prize to Mr and Mrs Jordan

Well done to our winners. Please sign up if you would like to take part in our monthly draw.

We would normally be planning our whole school Christmas production at this time but of course we are unable to do this. Staff are busy thinking about how we can make this Christmas as special for the children as always, so I will let you know of our plans very soon.

Stay safe and please call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Lorraine Curry

