



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

26th February 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new half term. The weather has been so much better and both children and staff here at Cockwood are in good spirits.

We are looking forward to all pupils returning to school on Monday March 8th. The DFE have stated that attendance is statutory so if you have concerns regarding your child returning, please do contact me at school.

The staff will continue with their high standards of cleaning throughout, with a real focus on the high pressure areas such as the toilets, door handles etc. Pupils will remain in their class bubbles and not share resources with other classes. Staff will wear masks during the day and at the gate, to ensure safety for all. Any adult who comes into school will complete lateral flow tests twice a week, which is reassuring. It will be vital that all parents, pupils and staff continue to adhere to all guidelines outside school, even when restrictions begin to lessen. We want the pupils to remain in school from the 8th March as this is crucial now for moving forwards.

We have some lovely experiences planned and are so looking forward to seeing all of the parents and pupils in a week's time.

We hope that the children do keep working hard until then as we have ground to make up. Please encourage your child to complete all tasks at home to ensure that they are prepared for their return to school. Google classroom provides information, updates and teaching inputs. The Celebration Assembly has been uploaded today, so please share this with your child to see who has been awarded postcodes and bronze certificates.

Over the next week it is really important that your child gets back into a routine for school as stamina is an issue for children after lockdown. It will help pupils if they get to bed early and start to get up early, as they would do if they were attending school. This will make the first week back much easier and productive for them.

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY MARCH 8TH

We will return to school on Monday March 8th and we will adopt staggered drop-off and pick-ups again. If you have more than one child in the school, please drop off all children at the earliest time and collect at the latest. At pick up times can I ask all parents to arrive as close to the time as possible, to avoid congestion at the gate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 4TH MARCH

Reading based activities

MONDAY 8TH MARCH

Return to school for all pupils

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

Red Nose Day fun activities and fund raising. Non-uniform day

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL

Last day of the Spring Term

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL

Easter begins

MONDAY 19TH APRIL

All pupils in school. Start of Summer Term



	Morning drop off time	Afternoon collection time
Class 1	8:40am	3:15pm
Class 2	8:50am	3:20pm
Class 3	9:00am	3:30pm



We would like all pupils to come into school in their **PE kit** on a **Monday and a Friday**. This is to avoid the need for the children to change and each class will have either dance/PE on a Monday, and their normal PE session remains on a Friday. **They do not need to bring a change of clothes.**

Uniform must be worn by all pupils from Monday 8th March. Please ensure pupils wear appropriate footwear (not trainers unless it is on a PE day) and bring a waterproof coat.

Pupils should also bring as little to school as possible. We continue to ask for a small drawstring bag for reading book/record book/homework book with no additional items from home to come in unless this has been discussed with the class teacher first.

School lunches will be available for all pupils. The menu is a revised menu for the last 4 weeks of this half term.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 4TH MARCH

All pupils will need a small toilet roll holder for Thursday 4th March. If your child attends school on this day then this must come into school (ideally at the beginning of next week). The staff are planning some fun activities to share with all pupils on this day. We hope to provide book vouchers again when we receive them. There will be no dressing up this year – the staff will provide a new activity to share with the children instead, which I am sure they will find amusing.

RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY MARCH 19TH

We are supporting Red Nose Day this year. We have *plastic free* red noses here already – in many different varieties which will cost £1.50 each. There will also be some fun activities scheduled for the day to include making coin trails in classrooms, joke telling competitions and throwing wet sponges at the teachers! Please support this fundraising by saving some coins for the day's events.

I have also set up a JustGiving page if you would like to make donation at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cockwood-primary-school-rednoseday21>



The day will be non-uniform – we are just asking for donations towards the activities and the children should wear something red if possible.

CREATING A CHINESE DISH

Well done to all of the children who took part in the PFA cookery competition. The entries were amazing and we are proud of every entry. A dip in the box to all of the children who took part but a special mention to the winners: Cerys, Dylan, Sophie and Gianna.

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Staff planned some lovely activities during our Children's Mental Health Week. It was lovely to see pupils knitting, sewing, playing chess, learning to wire a plug, dying t-shirts, cooking and the list goes on. Well done to all pupils and parents who rose to the challenge and spent some time enjoying the special activities that week. When the children return we will continue to support them with providing a breadth of tasks which cover all areas of the curriculum. We want our pupils to be happy, challenged and enjoy their time at school. Well done to all of the pupils who have been enjoying ukulele lessons remotely in Class 2. The pupils in Class 1 will be learning the saxophone in the Summer Term!

We also have Forest School planned for the Summer Term – so much to look forward to!

SCIENCE

The children in Class 2 have been enjoying some super science work this term. They are growing seeds at home to test the conditions needed, and have been on a plant hunt in the village. They will be dissecting onions next week! Well done to Mrs Brewer and her budding scientists!

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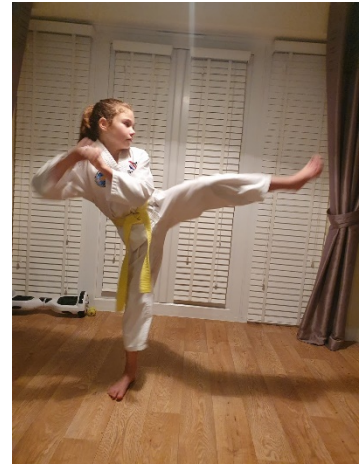
£50 prize to Mrs Debbie Barnes

£20 prize to Mrs Zoe Clifton

£10 prize to Mrs Emma Butler

FANTASTIC LEARNING IN SCHOOL AND AT HOME





AND FINALLY

We have attached a parent guide from the National Online Safety Network so please take a moment to look at this. Also attached is the menu for this half term. If you can support our onsite kitchen by ordering meals that will be appreciated, but of course packed lunches are also an option for your child.

Keep exercising. Which team will reach Tokyo first in our Get Set Travel to Tokyo competition?

We look forward to a super 5 weeks ahead as our school family is reunited!

Thank you as always for your support.

Lorraine Curry

