

JUNE NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

30th June 2021

Dear Parents

We are approaching the end of term and it is lovely to see how the children are engaging in all aspects of school life. From cricket club to swimming lessons, the children have been amazing, and it is lovely to see how much they have gained from recent activities.

Times are challenging for us all at the moment but there are still some super activities on the horizon. We will run Sports Day when we have an opportunity and there is good weather. The children in Class 2 continue with their Forest School for another 2 weeks and Katie from Step Up and Dance is here until the end of term, working with Classes 1 and 3.

The daily skipping is having a huge impact on health and fitness for our children, and it is brilliant to see them trying to beat their previous scores.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter for important updates and information.

If you are watching the football, enjoy the remainder of the competition. It is wonderful to see how the team's success is having a positive impact on wellbeing. Mr. Fenton seems particularly pleased with England's performance!

FOREST SCHOOL

Class 2 have enjoyed their Forest School sessions. They created some amazing items this week to include jewellery, dreamcatchers, bug hotels and much more. Here are some of the Class 2 responses:

Barclay: *The hot chocolate was so good you didn't even need marshmallows.*

Otto: *My favourite thing was making dens because I was playing games with my friends.*

Olivia: *I loved making the dreamcatcher. It was really relaxing and I liked being outdoors.*

Parental Comments

Following a safeguarding review, we have been asked to collate any comments from parents regarding the provision during lockdown but particularly with reference to the Mental Health week we put in place. I know that this seems like quite a long time ago now, but if you have a moment, I would really appreciate it if you could email in a sentence or two, letting us know whether this was helpful for you and your child. Please send an email to admin@cockwoodschool.co.uk. Many thanks for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPORTS DAY

This will take place one morning or afternoon this term

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE OF ANNIE

Due to tight restrictions for schools, this will be videoed and shared with parents and children

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

This will take place during the last week of term. A video will be shared with Year 6 parents.



UNIFORM

Can I just remind you of the uniform expectations. I have added the uniform list to this newsletter. We are seeing a large number of trainers and leggings coming in on Non-PE days. From September we will expect all children to be wearing the Cockwood uniform. Dark school shoes not trainers should be worn. Please speak to me if you have any concerns.

MORE NEWS

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Paula Baker from *Heads Up Mental Health Awareness* led some workshops for all of the children recently. We hope they found it useful. We will continue to support the children in this area within our lessons and interventions.

WHOLE SCHOOL NATURE SURVEY

Pupils across the school enjoyed a wonderful session at the churchyard, where they explored the environment, learnt about what grew there and had the opportunity to participate in some calming mindfulness activities. It was a super experience and time spent outdoors is always so valuable. Thank you to Mrs Brewer for organising this with the Rev Tim, and to all the adults who helped to walk the children on the day.

CLASS 2 SOLAR FARM VISIT

Class 2 really enjoyed their trip to the solar farm last week. They learnt how the solar panels turned light energy into electricity; why solar panels always face south and why using sustainable energy is really important to help stop climate change. After the trip Dr. Jackson came back to school to do a workshop all about light. The children were given mini solar panels and voltmeters to see who could generate the most electricity. Then they used fibre optic lights to show how light travels in a straight line. But the best part was when they were given diffraction glasses to show that white light is made up of lots of different colours (called a spectrum) and everything in the room turned into rainbows! (L Brewer)

50 50 RESULTS FOR JUNE

£50 prize to Zoe Clifton

£20 prize to Neil Tindal

£10 prize to Wayne Butler



CREATIVITY IN CLASS 1

Pupils in Class 1 are practising some amazing skills within their art lessons. They have designed their own dinosaur, made a wire skeleton and have now been busy adding clay to their model. The dinosaurs are gradually coming alive and I look forward to seeing the finished models! Well done Class 1.

CLASS 1 ENTERPRISE PROJECT

I am so impressed with Class 1's work around Enterprise. They have designed and produced some amazing products which will be on sale very soon. Mrs. Roper will send details to you with a description of the item/photo and the price. Please support our pupils, who have worked very hard and are hoping that this process will lead to a profit for them. Each child invested £5 (supplied by Virgin Money) and have designed and produced a product which they hope will sell. Any profit comes back into our Enterprise Fund, where we will continue to support the children in learning new skills.

NEW APP

Just a reminder to add the new school APP to your phone so that it is easier for you to access information and messages quickly. We will email until the end of term, but by September we will use the APP only. If you need any support with this please contact us at school.

ANNUAL REPORTS

You will receive your child's annual report by the end of term. Staff have been busy working on these. We used a new format last year, which we will be using again this year. There are no additional parent meetings planned now, but if there are points you would like to discuss, please contact your child's class teacher by phoning the school and we can set up a phone call or virtual meeting before the end of term. Reports are not due to be completed for a couple of weeks, but we are aiming to get them to you as soon as possible.

AND FINALLY

I am sharing some lovely photos of the children from the last few weeks. Well done to all of the children, staff and parents – what a busy but incredible month.

We are also saying goodbye to Ms. Winsor today who begins a period of maternity leave. We wish her and her family the best of luck over the coming weeks and months. Huge congratulations and thank you to Miss Lucy Walker, a student teacher, who has stepped in to support the children for the rest of this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Lorraine Curry





Shoes – black or grey



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school has a uniform and, though it is not compulsory, we do encourage children to wear it.

BOYS

Royal blue sweatshirt, white/grey shirt, grey trousers, grey socks.
White polo shirt.

GIRLS

Summer wear - royal blue and white candy striped dresses,
royal blue cardigan or royal blue sweatshirt
White polo shirt.

Winter wear - Royal blue sweatshirt, school trousers, grey skirt or pinafore
dress, white blouse or polo shirt.

The uniform can be obtained from Thomas Moores of Exeter or the Logo Factory – see website for details.

P.E. AND GAMES

Dark blue shorts, or long jogging bottoms for winter, coloured polo shirt (in house colour – to be advised) and trainers are required.

They should be kept in a strong draw-stringed bag in the cloakroom.
We do not have the space for large kit bags.

A painting apron or craft overall is a great asset for all children. (An adult's shirt, with sleeves cut off at the elbow, is ideal)

No body piercing jewellery, studs or rings may be worn in school except for small studs or sleepers for pierced ears. This policy is similar to policies in other Devon schools and is designed to avoid pupils injuring themselves or others.

Please, Please, Please label every article of clothing with your child's name.
(Biro tends to wash off labels)