

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

16th September 21

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year. It is wonderful to see the pupils enjoying their learning, playing with their friends and spending time in their class groups. There is a lovely calmness about the school at the moment, and what a wonderful start our new pupils have made! I can't quite believe that we have such amazing 4 year olds in Class 3, who have settled well and made some brilliant friendships.

Although we are still working within Covid restrictions we are looking ahead and doing our best to put in place some fantastic experiences for our children. We are voting for Head Boy and Head Girl very soon, who will lead our School Council this year, and I know that the children are keen to get started!

There are some important dates for your diaries within this newsletter for you to be aware of. We will keep updating information for you via our mobile App, so if you have not installed this then please do try to do this soon, as all information will come to you this way. If you have any difficulties please contact Mrs Jago in the school office.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at an event soon. It has been a long time since we could all be together as a school family, and hopefully we are moving towards this.

If you have any questions please contact us at school and we are happy to help.

Lorraine Curry

HELP NEEDED

As a school we have always valued visits, experiences, school events and creating opportunities for all members of our school to be involved in. Over the years we have seen our parent group join together to organise events which make Cockwood an amazing school. Our children benefit, as trips are often subsidised, allowing for us to help ease financial pressure on families, and the school hosts some super events for the whole family.

All of this takes organising and our PFA (Parents and Friends Assoc) is in urgent need of help. If you can offer some support, whatever that may be, please contact the PFA via their dedicated email or attend the meetings – the next one is Weds. If anyone can help marshal the triathlon on Sunday 26th September, and give up a few hours in the morning, then please contact the PFA, as each marshal receives £25. The PFA email is cockwoodpfa@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

PFA meeting

FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Cake donations to school for the triathlon

MONDAY 27TH SEPT

Music workshops for Classes 1 and 2

Cake Sale

Forest School – Class 2 pupils (Group A)

TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Harvest Celebrations for pupils

THURSDAY 30TH SEPT

Class 2 Geography visit to Dartmoor

MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Parent Consultations

WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

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THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Tempest Photographs

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Christmas Performance – whole school



Just a reminder that the next PFA meeting is Weds 22nd September in the village hall at 3:40pm.

Harvest

Harvest this year will be going some way towards our usual celebrations but unfortunately we are not able to invite parents this year, as the church is very small and we need to keep bubbles separate. We are supporting HITS – Homeless in Teignbridge Support. Our plan this year is to share some important messages with all of the children around poverty and helping others, and each class will have some time at St Mary's Church in Cofton, where they will work with their teachers and think around the key themes for this year.

Further information will be sent to you soon, but we are hoping that **pupils in Classes 2 and 3 will be dropped at the church on Tuesday 28th September between 8:45am and 9:00am**, where they will spend time in different areas of the church and perform some harvest readings and sing some special harvest songs. Staff will walk these children back to school and Class 1 pupils will have some time in the church later in the morning.

We are hoping to collect any donations during this week (from Monday 27th – 1st October) and we will pass these on to the charity.

We will put together a montage of photos/videos to share with you.

Class 2 Forest School

Class 2 will start their Forest School sessions on Monday 27th September. The sessions will run in half class groups at a different venue – so although the children receive fewer sessions, they will be in smaller groups and gain a more 'hands on' experience. Transport to the site will be via minibus. More details to follow, but we are hoping that parents are able to contribute £2 per session to support the cost of this opportunity. It is heavily subsidised through grants that Mrs Jago has worked hard to secure and we have allocated some school funds to also bring the total costs down.

MORE NEWS

CLUBS

We are in the process of looking at which clubs we can offer this term. Again, we will send information to you soon on this.



DONATION

A huge thank you to Tesco's and Neil Barnes, who have donated £400 towards educational rugs for Class 3. We are very grateful for any support, as funding in schools is so tight. The children will love the new rugs which will be ordered soon.

BIKEABILITY

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have enjoyed learning how to ride a bicycle safely this week with their bikeability classes. They have behaved brilliantly and worked hard to secure their Level 2 qualifications.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

We have provisionally booked the Langstone Cliff Hotel for our whole school Christmas Performance. This is Covid dependent, but we are hoping that we can have all of the children and parents together to celebrate Christmas on Monday 13th December. The performance will be at 4:30pm

APP

Just a reminder to add the Cockwood App to your phones, so that you are able to pick up messages really quickly. Mrs Rose is sending home replacement login details for all parents who have not signed up yet. All school information is via the APP.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

We are very excited to let you know that we have provisionally booked some overnight experiences for pupils in Classes 1 and 2. I am sharing the dates with you now as we will be providing further information on these shortly and looking at ways to spread the costs across the year.

Class 2 will be visiting the Manor House Hotel in Devon from Thursday 12th May to Friday 13th May, where they will enjoy a range of super activities.

Class 1 will visit Parliament and other key locations during their London visit, from Monday 20th June to Thursday 23rd June.

Mrs Roper and Mr Fenton will provide further details over the next few weeks.

And finally

Please read the safeguarding update from our Safeguarding Governor, Mrs Glynis Buckle.

As always, thank you for your continued support and a huge welcome to our new families.

Kind regards

Lorraine Curry

20 Key points about Safeguarding

Everyone's Role in Safeguarding

1. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and everyone who comes into contact with the children at Cockwood has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.**
2. **Fears about sharing information cannot be allowed to stand in the way of ensuring the welfare and safety of children.**
3. **GDPR does not prevent the sharing of information for the purpose of keeping children safe.**
4. **No-one should assume that someone else will pass on information which they think may be critical to keeping a child safe.**
5. **Where safeguarding is concerned we must all maintain the attitude 'it could happen here'.**

The School's Role in Safeguarding

6. Schools **must** adhere to the framework set out in KCSiE* (September 2021) in when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the physical and mental welfare of their pupils.
7. All staff and Governors at Cockwood Primary school fully recognise that they have a moral and statutory duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and take that responsibility very seriously.

8. Staff are trained to identify early indicators of welfare concerns and to understand the appropriate measures to follow to address their concerns, be it neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse.
9. Staff and Governors maintain rigorous internal systems and ensure that we keep our safeguarding at the highest level and always on our agenda.
10. Information with appropriate agencies will be shared to enable us to work together when there are concerns about a child's welfare.
11. Concerns will always be discussed with the parents or carers first **UNLESS** there is reason to believe that this is not in the child's best interests or a child is at significant risk or in immediate danger.
12. The Head Teacher (who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead) is required to report any obvious or suspected child abuse – which includes non-accidental injury, severe physical neglect, emotional abuse and/or sexual abuse.

Parent's and Carer's Role in Safeguarding

13. Ensure that the school holds at least 2 up-to-date emergency contact telephone numbers.
14. Notify a member of staff if there are any changes (temporary or permanent) to home life that may have an impact on your child.
15. Responsible and considerate parking. Parking at the top of the hill puts children and other pedestrians at unnecessary risk of physical danger and air pollution and is a safeguarding issue.
16. Appropriate use of social media. Any photographs/video of children other than your own must have the explicit consent of the parent/carer of all of the other children in the photograph/video (this includes the 'Cockwood Mummies and Daddies' Facebook pages).
17. Online Safety - The school website has a detailed policy on internet safety which highlights areas of risk, sets out our roles, responsibilities and how we will respond to incidents of misuse.
18. If you have any concerns regarding online safety you must bring these to the Head Teacher's attention.

Staff and Governors recognise that the Covid19 pandemic means that these are strange and often difficult times but we must not allow this to detract from the role we all have to play in keeping our children safe

MY responsibility, YOUR responsibility, OUR responsibility

SAFEGUARDING is EVERYONE'S responsibility

..... and YES the unthinkable could happen here!

*Keeping Children Safe in Education. Department of Education September 2021

