

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 28th January, 2022

Welcome back!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Head of School at Cockwood Primary School. I feel very privileged to be appointed by the governors and excited at the prospect of this new role. For those of you who don't know me very well, I have had a long association with the school, spanning over twenty-five years. My own three girls have been past pupils and I began my journey as a parent helper and governor, before training to become a teacher. I have taught in all three classes and lead Literacy and Art across the school as well as being a UK Gold Parliamentary Ambassador.

Cockwood Primary School is a very special place, we have committed staff and wonderful children, who always strive to do their best. I strongly believe that providing children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences is the essence of primary education. Opening up their eyes to new possibilities and delivering a curriculum that is interesting and dynamic allows pupils to grow and thrive.

Building positive relationships with parents is crucial as we both want the very best outcomes for your child. By working together we can ensure that your child enjoys the time they spend with us. Your thoughts and views on how we can all work together in a meaningful way are always welcome and I look forward to getting to know you all more in the future.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

We are delighted to start offering wrap around care at the end of the day. In the first instance we are offering childcare until 4.45pm, as we need to ensure we have enough interest to make this viable. It currently runs every evening but places must be booked by the end of the school day on the previous Friday so we can arrange staff cover. We will run the after school club until Easter and evaluate its success moving forward into the summer term. The cost per session is £5, which will include a snack, drink and activities. Please contact the office for necessary forms prior to first session.

CLASS 1 RESIDENTIAL TO LONDON JUNE 20TH

The residential to London is now coming together and we are hopeful that by June this trip will go ahead. Parents will have received a detailed letter regarding cost and provisional itinerary. To confirm your child's place please pay the deposit on School Money by February half-term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 31ST JANUARY

Flu vaccinations during this week

WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Year 1- visit from the Dentist

THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

KS1 Aesthetics gym/dance event
DCC

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Class1 Devon Youth Parliament Vote

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Half term

MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Children return to school

Year 1- Forest School (3 weeks)

THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

World Book Day

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH

Dress up as a Rock star Day to relaunch 'Times Tables Rockstars'

MONDAY 21ST MARCH

Class 1 swimming, Mon-Fri at Dawlish Leisure Centre

MONDAY 28TH MARCH

Class 2 swimming, Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday, at Dawlish Leisure Centre

START TO THE NEW TERM

Everyone has settled very well into the Spring Term and it has been lovely seeing lots of fabulous learning taking place across the school. Class 1 have embraced having Mrs Brewer as their new teacher and Class 2 have welcomed Miss Godbeer to support their learning. Class 3 have also welcomed two students, Beth Lush from Exeter Consortium, a SCITT PGCE student, and Chloe Hodgson from Exeter College. It is always great having students as they bring with them fresh ideas and an extra pair of hands!

Kate Murray is continuing with Dance for Class 1 and 2 on Monday afternoons; when possible this will be done on the playground so please make sure children have sensible PE kit on those days. Class 3 start Forest School Mondays after half term, with Year 1's going for 3 weeks and then Foundation for 3 weeks. The Class 3 team will be in touch beforehand to give you more information.

As a school, we are having a focus on 'number facts' this term and on Thursdays all Maths lessons will revolve around fluency with number. Children need to have a bank of 'known' facts before they can tackle bigger problems. It is important the children have core knowledge embedded and we aim to support this by revisiting and over-learning these key mathematical building blocks. We are re-launching Times Tables Rockstars in March with a 'dress up like a rockstar day'. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get on board and learn their times tables. Mr Fenton will be introducing some great incentives so children can earn housepoints for their team the more they practise their tables.

THE RIVER OF HOPE

We are very excited to take part in an art project called River of Hope, it will form a central part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Queen has always shown a great love and respect for the natural environment and the project will encourage pupils to think about the importance of safeguarding the future of their own natural environment and the world they would like to live in.

We will create a collaborative design including every child in the school. The designs will go onto an online gallery and two hundred, from across the world, will be printed onto silk flags for the Platinum Jubilee Pageant.

END OF THE DAY

End of the day routines are working well with classes coming out staggered by a few minutes but can we please ask parents of our younger children to ensure they come closer to gate so children can be released easier. This will ensure a smoother hand over for the children.



LATEST CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE

What to do if your child is feeling unwell

If your child becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell they must be sent home and not be in school. Please refer to the NHS website if you need further guidance. They need to take a PCR test to confirm Covid-19.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-coivd-19/symptoms/>

From Tuesday 11th January, 2022 PCR tests are temporarily suspended if you have a positive lateral flow. However, should you have symptoms you may still need a confirmatory PCR as a lateral flow test might not show positive.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/>

It is important you make the school aware if your child is unwell.

Please check the latest updates on the school website regarding isolation periods:

<https://www.cockwood-primary.devon.sch.uk/parents/covid-19-info/>

If your child is at home isolating the class teacher will put work on Google Classroom to complete if they are well enough.

AWARD WINNERS

Well done to these amazing children for being our Autumn Term award winners:

Reading: Audrey, Gianna, Jacob and Kieran

Writing: Taylor, Sophie, Lily

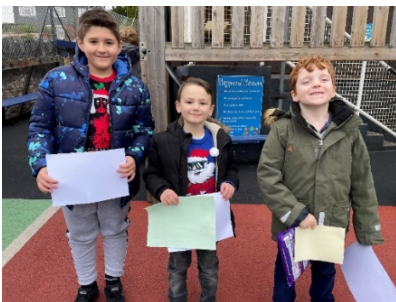
Maths: Evie G, Noah, Sonaix

Platinum Award: Sidney, Malachy, Ernie

Always Club: Billy, Jayden, Ernie

Well done to EXE House (blue) who won the house trophy this term.

We award effort prizes in Reading, Writing and Maths. We also recognise outstanding progress and achievement with our Platinum Award



Always Club Winners are selected because they always do their best, help others, complete their tasks well, complete homework and always do the right thing. They receive a special treat and become part of the prestigious Always Club whilst they are at the school.

50 50 RESULTS FOR JANUARY

£50 prize to Amanda Doick

£20 prize to Louise Thorne

£10 prize to Gilly Jolly

