

# JULY NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July , 2022

## Happy Holidays

Well we made it! The summer holidays is now finally upon us and I am sure we will all breathe a sigh of relief after the hot weather we have encountered over the last few weeks. It has been another super, busy month and staff and pupils have all been flat out. We were delighted to see our Year 6's perform back on stage at The Langstone Cliff Hotel and our youngest children enjoyed performing their Class Assembly, on the hottest day of the year to their family and friends.

Class 3 have been on a trip to Paignton Zoo, we have welcomed the TCS Science team in to do a workshop in Class 1, Miss Buttrees took the choir to perform on stage at the Devon County Show, Class 1 performed at a Music and Arts Event at TCS, some of our Year 6 children went to Wimbledon and our Always Club have enjoyed a water fight on the Village Green against the teachers!

On top of all of these wonderful opportunities, staff have been very busy writing your child's individual report, which you have now received. We would welcome any feedback on the report as we are always looking to adjust, adapt and improve. With your report we have also sent individual attendance for the year. As a school, attendance is something we are constantly trying to improve. At the moment we are ending the year as a school on 94%, which is just below the 95% expected national standard. Please help us to improve this next year by avoiding booking holidays in term time; I am giving you warning in advance, holidays will not be authorised. Children are still catching up from lost learning during the pandemic and we have to ensure they are in school as much as possible.

We sent an email last week to inform you that the term dates have been altered slightly for next year. **FIRST DAY** of term is **TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Non-pupil day

TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

First day of term.

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Forest School starts – groups tbc

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Dance with Miss Murray resumes

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

Class 1 trip to Bovington Tank  
Museum link to WW2 Topic

FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Flu vaccines- all year groups

MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

M & M Productions- Oliver Twist



## TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO OUR YEAR 6...

It is always difficult saying goodbye, but today we say goodbye to our AMAZING Year 6. We wish Max, Lola, Isla, Evie B, Evie G, Mya, Polly, Poppy, Reuben, Kayden, Kai, Leo, Audrey, Cerys, Sidney, Brooke, Kai and Maia the very BEST OF LUCK at their new schools. They are prepared and ready for Year 7 and we know they will go on to achieve great things. Look back on your time at Cockwood School with fondness and come and visit us one day.

### CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY

Class 3 delighted their family and friends with a super assembly showcasing their learning this term. They sang songs, danced to Jai Ho and acted out The Rainbow Fish. Queen Victoria made an appearance and we learnt all about the seaside in Victorian times. It was such a lovely performance and the children should be really proud of how well they all spoke in front of an audience. AMAZING end to the term, well done Class 3.



### AWARD WINNERS

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

#### Platinum Award:

Kai Down  
Rocco Chapman-Hunt  
Lily-Mae Holland

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

**Reading:** Kit Wilkin, Charlie Price Holden, Laila Graham

**Writing:** Lola Chapman-Hunt, Quinlan Jordan, Elyn Ravn

**Maths:** Sidney Jordan, Toby Custons-Cole, Wilf Lusty

**Always Club:** Hannah Bentley, Jasmine Long, Georgia Davies

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.

#### JULY 50/50 DRAW

£50 Suzy Squires

£20 Lucy Strachan £10 Mrs Curry

#### WELL DONE

Exe House (blue) won the trophy for Summer Term with 848 house points.



### CLASS 3 VISIT TO PAIGNTON ZOO

Class 3 had a lovely school trip last week to Paignton Zoo; they saw lots of animals and enjoyed a workshop on the African safari and learnt about different habitats. The children explored a range of animal bones and had to match the bone to the animal. They found out facts about the animals around the zoo and thought about why some animals might be endangered. A super day out which supported both their Science and Geography learning.



### TCS SCIENCE WORKSHOP WITH CLASS 1



Class 1 welcomed Science teachers from Teignmouth Community Secondary School who came in and did some hands on practical investigations. Their topic is currently 'States of Matter' and they investigated what happens to gases under pressure and the strange properties of non-Newtonian liquid.



### YEAR 6 PERFORM GREASE

Year 6 were outstanding in their end of year production 'Grease', at The Langstone Cliff Hotel. They performed to a large audience and any stage fright or nerves were soon forgotten. The singing was excellent as they sang favourites such as 'Summer Nights', 'Greased Lightning' and 'Look at me I'm Sandra Dee'. Each child worked hard learning their lines and they portrayed their character with enthusiasm. A super production, thanks to Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Brewer for working with the children to get the best out of them on the night.



## UNIFORM IN SEPTEMBER

We sent home a reminder this week regarding the expectations for uniform in September; please look at the uniform list on the website if you are unsure <https://www.cockwood-primary.devon.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/> We have decided to continue wearing PE kit on PE days (Monday and Fridays) as it saves time and makes it so much easier than changing at school. Please make sure all school clothes are named as we have a growing number of sweatshirts in our lost property. **Remember trainers will only be allowed on PE days.**

## THE IVY EDUCATION TRUST MUSIC AND ARTS EVENT

Under the guidance of Miss Butttree, Class 1 performed at the first Ivy Education Trust Music and Arts Event. Artwork from both Class 1 and 2 went on display in the foyer of the Auditorium at Teignmouth Community School (Exeter Road) and the children performed an 'Under the Sea' inspired dance, choreographed by Miss Murray. They wowed the audience when they sang the 'Wellerman' and 'How Far I Go' from Moana, they also joined in with pupils from across the trust, both primary and secondary, and sang 'Drop in the Ocean'.





## DEVON COUNTY SHOW



We were incredibly proud of our school choir who performed on stage at the Devon County Show. The children did a 30 minute set including a wide variety of songs; they gathered quite a crowd and thoroughly enjoyed this amazing experience. Although some of the children were nervous to begin with, they soon rose to the challenge and embraced the opportunity. They also got a chance to look around some of the exhibits and see the animals in the main arena. Well done to Miss Buttree for all her hard work behind the scenes to make this experience possible.

## ALWAYS CLUB END OF TERM TREAT WATER FIGHT



This week we enjoyed a water fight on the Village Green with pupils who are in the Always Club. Judge for yourself who was wetter- pupils or staff!!!! It was great fun and something the children really enjoyed.

## FINALLY...

*May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the unwavering support I have had over the past 7 months as Head of School. It has been a fantastic year and I could not be prouder of every member of the Cockwood family in the way we have pulled together to ensure we always do the best for each and every child in our care. I already knew Cockwood School is a very special place and I feel very privileged to be working alongside such dedicated staff, engaged pupils and interested parents. I know with your support we are going to continue to go from strength to strength next year, and it leaves me just to say I wish you all a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. Make sure you relax, recharge, have a fun summer and keep safe.*

*See you on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Alison Roper*