

MARCH NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 30th February, 2023

Spring has definitely sprung...

The Spring Term has whizzed by and although we have been busy packing, it hasn't stopped us offering lots of super opportunities to our pupils.

Class 2 entertained the whole school family with their excellent class assembly, pupils performed at South Dartmoor College two fantastic dance routines, Class 1 performed their own musical composition at the Ivy Education music event and we took part in the Rotary quiz.

Our school garden is looking a picture, filled with spring flowers planted by Year 1, Stanley and Sally earlier in the year; we are also lucky that Sally came and supported Class 2 with their Indian cookery day (please see attached photos). It is having the support from our local community that brings us closer together as a school family. We welcomed Ruth and Val, from Coffon Church this week, we really enjoyed their whole school assembly, sharing the Christian message and symbols of Easter.

We have also been making links to our extended community this term through the PFA running a cake stall at the local shanty festival and our school council meeting with their peers from Kenn and Kenton.

Cockwood School has always been a vital part of the village and although we are moving a few miles down the road for a term, our heart will always be firmly rooted within this community and we will be back on site within no time!

SUMMER TERM AT HOPE CHURCH, DAWLISH

Please don't forget we are moving to Hope Church this week and will start the new term at the new site. Staff will be outside waiting to greet the children and doors will open at 8.40am for an 8.55am start, as usual.

Please remember to park in Sainsburys and walk down to Hope Church, so as not to disturb the neighbours or cause any traffic issues. At the end of the day we will bring the children outside into the playground and release them to an adult from there. Year 6 will not be allowed to walk from the site unaccompanied for the first week until we have assessed any dangers with the traffic, so please meet them from school.

No cars are allowed onto the Hope Church car park, it will be coned off during drop-off and pick-up times for the safety of all children. Thank you for understanding and helping us to settle the children quickly into a new routine.

Our phone number will remain the same if you need to contact the school office, 01626 890471.

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Last day of term- you can collect your child from the Village Hall from 1.30pm, if you are able (please let the School office know)

MONDAY 17TH APRIL

First day at Hope Church, Dawlish.

NO Forest School today- all chn on-site

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

Class 1 Samba workshop –all day

FRIDAY 5TH MAY

Whole School Coronation Event – details to follow

MONDAY 8TH MAY

Coronation BANK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 9TH- 12TH MAY

KS2 SATS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

Class 3 Trip to Paignton Zoo

(details to follow)

FRIDAY 26TH MAY

Last day of the half term

CLASS 2 ASSEMBLY PASSAGE TO INDIA

Class 2 delighted parents, carers and pupils with their class assembly based on their topic, 'A Passage to India'. They entertained the audience with drama, readings and a superb Bollywood dance routine. They acted out a traditional Indian tale and presented a really interesting debate on the opposing arguments for and against colonization.



INDIAN COOKING WITH SALLY



As part of our Design Technology curriculum, Class 2 enjoyed a day learning about Indian cookery with Sally. They all got to make (and taste) samosas; they looked and smelt delicious.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEET WITH KENN AND KENTON

This week members of our School Council took part in a zoom meeting with the school councils from both Kenn and Kenton Schools. The children talked about their own school context and the things their own council have been working on. They also discussed what projects they could link together on and some ideas for getting the Year 6's across the schools together for a day in the Summer Term.



SCIENCE WEEK



A group of Year 5 children were invited to attend a Science Impact Day at Trinity School, Teignmouth. They were able to take part in a range of investigative activities throughout the day and all came back very enthusiastic about this wonderful learning opportunity.

Thank you to Mrs Brewer for making the link and arranging for our children to attend.

ROTARY QUIZ



Thank to those children in Class 1 that stayed and took part in the Dawlish Rotary Club Quiz. We have not had the results yet and will let you know as soon as we hear.

DESIGN A BENCH FOR THE CORONATION

Pupils in Class 1 took part in a nationwide competition a few weeks ago to design a bench to mark King Charles III's Coronation, it was being run by the Tower of London as they are going to have an installation of fifteen special benches in the grounds over the summer. We submitted 6 designs and one of them made it through to the last 50. Unfortunately, we did not make it into the final fifteen. However, all of our designs were really creative and colourful and reflected what we want to see during King Charles reign.



CLASS 1 AND 2 DANCE FESTIVAL AT ASHBURTON

Children from Class 1 and 2 were AMAZING at the recent dance festival held at South Dartmoor College, Ashburton. They performed alongside both primary and secondary pupils from various schools including White Rock, Stover and Teignmouth. We are still waiting for the official video and will post it on the website once we receive it. Class 1's dance was based on the rhythms of Latin America and Class 2 Bollywood.



SPRING TERM AWARDS

Well done to this term's award winners, we hope they enjoy their Easter Eggs.

Platinum Award

Class 1-Savannah Harris

Class 2- Oliver Barnes

Class 3-Wilf Lusty

ALWAYS CLUB

Laila Graham

George Sleep

Olivia Crowe

EFFORT AWARDS

READING

Noah Kirby

Heath Barnes

Callum Brooks

WRITING

Josh King

Robbie Dawe

Kai Parr

MATHS

Charlie Price-Holden

Finley Creevy

Alexa Gibson

LUNCHES AT HOPE CHURCH

Hot lunches will still be provided at Hope Church, orders will need to be sent through by 9.30am every morning as they are being made off-site and transported in hot boxes for Kate to serve. We can offer two hot dishes, one meat and one vegetarian, as usual, along with jacket potatoes. Unfortunately, we cannot do sandwiches during the Summer Term as we have no facilities on-site for these to be made. If your child wants to bring in a packed lunch there will be sandwich trollies in each classroom.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for this year has dropped during the second half of this term to an average of 91.9% (year to date), this is below the national average of 93.6%. We cannot authorise any absence and hope that during the summer months there will be less sickness so our average improves by the end of the academic year. During term time pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers, enjoying all the benefits that brings. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, well-being, and their wider development. Data proves that pupils with the highest attainment at the end of KS2 had lower levels of absence.

WORLD BOOK DAY



At the beginning of March we celebrated World Book Day, lots of the children dressed up and there was a buzz around school as children enjoyed sharing and reading a range of books. They loved going to Buttrees' Book Shop and choosing a book to take home and keep, and hopefully you found the bookmarks helpful when reading at home.

PFA CAKE STALL AT THE SHANTY FESTIVAL

A MASSIVE thank you to those of you who gave up your time last weekend to run a cake stall, and make cakes to sell, in the village hall for the local shanty festival; they raised a staggering **£1703.28**, which will be split between the PFA and the village hall. Hopefully this will become an annual event and an excellent way to raise lots of money along with supporting our local community.

50/50

February	March
£50 S.Al Khalili	£50 C.Holmes
£25 G.Jolly	£25 L.Price-Holden
£15 D.Barnes	£10 Mrs Hatherliegh

IVY EDUCATION TRUST MUSIC EVENT

We were very proud of Class 1 at the Ivy Education Trust music event yesterday. They had worked with Elfyn Jones to compose their own songs based on local stories and anecdotes. It was wonderful to hear them sing with such passion and enthusiasm about a local character called 'Cockle Mary' and local industries that made Cockwood so popular in the past. Staff were very impressed by their impeccable behaviour throughout the afternoon and we had wonderful feedback from the event organisers.



FINALLY...

So as one chapter closes on Cockwood School as we know it, a new one opens up. We are all excited, if a little apprehensive, about being in a different space next term but please be assured the education, standards of behaviour and enthusiasm will remain as high as if we were on site. The children will reap the rewards in the long run and it will be worth the upheaval. It goes without saying that the staff have all been amazing and worked ridiculously long hours over the last few weeks packing and preparing for the move. I am sure you will join me in saying how grateful I am for their support and their unwavering dedication to writing the next chapter of the story.... Alison Roper