

APRIL NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 28th April, 2023

Home from home...

What a fantastic start we have had to our time at Hope Church and it certainly feels like home from home; everyone at the church has been very welcoming and we feel extremely lucky to be part of such a positive community.

We have had a busy few weeks and the learning has certainly not been hampered by our change of location. Forest School has now resumed, with Year 3 and 4 enjoying a couple of weeks at the Methley Meadow site before it is Class 3's turn. Miss Murray has been in on Mondays doing Dance and Mr Keast has loved taking Class 1 and 2 back to the Cockwood field to do Athletics.

We have welcomed a new Music Teacher, Ken Parr, to work with Class 1 and Gin has been working on-site with EYFS, one morning a week, to do outdoor crafts.

We have some fabulous events coming up including: Sports Day, class trips, choir event and music days. Please keep an eye on the website <https://www.cockwood-primary.devon.sch.uk/> and on Twitter @CockwoodPrimary so you know the latest information.

CORONATION AND SPORTS DAY

We would like to cordially invite you to bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and join us to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on the Village Green at Cockwood, Friday 5th May. Children will need to be dropped at the Village Hall at 8.50am for a morning of fun coronation activities, followed by a family lunch and then Sports Day. Children will be released at the end of the day from the Village Green. Please pre-order themed packed lunch for pupils from school, if required. If inclement weather is forecast a decision will be made on Wednesday 3rd May and we will hold a family lunch at Hope Church instead. We hope you can join us to mark this occasion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 1ST MAY

Bank Holiday

FRIDAY 5TH MAY

CORONATION CELEBRATION

SPORTS DAY (*details below*)

MONDAY 8TH MAY

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 9TH- 12TH MAY

SATs Week for Year 6

THURSDAY 18TH MAY

Choir perform at the Devon County Show

TUESDAY 23RD MAY

Class 1/ 2 Code-along Workshop

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

Class 3 Trip to Paignton Zoo

MON 29TH MAY- FRI 2ND JUNE

Half term holiday

THURSDAY 8TH JUNE

Class 2 Science visit to the Countryside Park

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

Whole School Trip to Dawlish Warren

MONDAY 19TH JUNE

Class 2 Folk Music Day

NATE MEETS THE BOY IN THE TENT FOR SKY NEWS!

This week our Head Boy Nate, went to North Devon to interview Max Woosey, 'the Boy in the Tent', on behalf of Sky News for their children's news programme called FYI. Max, who has raised over £700,000 for the local hospice, has received an invitation to the Coronation and Nate went to ask him some questions about this upcoming honour. The Sky News team were really impressed with how confident Nate was in front of the camera and we are all very proud of him. You can watch the interview this weekend on **Sky News FYI**, which is transmitted at **10.30am and 4.30pm both Saturday and Sunday**. Sky News is available from most Free View boxes.

A budding television reporter in the making! WELL DONE NATE.



PE ON COCKWOOD VILLAGE GREEN



Class 1 and 2 really enjoyed being back at Cockwood for PE on Friday with Mr Keast. We are grateful that we have the use of the Trust minibus to transport pupils back and forth; the Summer Term is always one of our favourites using the field for Athletics. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying being outside and putting in so much effort.



COCKWOOD SCARECROW



This year we are submitting an entry to the Devon County Show- a Cockwood Scarecrow! Our entry has evolved over the last few weeks and is beginning to take shape. It has a 'regal' air and is entitled 'The King in his Garden'. Here is a sneak peak of the scarecrow's head, if you are attending the show, please look out for it in one of the judging tents.



SAMBA DAY

Class 1 had a fabulous Samba Day this week funded by The Helen Foundation. We had James Carr in from Drum Devon, DAISI as a finale to their topic on South America. It was pushed back from the end of last term due to the school move. The children were all absolutely buzzing and loved this wonderful musical experience.



What the children thought about the day:

- "I loved it and I would love to do it again." Lexie
- "It was amazing, I never knew drum kits were loads of different drums made into one." Mal
- "I liked the fact he let us have a chance to play every single instrument." Olivia
- "We learnt about the drums and how they evolved through time." Josh

CLASS 1 LEARN 'DOODS'

This term we have welcomed Ken Parr, an experienced woodwind teacher, into school for weekly lessons with Class 1 learning to play doods. This is building on their previous experience and developing their knowledge of musical notation and ensemble performance. Thank you to Miss Buttree for getting this organised to support our Music curriculum offer.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance has improved since our move to Hope Church, which is fantastic. For the last seven days our attendance has been 96.9% and so far this year it is 95.1%. Please remember it is vitally important your child is in school every day, unless they are unwell. We are unable to authorise any absence unless it is exceptional circumstances. Staff work incredibly hard to provide the very best opportunities and learning experiences and we need your child to be in school to make the most of their education.

SAFEGUARDING

Thank you to everyone for walking to Hope Church and keeping the roads around the site traffic-free. Safety is always our priority and general traffic is also starting to slow down now residents and businesses are getting used to us being here.

For additional safety, a doorbell has been fitted next to the front door of the church; should you need to come to school to collect or drop off your child, outside of normal school hours, please ring the bell and a member of the office team will come down and let you in.



The Cool Carrot Ltd



A new fruit and vegetable box company in Exeter

Every box bought will earn money for Cockwood PFA

Deliveries once a week direct to the school

Good value and low cost

Great for the Environment

Jane Fletcher-Peters (an ex-parent) has started a new fruit and vegetable box company in Exeter. She is offering an incentive to raise funds for the PFA with every order.

Website orders should be live by 2nd May and there will be drop down option for Cockwood.

If you have any queries please contact the PFA, this is NOT being organised through the school office.



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FINALLY...

The Summer Term is always very busy and we are excited about the choir performing at the Devon County Show and Class 3's trip to Paignton Zoo, linking with their topic of 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Staff will do all they can to support Year 6 through SATs week and we have lots of nice events for them to look forward to as the term progresses.

We are doing our best to get the children outside as much as possible and Mrs Brewer has organised a Science field trip for Class 2 at the local countryside park assisted by a local ranger, alongside a whole school trip to Dawlish Warren exploring the nature reserve in June.

Hopefully we will all get outside and enjoy some sunshine with family and friends over the two long Bank Holiday weekends, fingers crossed for Sports day next Friday - we hope you can join us.

Alison Roper

