

JULY NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21st July, 2023

Summer Fun Here We Come

I say it every month- but this month really has been exceptionally busy right across the school. The Year 6's had their annual show- Matilda, Class 3 have held their assembly, we have had Sport's Day, some children went to Wimbledon and we have held Career's Week. As a school, we received our Key Stage 2 SATs results and the results from our Year 4 Multiplication Check. Our Year 6 results were outstanding this year and it is down to the hard work and dedication of the pupils and the staff supporting them. They are all leaving us prepared for the next stage of their learning journey and we are delighted they are walking away with results they can be very proud of.

We were however, a little disappointed with our Times Table check results and as a result we have already purchased a whole school scheme to ensure the teaching of tables next year will be consistent across classes. We will be focusing on Maths fluency when we return in September, and will hold a workshop to support parents in helping their child at home.

GOODBYE

It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to another wonderful group of Year 6 children. We wish Nate, Taylor, Molly, Kit, Hannah, Reuben, Billy,

Stanley, Albie, Charlie and Alice a smooth transition to secondary school and hope they look back on their time at Cockwood School with fond memories.

It is also time for us to say goodbye to our friend and colleague Mr Fenton; we wish him every success in his new role and hope he enjoys a fresh challenge working at Exeter University.

We will invite them all back to see the new extension in the Autumn Term.

ENTERPRISE PROJECT

The final total profit for our Enterprise Project in Class 1 was a phenomenal £805.50! This money has now been put to one side towards the Class 1 residential to London next summer. We will send out details in September and families can set up payment plans if that makes it easier to budget. We are provisionally making plans but will release more information in the Autumn Term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

First day back to school

MON 11TH SEPTEMBER

Year 6 Bikeability

MON 11TH SEPTEMBER

Forest School starts Year 5

THURS/FRI 14TH/15TH SEPT

Online learning whilst school moves back to Cockwood

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Start back at Cockwood School

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Class 1 trip to Plymouth

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Tiny Travels workshops booked for whole school

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Break up for half term

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Non-pupil day

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Break up for Christmas

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY
2024

First day of the Spring Term

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Break up for half term

(Friday 9th February is a non-pupil day)

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CAREERS WEEK

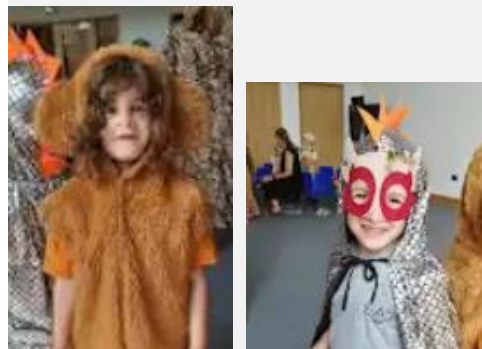
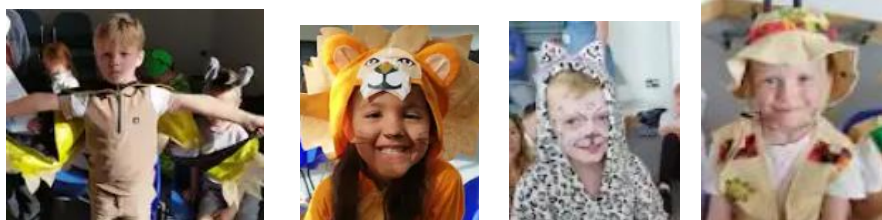


Pupils enjoyed meeting and listening to a range of people, from all walks of life, during Career's Week. The children learnt about a wide range of professions including: a GP, an Entertainer, Coastguard, NHS Consultant, Police Dog Handler and 999 Call handler.

Our oldest children were asked to think about the skill set and qualities needed for each role. The children asked some great questions and were really interested in what our visitors had to say.

CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY

This week Class 3 held their Class assembly to showcase this term's learning based on their topic, 'Creatures Great and Small'. They delighted the audience with their version of an episode of 'Planet Earth'. David Attenbrough was outstanding delivering and remembering his lines and Year 1 were AMAZING reading their stories aloud. Every child played their part, from singing, dancing and reciting the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. A super effort so close to the end of term. WELL DONE Class 3!



WIMBLEDON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

We were very excited to take a group of Year 6 to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships during the first week of the tournament; we had amazing seats on Court Number One and were lucky to watch a great match between Alexander Zverev and Gijs Brouwer. The children's behaviour was impeccable and it was a super opportunity for our pupils to experience a world class sporting event. Who knows one day we might inspire the next Carlos Alacraz!



ALWAYS CLUB TRIP TO WATCH MARIO BROS MOVIE

This week we took our 9 ALWAYS CLUB Winners (from the last year) for a special private screening of the Mario Bros Movie at the Picturehouse in Exeter. They were treated to popcorn, a drink and a pot of sweets. They all had a fabulous time and really enjoyed themselves.



SUMMER TERM AWARDS

Platinum Award:

Class 1 *Charlie Taylor*

Class 2 *Sophia Doick*

Class 3 *Georgia Davies*

Always Club

Class 1 *Savannah Harris*

Class 2 *Rosie Holmes*

Class 3 *Ravanna Jordan*

Effort Awards

READING

Class 1 Jasmine Long

Class 2 Antony Cliffe

Class 3 Arthur Loynds

WRITING

Frankie Price-Holden

Ernie Lusty

Matilda Bellamy

MATHS

Malachy King

Jacob Parr

Wilbur Genders

MATILDA YEAR 6 AND STAFF PRODUCTION



Last week Year 6 delighted an audience of family and friends, with their production of 'Matilda'. They were all absolutely incredible learning their lines, songs and dance routines. It is always a very special event in the Cockwood School calendar and a super celebration for our Year 6 to leave us on a 'high'! Thank you to the staff for also taking part and Mrs Mackenzie who put the whole production together. Also we must say thank you once again to The Langstone Cliff Hotel who kindly let us use the Washington Suite for the day, free of charge. We are very grateful to everyone who supported the children and made it such a special night.



ATTENDANCE

We are finishing the year on an average overall attendance figure of **95.4%**, and the current attendance data for this week is **98.8%**. Please remember we CANNOT authorise absence during term time, unless exceptional circumstances. In the latest guidance released from the Department of Education they discuss the importance of attendance. *This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.* We need to encourage you to support us in making your child's attendance a priority and this is an area we will be monitoring closely from September.

Below is a list of our term dates for next year, for your information.

Ivy Education Trust: 2023-24 Academic Year																
	Sep-23				Oct-23					Nov-23						
Monday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Thursday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
Sunday	3	10	17	24		8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		
	Dec-23				Jan-24					Feb-24						
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
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Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
	Mar-24				Apr-24					May-24						
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	
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	Jun-24				Jul-24					Aug-24						
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key:	weekends				days outside Devon's school terms					Bank Holidays						
	Training days				Occasional days					Academy days						

MOVE BACK TO COCKWOOD

Don't forget we return to school on WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER to Hope Church for 6 school days. On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th September we will be offering online learning, or provision at another Trust school with a supply teacher, to allow school staff the opportunity to unpack and set up the classrooms back at Cockwood. We will return to 'normal' at Cockwood School on Monday 18th September.

SPORTS DAY

Third time lucky- we were able to hold Sport's Day back at Cockwood on the Village Green a few weeks ago. We moved the time to first thing in the morning, which seemed to prove popular with families as it was easier to attend. This also meant that the children had completed all of their races before it got too hot.

EXE- blue house were the overall winners by 1 point, but every child participated well and there was a super atmosphere and great team spirit amongst all the children. Well done to the adults who also took part in the races, it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm to join in- we have a few tricks and ideas up our sleeve for next year! Thank you to the PFA who served coffee and cakes from the Village Hall. It was a lovely morning and great to all come together – it felt like being home!



JOHN LEWIS SHOE PROMOTION



Win with our shoe fitting challenge

To give your school the chance to win a luxury hamper, get your kids' school shoes fitted at John Lewis Exeter between Friday 21 July – Friday 8 September. The school with the most shoe fittings wins!

To book an appointment, visit johnlewis.com/services or scan below.



Please pass this onto any family or friends if their school are not signed up for this promotion.

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	April	May	June
1 st £50	Claire Lowton	Zoe Clifton	Liz Price-Holden
2 nd £25	Steph Harris	Chrissy Long	Neil Tindal
3 rd £10	Sarah Bentley	Liz Price- Holden	Fiona King

FINALLY...

Well everyone we have made it! It has been another AMAZING year in the Cockwood School story and certainly one we will never forget with our move to Hope Church! There have been many highlights this year but one that sticks in my mind was the Christmas show, after the disruption of the last few years, it was wonderful to see every child back on the stage at the Langstone Cliff Hotel, doing what we do best, and the Enterprise Fete, which was so well attended and which raised so much money! Please find some time to relax and enjoy the summer with your children; remember the holidays may feel long, but the years whizz by- you have 18 summers potentially with them – do not put pressure on yourselves to always be 'doing' stuff, your children will love just spending time with you. I wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 6th September at Hope Church.

Alison Roper

A few photos from this year...



