



Cockwood Primary School
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Newsletter

Dear Parents

As we approach our final few days can I say a huge well done to our wonderful children here at Cockwood School. They have worked very hard over the past year and we are so very proud of their many achievements. Thank you to our Head Boy and Girl and our School Council this year, all of the play leaders who have supported others, the Staff Team, who continue to provide great learning experiences for the children, and to the PFA, for organising some amazing events and for helping us continue to raise essential funds.

Our final day is Tuesday 23rd July, where we will say goodbye to our pupils for the holidays. We will say a final goodbye to our amazing Year 6 students, who continue on their journey to their new schools. We wish them all well - we become very fond of our children here so it will be an emotional day for everyone!

Here are some final notices and a chance for us to celebrate!

Year 6 and Staff Show

Once again the students performed brilliantly, and we were so well supported by our parents: we raised approximately £366 from the ticket sales. The show was fantastic and really demonstrated the hard work and commitment, from both the children and staff. We will be sharing some super photographs on our school website very soon, and we will all remember fondly our show of 2019! We raised £113 from the collection buckets after the show too - so all of this really helps.

Unfortunately we won't be able to sell a DVD this year, as the entire show was not recorded. This is the first time that this has happened for us in 10 years, so we are very disappointed. I think that the table on which the camera was stood was knocked during the performance by the children who were out of their seats and playing at the back of the hall. This could have been the reason, or that there was a fault with the camera. We don't know I am afraid. So what we have done is put what we were able to record onto a disc and some parents have kindly shared some of their video clips with us. We are hoping to merge these together to produce a DVD which we will give to our Year 6 children next week.

Once again, thank to everyone involved with the show, the parents and children who came to share the evening with us, and most of all our wonderful Year 6 students.



Parking by the School

Once again, can I please urge all parents to park at the bottom of the hill when dropping off and collecting your child. **An ambulance was called a little while ago and could not get through the parked cars. The resident needed urgent hospital treatment and the ambulance was forced to wait. This was potentially a life threatening situation.** Can I please ask you to consider the families and residents who live in the village, and how the parking near the school does affect them. Can I ask all parents to ensure that they relay these messages to grandparents as well please, so that they are aware of the issues and park at the bottom of the hill. Thank you to all parents who continue to support us in this. It is very much appreciated.

Nut Allergies

We will send further guidance home in September regarding nut allergies and the procedures the school must take to ensure all our pupils remain safe. Thank you for your help in this area. The issue is peanuts for September - so peanut butter and anything such as cereal bars which contain peanuts. If you have any questions once you receive the guidance then do please get in touch.

Cockwood Has Got Talent!

The majority of the school entered our annual *Cockwood's Got Talent* show this year. The children performed brilliantly, and the remainder of the school were thoroughly entertained. There was singing, comedy, magic, danceeverything! Well done to our winners, who showed remarkable talent and confidence.



Wimbledon

A selection of our older pupils were lucky enough to travel to Wimbledon on the final Saturday of the competition. We always hope to receive some tickets and we did so again this year. The children were able to experience the real Wimbledon, and observe some super tennis. They were also able to spend time on Henman Hill! Thank you to everyone involved for making the experience so good for the children.



Always Club

Once again the adults in each class selected children to join our Always Club for the Summer Term. These are pupils who are always polite, kind, hardworking and thoughtful.

We had a super time at Cofton Country Holiday Park yesterday and our entire group of Always Club winners will enjoy a special treat on Monday - a water fight against some of the staff team! Once your child is part of the Always Club then they remain there for the following years, and we look forward to seeing more children join next term.



Results

Our pupils have worked very hard this year and I would like to recognise this. Pupils in Year 6 and Year 2 have achieved some amazing SATS results, and once again our Year 1 phonic check results are also excellent.

Thank you to all of the team who support the children, and to all parents, as this additional help and time is vital.

PFA

The members of the PFA have been amazing this year, and we are all so appreciative of their efforts. Well done to all of our hard working parents who have created so many opportunities and helped the parent body as a whole with financial support for trips, swimming, forest school and so much more!

50:50 winners for July

1st Prize - £50 Mr and Mrs Charlesworth

2nd prize - £10 Mrs Z Clifton

3rd prize - £10 Ms Nicole Brooks

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2nd prize - £10 Mrs D Barnes

3rd prize - £10 Mrs D Barnes

Class 1 and 2 Residential Visits

The staff have been busy organising visits for the children. Class 2 parents have a payment plan set up in School Money for the Heatree residential experience in May next year. Mrs Roper has been investigating the cost of a London residential in June for Class 1. The trip should be 3 or 4 nights, and it will cost in the region of £300 to £350. We will set up a payment plan for Class 1, so that funding this becomes a little easier. The trip is always amazing and excellent value for money so we hope all of Class 1 will be attending.

And Finally

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff, governors and parents for another successful year. It has been exciting, busy and very rewarding. We celebrate our Year 6 Leavers on Tuesday morning in the hall at 9:30am.

Enjoy the summer with your families and we look forward to seeing you back in September from **Wednesday 4th**.

Kind regards



Lorraine Curry