

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

29th November 21

Dear Parents

We are approaching the end of the year, and although there have been challenges, we are looking forward to Christmas and enjoying the festive period with the children.

As you now know, Mrs Roper will be Head of School from January, and will be working closely with me to ensure that we continue to maintain the super standards and 'Cockwood ethos' which makes our school so special. Mrs Roper will continue to teach in Class 1 at the end of the week, and Mrs Brewer will take on the mantle of Class 1 Classteacher, being responsible for the children in this area. She is in school 4 days per week and will teach Class 1 from Monday to Wednesday.

Covid cases have affected the school this term, so thank you to you all for maintaining the testing and ensuring that your child does not attend school if they are unwell. We are starting to see better attendance rates now, so hopefully we can maintain these as we approach Christmas and the show. We will send out further information prior to the event, but we are still aiming for this to go ahead on Monday 13th December, with tight covid restrictions in place. We will be limiting the numbers of parents/grandparents as we will be indoors, and all members of the audience will need to wear masks; as long as we are able to keep social distancing in place and we all play our part, then hopefully the children can show you what amazing work they have been doing and we can celebrate their talents in such a wonderful way. Miss Buttrey has been working around the clock to support the event going ahead, and the children are incredibly excited. Obviously, the show going ahead is based on covid numbers and DFE guidance, so fingers crossed that we can make it!

Please check through the November newsletter for highlights of the month and any key dates.

Lorraine Curry

FOREST SCHOOL

Class 2 and Class 1 have enjoyed Forest School this term. The children are visiting a new site which is a really magical place. Gin Methley, our Forest School Leader has organised some super activities for the children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Forest School Class 1 (Group 2)

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Whole school Christmas Performance
Langstone Cliff Hotel 4:30pm

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Carol Service (Choir) Luscombe Castle

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Christmas lunch and non-uniform/Christmas jumper (NSPCC donation)

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Last day of term

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY

Non-pupil day

WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY

Term begins

TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY

M and M Productions – Jack and the Beanstalk



REMEMBRANCE

The children in Classes 1 and 2 remembered all who had been lost in Cockwood village on Armistice Day. We shared a moving service on the village green with the Rev Chris Curd and local residents. The pupils read the names and professions of those who have been lost during WW1 and WW2, shared prayers and thoughts on this very important day.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget



MORE NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL

As everybody knows, Children in Need day was last Friday. We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the charity. The children really enjoyed wearing pyjamas into school and purchasing a cookie from the hatch. As a result, we have raised **£139.90** which is an amazing achievement as a small primary school. Throughout all classes we took part in a range of activities to learn more about this worthwhile charity.

By Lola and Max

Head girl and Head boy.





SHOE BOXES FOR MOLDOVA

Well done to all parents, pupils and staff who made such an enormous effort to provide children in Moldova with a Christmas present this year. Thank you so much for supporting the Dawlish Rotary and our annual shoe box appeal.



CHOIR EVENT

Children in the choir took part in the Teacher Rock Youth Choir event at Exeter Cathedral last week. Unfortunately we had a number of the choir poorly, but the children who went had a fabulous time and represented the school marvellously. Well done to the children and Miss Buttree. What a fantastic experience!



DARTMOOR CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

We have a Christmas tree, which has been donated from Dartmoor Christmas Trees, and we will be busy decorating this over the coming days. We will be part of their annual competition and will send details on to you soon, but for new parents, the more votes a tree gets on Facebook, the better, as the winning school receives a prize for the children.



NSPCC ASSEMBLIES

The children have once again participated in the **NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe** programme during Anti-Bullying Week. This is a crucial element for schools, ensuring pupils are well informed and know how to keep themselves safe. Just a reminder that the last day of term will be non-uniform in Christmas jumpers/festive clothing, and a donation will go to the NSPCC.



KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS FESTIVAL AND YEAR 5/6 NETBALL

Well done to the children who represented the school at both of these events.



CLASS 2 RESIDENTIAL

Just a reminder that a non-refundable deposit towards the residential is due by the 30th November. The Manor House Hotel is a super residential for Class 2 pupils and we hope all of the children can attend. Do get in touch if you would like to chat to me about this visit.

We will send further information out in the coming days but for now, have a lovely start to December. Thank you for your support as always. The Staff Team are very grateful for everything you do to support your own child but also the school community as a whole.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Curry".

Lorraine Curry

