

APRIL NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 28th April , 2022

Summer Term

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, I hope you have had a restful break, and everyone is on top form to embrace the exciting term ahead.

It was a dreadful shame that our last week of term was blighted by lots of illness across the school and events had to be postponed, however, Class 2's assembly was well worth waiting for and it was fabulous to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning.

Tomorrow night, Friday 29th April, please join us at the PFA Chocolate Bingo at Dawlish Community College, it is important these events are well supported as the PFA raise lots of money to help each and every child in the school. Doors open at 5pm, eyes down at 5.30pm.

It goes without saying that this is a very important term for our Year 6 children, it is their last term as part of the Cockwood family and they have a very busy few weeks ahead of them. Once SATs are out of the way they can relax and enjoy the rest of the time they are with us; we have lots of exciting things planned and look forward to preparing them for secondary school.

Class 2 are looking forward to their residential to The Manor House in a few weeks' time and we have an exciting event planned to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is going to be a very busy 5 weeks!

The Class 1 residential to London is also fast approaching in June, we have started to confirm the itinerary and will share this with you in due course.

Please keep an eye on the website as we are constantly updating the calendar and, if you are not already, please follow us on Twitter @CockwoodPrimary to get regular updates on day-to-day happenings across the school.

CLASS 2 RESIDENTIAL TO THE MANOR HOUSE

There will be a Parent's Meeting in Class 1 after school on Thursday 5th May to go through the itinerary and kit list for the overnight residential to The Manor House. The children have made their room choices and will know who they will be sharing with prior to the trip. If you have any concerns we will try and answer your questions, alternatively if you prefer, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Class 2 team or school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 2ND MAY

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 3RD MAY

Year 5 girls attend STEM Detective Project day at Maynard School, Exeter.

THURSDAY 5TH MAY

Class 2 Parent's Meeting regarding the residential, 3.35pm in Class 1.

MONDAY 9TH MAY

KS2 SATs Week

Year 1 Forest School

THURSDAY 12TH MAY

Class 2 Residential (1 night)

MONDAY 16TH & 23RD MAY

Year 6 Forest school (2 sessions)

FRIDAY 20TH MAY

PFA cake sale after school

FRIDAY 27TH MAY

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration afternoon

Break up for half term

MONDAY 6TH JUNE

Children return to school

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

Mix Festival at Killerton

MONDAY 20TH JUNE

Class 1 Residential to London (4 nights)

THURSDAY 30TH JUNE

Sunflowers into school

EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

Unfortunately, we had to cancel visiting the church for our Easter service but we were delighted instead to welcome Rev Dallas Ayling to conduct an open air service on the playground. Class 1 told the Easter story and Class 2 performed a rap they had written about what Easter means to them. Dallas brought in a range of props to share with the children and explained the significance of each symbol of Easter. She then, very kindly, gave each child a palm cross, an Easter egg and a hot cross bun, which the children enjoyed sharing in their classes after the service.



AWARD WINNERS

Well done to these amazing children for being our Spring Term award winners:

Platinum Award:

Kayden Cox
Finley Creevy
Sonaix Bearne

We award effort prizes in Reading, Writing and Maths. We also recognise outstanding progress and achievement with our Platinum Award

Reading: Hannah Bently, Jasmine Long, Oliver Barnes

Writing: Cerys Harris, Reed Bearne, Wilbur Genders

Maths: Max Butler, Antony Cliffe, Lily Holland

Always Club: Isla Nicholson, Barclay Poc, Myles Higgins



WELL DONE

Exe House (blue) won the trophy for Spring Term with 691 house points.

Spring Term Always Club:

Isla Nicholson

Barclay Poc

Myles Higgins

Always Club Winners are selected because they always do their best, help others, complete their tasks well, complete homework and always do the right thing. They receive a special treat and become part of the prestigious Always Club whilst they are at the school.

ALWAYS CLUB TREAT

Our Always Club members are having a special treat tomorrow, Friday 29th April, they are going to a local ice-cream parlour for waffles and sundaes. Please keep an eye out on the website for photos.

END OF THE DAY

We are having some issues at the end of the day releasing children when staff cannot clearly see parents and carers. It is difficult when we have asked you to socially distance for two years however, some of you are so far away that we are concerned about letting them walk from the gate to meet you. Please can you make sure if you are picking up once each class has gone, Class 3 parents especially, move closer to the gate so it is safe for us to release your child. We will not let them walk out of the gate without knowing they are within easy sight of you. If you are standing down by the cars or near the bench it is impossible for staff inside the gate to watch your child as they walk amongst parents and other pupils. Thank you for your support making the hand over at the end of the day a bit easier for everyone.

THE RIVER OF HOPE ARTWORK

We are delighted to share with you our artwork we have submitted to decorate a flag for the Queen's Jubilee Pageant. It looks incredible and every child played their part in creating either a bird or a fish. We will be selling printed canvases of the artwork to raise money towards our Jubilee event, a letter will be coming home with how to order in the next week.

The brief for the artwork had to link with the River Exe and we hope you can see the X running through the image. The picture shows the transient nature of the river and how Dawlish Warren plays an important part as a stopover for migratory birds on their journey from North Africa to the Arctic. The birds and fish are migrating and moving, and this reflects how river has also adapted and changed over the years, from a bustling fishing area to one more focused on tourism and leisure. The name "Exe" is thought to stem from the Latin word 'isca', which translates either as 'water' or 'abounding in fish' and we think our design encapsulates both these aspects. We love the strong blue background and the wonderful array of fish, made by Class 2 and 3.



SUN SAFETY

As the weather warms up, please don't forget to send your child into school with a named sun hat and sun cream. All classes will discuss sun safety in the coming weeks.

SATS BREAKFAST CLUB

We will be offering SATS Breakfast Club (free of charge) to all Year 6 children from 8am Monday-Thursday May 9-12th. We have done this in previous years and used the time to do a little last-minute revision, have a chat and settle any nerves with some games on the playground before the assessments start.

There will be offered a selection of cereal, toast, croissants and fruit, as well as milk, juice or squash. We hope lots of the Year 6's will join us, we will send out a permission slip to book places the week before.

SUNFLOWERS FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to Mrs Watts for organising our sponsored 'Sunflowers for Ukraine'. We chose sunflowers as they are the Ukrainian national flower and symbolise happiness, optimism and peace. The children absolutely loved planting the seeds and decorating their plant pots. We hope you have kept them watered and given them some sunshine to help them grow big and strong. Please send in photos of your sunflowers so we can share your progress on the website and social media. Sunflowers need to be brought back into school on Thursday 30th June, there will be prizes for the tallest entries and most money donated.



ATTENDANCE

Now the better weather is upon us hopefully we will all enjoy a germ-free term. Due to Covid-19 our average attendance was much lower than usual last term and it is important we all do our bit to attend school as much as we can to ensure this improves over summer. We completely understand if your child is poorly and if that is the case obviously, they should not be in school, however, if they are just under the weather or tired then please send them in and if we are concerned, we will send them home. We will continue to maintain our cleaning regimes and make sure each classroom is well ventilated to help all of us stay fit and healthy so we can enjoy this special term together.

CLASS 2'S VICTORIAN ASSEMBLY

We were all entertained at Class 2's fabulous Victorian assembly. Pupils showcased their learning through drama, dance and song, they read extracts of their writing and gave the audience a snapshot of what Cockwood School was like during Victorian times. The children had used the old school logbooks to inspire them to write their own version of entries and also performed their own original composition based on their visit to Shaldon Zoo. Well done, an excellent effort all round.



FINALLY...

We are all very excited about a busy term ahead and look forward to providing your children with a range of wonderful opportunities; I am very grateful to work with such dedicated staff who always go the extra mile to make things happen and get involved with things above and beyond day-to-day classroom teaching.

Please remember we are closed on Monday; enjoy the Bank Holiday and we will look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd May.

Alison Roper

