

# JUNE NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

## Glorious June...

What a super few weeks it has been, we have been very lucky with the weather at all of our recent outdoor events. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event and great to welcome so many parents to Sport's Day. As you will see from this month's newsletter, it has been a jam-packed few weeks with still lots of fun things planned right up until the end of term.

Your child's reports will be sent home mid-July and staff are currently very busy compiling these to give you a picture of your child's learning this year. We will be having a move-up morning on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, so that children can meet their new teacher, should they be moving class in September.

Also over the last few weeks pupils have been learning lots of different ways to keep themselves safe including PANTS, sun safety and how to recognise carbon monoxide poisoning. Please follow us on twitter @CockwoodPrimary so you can keep updated on what your child is doing and support their learning by talking to them about their day.

We hope the weather will be kind during July so please make sure all children have a sun hat, suncream and water bottle in school every day.

## THE FIRST IVY EDUCATION TRUST YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Twelve willing volunteers took part in the first Ivy Education Trust Youth Parliament at TCS (Exeter Road) alongside 70 other pupils from local primary and secondary schools. Our children debated a range of topics including should mobile phones be allowed in school, should you wear school uniform, are wind farms essential and should SATs be abolished.

We were very proud of their sensible and articulate contributions and hoped they enjoyed the experience.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

Choir perform at Devon County Show

MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Class 1 visit to Solar Farm in the morning, then workshop back at school in the afternoon

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Space themed- Create and Make Artsmark Day across the school

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### NON-PUPIL DAY

Wimbledon Tennis- a group of Year 6 children

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Year 6 and staff perform 'Grease' at Langstone Cliff Hotel 7pm- tickets on sale on School Money (shop section)

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Class 1 Virtual lesson with British Museum

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Class 3 trip to Paignton Zoo

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Class 3 assembly in the Village Hall 9.00am (Parents)

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.15am

Year 6 Parents ONLY invited

LAST DAY OF TERM

## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

What an AMAZING afternoon we all had celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was fabulous to see the children enjoying the sunshine and sharing this occasion with their family and friends. We were all entertained by the super dancing and moved by the children singing the National Anthem. Class 3 children stole the show with their country dancing and feedback from everyone has been incredible. All the staff went above and beyond that day to help, including Mr Keast and Miss Murray who only work one day a week for us. Thank you very much once again to the PFA for the amazing teddy bears and mugs, your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

## DARTMOOR 3 BALL EVENT

A massive well done to our Year 3 / 4 children who represented the school at the recent Dartmoor 3 Ball tournament. They played against teams from Gatehouse and Westcliff and came FIRST! Fabulous effort and excellent teamwork. Our Year 5/6 team also competed and came SECOND. Well done, we are so proud of your excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.



## CYCLING SAFETY

We are delighted so many of you are now cycling or using a scooter to come to school. However, we have had a few complaints from villagers and parents regarding road safety and awareness of others when cycling up and down the hill. There was a near miss last week when a child had cycled in front of their parent and nearly knocked into a small child walking up the hill, there has also been a near miss at the bottom of the hill where a car had to brake suddenly. To avoid any more collisions please can we ask you to leave ALL bikes and scooters in the bike rack outside The Ship and walk up the hill; you will need to ensure that bicycles are locked as it is a public facility for the whole village to use. We will review this in September but if we can all try it for the next few weeks, space on the school site is limited and it is also becoming an issue storing them all by the school gate so this may be the answer on both fronts.



## CLASS 2 RIVER TRIP TO DARTMOOR

Class 2 visited Bellever on Dartmoor to carry out a Geographical survey of the East Dart River. They used a range of equipment to measure the depth and flow of the water before completing some field sketches of the site. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn through real-life experience and take part in hands-on experiments. This trip had previously been postponed due to the weather so it was excellent the children did not miss out and Mrs Brewer was able to rebook it. Thank you to the parent volunteers who supported on the day.



## SPORTS DAY

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed our Sport's Day and we were delighted that so many of you could attend and join us. It is always a great afternoon as it gives our children a chance to work together with their house team to compete for the house cup. The energy and enthusiasm amongst the children was super and in particular it was fabulous to see them cheering on not just their own team but their friends in other teams.

1<sup>st</sup>- COFTON (green) 194 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> EXE (blue) 186 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> BRUNEL (red) 168 points  
4<sup>th</sup> POWDERHAM (yellow) 106 points



## MIX FESTIVAL AT KILLERTON

A mix of pupils from Class 1 and 2 spent a great day at The Mix Festival, which was run by Devon Music Hub. Children had the chance to take part in a wide range of workshops and explore using a range of instruments. They particularly enjoyed the Taiko drumming and joining in with the ceilidh dancing. Thank you to Miss Buttrees for organising our participation, the feedback from the children was fantastic and they thoroughly enjoyed the day.



## EMPATHY DAY

We were very fortunate to be given £100 from the Cousens Foundation to buy books for our library. We used the money to buy books with a theme of 'empathy'. We marked 'Empathy Day' June 9<sup>th</sup> with a special assembly where we discussed what empathy is and what it may look like in practice. The children were shown the range of books we have purchased and they are now in the library for children to borrow. We are always very grateful when we can update our reading stock and keep our library vibrant and relevant.



## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance for this term so far has been poor, we are currently on 91%. This is due to families taking holidays within term time, which we cannot authorise. In some cases where there has been 10 or more unauthorised sessions families will receive penalty notices from Devon County Council.

We appreciate family events and holidays have been rearranged since Covid but your child's education has to be a priority after so much disruption to learning over the past couple of years. If we can ask you to seriously consider before booking any holidays in term time as we will issue penalty notices.

## CLASS 1 LONDON RESIDENTIAL

Wow- what an amazing week Class 1 had on their bi-annual residential. They began with a trip to Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio before a day visiting Buckingham Palace, The Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, finished off with the show, Lion King. The next day, they had a fabulous morning at Kidzania, before a whistle-stop tour of The Museum of London, dinner at Pizza Express and the show Mary Poppins. To finish off we spent the morning at Legoland before a trip to Burger King on the way home! All the children were amazing, we had lots of laughs and fun, even though it was over 30 degrees at times. We walked miles and everyone loved seeing the sights of our capital. The residential is always a very special time and pupils gain so much from being away from home and away from their normal routine. We see a different side of their personalities and characters and we all get to learn a lot about each other. It is very tiring for pupils and staff alike but one of the most rewarding trips that we run and one that the children talk about for years to come.



### JUNE 50/50

1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE- **£50.00** Carla Custons-Cole

2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE- **£20.00** Clare Lowton

3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE- **£10.00** David Parr

### FINALLY...

*As we enter the last few weeks of the academic year, it is a special time for our Year 6 as we prepare to say good-bye and let them go. We are all excited for 'Grease' and their leaver's assembly and hope they make some special memories to mark the end of their primary education.*

*Please don't forget our non-pupil day next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.*

*Alison Roper*