



Cockfield Primary School Newsletter

30th April 2021

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Care, believe, achieve together!

Message from Mrs Costello (Headteacher)

What a busy week we've had in school with so much going on, it's lovely to start and get back to some kind of normal and I really hope this lasts without any more COVID disruption. I have been lucky enough this week to spend some time in every classroom at a distance and to see how well our children learn. Since the full return, the children have been working hard to recover some of the learning that was lost during lockdown and teachers are impressed with the way that they are making progress. I have been particularly impressed with the behaviour across school and the children's positive attitudes to learning, they are a credit to the school and their families.

I know that some parents will be worrying about lost learning time, but it is amazing to see how well the children pick things up once they are back in routine. Staff have assessed where the children are and have identified where there are gaps in learning and are now working on addressing these gaps to make sure that no one is left behind. Please remember that this is a long process, but we'll get there together.

We had a safeguarding audit from the local authority this week to check that all procedures were in place to keep the school community safe. I'm pleased to say that we passed every check and our ethos of care was recognised as a strength. The adviser, who visited school, commented on how wonderful the children were and also on the fantastic facilities that we have for the children (especially the outdoor area).

We also had a visit from the cricket coach, who gave the children a cricket taster session and identified some cricket stars of the future. The children will have brought a leaflet home with information about the local cricket club and coaching sessions. Once again, he commented on how great the children were.

I've been spending some time speaking to our team of Head Boy, Head Girl and deputies this week who are planning a charity day to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. They certainly are a very mature, thoughtful group and their ideas for fundraising and professional approach to the planning has really impressed me. Watch this space for more information . . .

Thank you for your help and support with everything we do.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, fingers crossed for good weather,

Mrs Costello (Headteacher)

COVID19 Update

Please remember COVID19 has not gone away and there are still cases in both children and adults across the county. We need to continue to follow the rules to keep the community safe. Please use the email address cockfield@durhamlearning.net in order to inform school if your child tests positive for coronavirus. We have a duty to continue to report any cases to Public Health England for the purposes of Track and Trace.

Parking Issues

We have had a number of complaints about inconsiderate parking outside of school. Please can parents try to park away from school and walk if possible. If this isn't possible please don't park on the zig-zags, the police are monitoring this as we all have a responsibility to keep our children safe and it can get really busy outside school.

Safeguarding Update

Our designated safeguarding lead is **Mrs Costello**

Our deputy safeguarding lead is **Mrs Woods**

If they are not available then please speak to Mrs Harrison in the school office who will contact them.

Family Lives

Family Lives is a national charity that works for, and with, parents. It works to offer help and support through an innovative range of free, flexible, responsive services.

Telephone: 0808 800 2222 Website: www.familylives.org.uk



Our Stars of the Week were:

Nursery – Corey B
Reception – Oliver C
Year 1 – Brooklyn M
Year 2- Jarrod D
Year 3- Sophie H
Year 4- Emily W
Year 5- Max C
Year 6 – Elina B

Star Readers



Kian W
Rosie W
Phoebe H
Olivia H
Sky F
Ellie B

Headteacher's Awards



Dylan C
Brooklyn M
Myla M
Cody A
Leighton J

After School and Wrap Around Summer Term

Our wrap around care has proved very popular this term and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying football and performing arts. Unfortunately, these clubs are now full but we do have childcare spaces if anyone requires after school care. Please contact the school office to book your child in in advance.

Medical Appointments

Medical appointments should ideally be made outside of school hours, however if this isn't possible and you do have to take your child out of school for any reason we will ask for an appointment card or copy of a text or other message as proof of appointment. Unfortunately, we can't just let children leave early on a regular basis without this evidence, we have a responsibility to record all lost learning time and this is part of our absence policy. Any questions or concerns please speak to the school office.

School Uniform

We have picked up on one or two uniform issues in school recently, it is important that the children follow our school rules and dress appropriately. We have relaxed the uniform policy for this term and children can continue to come to school in joggers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and trainers to enable them to access our active curriculum without worrying about their clothes. **We do ask that they wear school uniform on their top half though and will be reminding those who don't to follow our school rules.** Football strips should not be worn for school, but children can wear shorts on warm days (preferably plain coloured ones). We've also spotted a few children wearing earrings, this is a safety concern and those who can will be asked to remove any dangling earrings whilst in school. Those who can't remove earrings should wear small studs and have plasters over them to avoid accidents.