



Cockfield Primary School Newsletter

End of Spring Term 2021

Message from Mrs Costello (Headteacher)

Happy Easter!

We've made it to the end of a very unusual term and I think we are all ready for a well-earned rest. It's just over a year since we went into the first lockdown and little did we know that we'd still be in restrictions now.

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to the staff who have been amazing and have worked so hard both at home and in school since the full return. I also wanted to say thank you to the parents who have made me feel so welcome this term, I know it hasn't been an easy one. The biggest thank you, as always, goes to the children who have returned to school so ready to learn and who are an absolute pleasure and delight. I'm loving getting to know them all; they are what makes our school so wonderful.

We are delighted to have everyone back together again and to start to recover some of the opportunities that the children lost during lockdown. We are starting to assess where the children are with their learning in order to move them forward and fill the gaps which have grown due to the disruption over the last year. Please don't worry too much about what has been missed, but if you can support us with this by ensuring that your child reads regularly at home this will make a huge difference.

Today has been a day of Easter fun with lots of fantastic activities taking place. We've had lots of Easter crafts going on: quizzes, outdoor fun trails, fun maths activities and loads of Easter excitement which is lovely to see. It's great to see things starting to return to some kind of normal particularly as everyone missed Easter in school last year.

Finally I just want to say have a lovely Easter break and enjoy some well earned rest with your families. I look forward to hearing all about it when we come back to school on 12th April.

Wishing you all a safe and restful Easter break,

Take care,

Mrs Costello (Headteacher)

COVID19 Update

We will remain contactable over the Easter break in order to manage cases of COVID. 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 these cases to Public Health England for the purposes of Track and Trace.

After School and Wrap Around Summer Term

We will be resuming the range of clubs in class bubbles next term. Miss Gregson has volunteered to lead the performing arts one and AJ Sports are running football for us on Tuesdays. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions we have had to limit some places and have therefore asked for payment upfront for these two. We still have a small number of spaces for Football but Performing Arts is now full. If you need essential childcare for these nights then please contact the school office as we can also provide this.

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.

What are your children saying on-line?

Most games now include some form of chat facility; this can be via a headset or via a messaging feature within the game. It is very easy within these chats to behave in a way that children wouldn't if they were face to face with each other e.g. it is easier to call another child a nasty name via a screen than to say it to their face. These type of incidents can quickly escalate as online environments are often unsupervised so whereas an incident of name calling on the playground is quickly brought to the attention of a member of staff this doesn't happen in an online environment. Talk to your children about how they are speaking to their friends online. Sit with them while they are playing the game to see how your child chats with others, is it always appropriate? Explain to them what to do if they are called a nasty name, how should they respond and what they can do if a situation escalates.

Our Stars of the Week were:



Nursery – Olivia W for super listening

Reception – Melody C for super maths

Year 1 – Jude G for working independently during tasks

Year 2- Alice H for excellent problem-solving skills involving measuring.

Year 3-Myla M for showing confidence when answering questions

Year 4- Freya D for working hard in all lessons

Year 5- Isla CM for a fantastic effort in class all week and beautiful presentation

Year 6 - Ellie W for trying hard in English and Maths and excellent presentation

Star Readers



Olly C for super reading.

Jarrold D for excellent Accelerated Reader results since we returned to school.

Mason S for showing an enthusiastic attitude towards reading

Harry C for reading with expression

Well done to William & Sophie H for collecting so many crisp packets for such a good cause!

Headteacher's Awards



Jack K for making me smile every day – you are a star!

Willow for excellent behaviour at all times

Harvey for a fantastic attitude

Lily for being a lovely caring friend.

Daily Fitness / Uniform

Our Active30 approach to fitness has been a real hit in school, the children are enjoying it and the staff are starting to see the benefits as the general levels of fitness improve. We will continue to do at least 30 minutes of fitness each day and Mrs Woods has introduced the staff to orienteering which is another great way to learn and keep moving. We have therefore decided to continue with our relaxed uniform approach for the summer term, **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.**

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all those parents and carers who donated prizes and bought tickets for the Easter raffle. We raised £170 which will be spent on resources for the nursery outdoor area.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter the egg competition, we were so impressed by the quality of the entries. It was so hard to choose our winners.

Class 1 – 1st Maili 2nd Ben 3rd James M

Class 2 – 1st Izzy 2nd Willow 3rd Jude

Class 3 – 1st Phoebe 2nd Aaliyah 3rd Harvey

Class 4 – 1st Freddie 2nd Isla M 3rd Alex

Pictures will be shared on the website soon.

