



Coxhoe Communicator

July 2018



Wow – I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of the year; time flies when you are having fun! We have just two weeks left, but lots of learning, exploring and fun to cram in!

June has been very busy with lots of sporting events and creative fun. A highlight has certainly been our art day, the annual sports days and the summer fair! Both sports days were a huge success and we are extremely proud of the outstanding behaviour, good sporting attitude as well as the skills and stamina demonstrated. Thank you for joining us - the supportive crowd really encourages the children. Thank you also to parents/family members and Mrs Alsop for helping out on events. The summer fair was also extremely successful – raising a whopping £2000! All staff really enjoyed seeing the children having fun and relaxing with their families – thank you again for your generous support all round. We will certainly keep you posted on what this will enable us to provide for the children.

Thank you for your continued support, especially during these busy times. We could not offer our children the wonderful breadth of opportunities they enjoy without your continued partnership. We are delighted with our school App and use it to share regular updates and keep families informed.

Mrs Bartle

Head Teacher

Year 6 – Special Memories

Our Year 6 children are extremely busy rehearsing for their production – School Daze - and I can verify that you are in for a treat. It will be brimful of tears and laughter! This performance is on the 17th July 2pm & 6pm. They will enjoy making even more special memories during their last week in their primary school journey. This will be completed with their very special Leavers' Service for you which will be held on the last day of term, Friday 20th July at 9.30am. We look forward to parents joining us to reflect on 7 fabulous years as a Coxhoe Primary School family and wish the children well as they take those next steps.

Tickets for these 3 events are required– letter to follow.

Attendance

Our school attendance for June term was as follows:

Class 1- 97.59%

Class 2– 92.33%

Class 3– 96.24%

Class 4– 96.05%

Class 5– 97.19%

Class 6– 96.11%

Class 7- 92.91%

Class 8- 96.55%

Class 9- 95.79%

Class 10– 96.10%

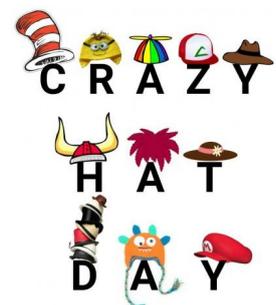
Class 11– 97.58%

Congratulations to **Class 11 & Class 1** for the best attendance. They are setting a high standard!

Many thanks for your support in our drive to maintain high attendance across school. Whilst we understand that holidays during the school holiday period are more costly, periods of absence during term time do have a significant impact on learning and progress. Research shows that achievement and attendance are directly linked - especially over a long period of time. Please consider this when booking holidays.

Mad Hat Day

Mad Hat Day is taking place on Thursday 19th July. The children are invited to wear a mad hat and non-uniform on this day in order to raise money for brain tumour research. Our very own Reverend Richardson ran a marathon earlier in the year to raise money for the same cause. We are asking children to make a donation of £1 on this day. So be creative and make your hat as mad as possible!



Playground Squad

Our Playground Squad have been appointed and we have held our first official meeting. I have been extremely impressed with their leadership and collaborative skills. They have brought so many ideas from each of their classes and we are excited about moving forward. The first step will be the provision of new playground toys and a review of rules led by the children. They will agree a contract with high expectations to make sure that they can all enjoy the fabulous resources we have outdoors.



School Council Update

The School Council have recently enjoyed a visit to Sainsbury's at the Arnison Centre as part of their journey to find out more about healthy packed lunches and snacks. Whilst there, the children were able to compare different brands of food, looking at nutritional information and prices. Sainsbury's very kindly gave us some fruit to take back to school and try. The doughnut peaches were particularly popular! This visit will help the School Council create a leaflet for parents guiding them on the best choices for healthy packed lunches and snacks. Watch this space for what's happening next!

SAFC Enterprise update

The children in Year 6 have been enjoying their enterprise sessions with Danielle from SAFC. As part of this project, they have been designing their own football boots for an international football team to wear. The children have been looking at different marketing techniques, pricing, slogans and advertising for their product. Their last session is next week before they go to The Beacon of Light and present their design in front of other schools and judges. We are very excited about our visit and presenting our designs.

Relationships Week

At Coxhoe Primary School we strive to have a culture that celebrates difference and diversity and one in which all pupils can see themselves reflected and valued. We are excited to be having our first ever Relationships Week rather than just one Relationships Day. On Thursday of this week (12th July) we will have our first Coxhoe Primary School Pride Day. To celebrate this special event we would like to invite children to wear a brightly coloured red, orange, yellow, green, blue or purple t-shirt. We hope to organise the whole school into a rainbow and to do some Greatest Showman themed singing and choreography as well as other special activities. Please don't buy a new t-shirt - everyone can join in whatever they are wearing. The only thing we want to see everyone wearing is a smile!

Year 1 Phonics Check

We are delighted to announce that all of our children in Year 1 were successful in their Phonics check. This is an amazing achievement reflecting the hard work of our children and staff throughout Reception and Year 1. They are Phonic Superstars and we are extremely proud of them.

Lost Property

All items of lost property will be set out on a table over the last few days of term. Please come and have a look as there are a huge range of items of good quality clothing. All pegs must be cleared and all PE kits must be taken home. All unclaimed items will be disposed of during the holidays.

Clubs

This week was the last week for clubs this year. The only clubs that will be held next week are Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th Fit and Fun. All other clubs finish this week (week ending Friday 6/7/18). The new After School Club programme will be published during the first week back and will commence week 3. If you have any ideas for an after school activity or a coach/company that you recommend, we would be delighted to explore this – please get in touch with Mrs Caygill. We are always keen to broaden the range of experiences offered for after school clubs although we are limited by hall space at times.



School meals

The cost of school meals will increase to £2.05 from September.

Reminder that children who will transfer to Year 3 (KS2) from September will no longer be entitled to free school meals under the universal school meals policy. If you are entitled to free school meals due to family circumstances these will continue. Any changes please contact school office.

Staffing

We are looking forward to welcoming new staff members into our team in September. A letter is included with your child's report – stating their class and teacher.

Reception - Class 1 Miss Britton

Reception - Class 2 Mrs Smith

Year 1 - Class 3 Mrs Elliott

Year 1 - Class 4 Mrs Fahey/ Mrs Skaife

Year 2 - Class 5 Miss Haddick

Year 2 - Class 6 Mrs Jefferson/Mrs Richardson

Year 3 - Class 7 Mr Ord

Year 3/4 - Class 8 Miss Marsden (new Assistant Head Teacher)

Year 4 - Class 9 Mr Hopson

Year 4/5 - Class 10 Miss Cummings

Year 5/6 - Class 11 Mrs Caygill/Miss Pearn (NB: Mrs Caygill will teach 5 mornings)

Year 6 - Class 12 Mr Patterson

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Tibbot. She has been a fantastically warm and passionate part of our school family and has given tremendous amount to all of the children in her care. We certainly wish her well as she moves to be closer to her family and would like to congratulate her on her promoted post in her new job.

We wish Mrs O'Sullivan well this week as she started her maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her and the new baby very soon!

As the village continues to grow, our school family continues to grow. We have recently held an initial meeting with the Local Authority to explore how to provide for the additional school places that will be needed in the future. We will continue to keep you posted about any future development.

we had some great ideas brought forwards for the summer fair and for other fundraising events. This seemed to be a good time slot for a meeting as it was so well attended. We will hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September at this time and provide.

Sporting Success!

June has brought sunshine and more amazing sporting achievements. Coxhoe were in fine form at the Sedgefield DASH and came back with a table-topping 12 medals! The Quads Kids teams followed this up with another superb team performance to come 3rd overall. The children then showed their all-round talent when taking part in the Primary Olympics at Sedgefield. The blistering heat couldn't stop the six teams in the multi-event competition, as all the teams brought home yet more medals. A special mention must go to the Athletics team who were representing both the school and the Sedgefield School Sports Partnership, helping them to win the area title no less. To top all of this, I am immensely proud of all the children who participated in Sports Day this week. Teamwork was the aim of the game, either cheering on friends or just giving their best, they all did themselves proud. Keep running Coxhoe!

Sunshine Safety

We have enjoyed lots of wonderful sunshine in recent weeks and it has been exceptionally hot very recently. Many thanks for helping us to keep our children safe by providing caps, applying suntan lotion and ensuring that they bring water bottles to keep hydrated. Whilst this wonderful weather continues, please continue to do this.



Breakfast Club

If you require a space for breakfast club from September, please contact the school office for a form. Existing members will be sent out as normal before the end of term. Please return forms by Wednesday 18th July – payment does not need to be made until 3/9/18. Please note that breakfast club bookings must be made in advance to enable us to plan for staffing ratios.

Parking

We have had a number of complaints recently about parking in the areas surrounding school. Please ensure that you park considerately when visiting school. Thank you.



The PTFA in 2018 - 2019

We have been delighted with the number of family members who have shown interest in supporting the PTFA (Friends of Coxhoe Primary School). The meeting held in June was well attended and