

NEWSLETTER



COCKFIELD SCHOOL

A THANK YOU – Thank you for Christmas cards and gifts
and those for the staff

SPRING – 22/01/18

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the spring term, a short one overall but a very important one. Please note that in future we will be sending many of our letters and newsletters through email, unless you have asked for a hard copy.

First of all I have some important dates to share with you and invite you to a couple of learning opportunities. **The first is a SATs meeting for Oak and Year 6 parents.** This will explain the tests in May and how we will prepare your child for these tests and also how you can help with this. **Please come along at 4pm on 29th Jan'.** Children will be supervised by staff during this 20 minute meeting.

I would like to invite a parent/adult (one per child) to come along on our **Maths Day on the 6th February.** This will start at 9am with a presentation about our new maths resources and explanation of how we teach your child using Inspire Maths. This session will take place in the hall. This will be followed by an opportunity to work with your child in their classroom at 9.20am. Session 1 will finish at 10.15, followed by tea and coffee, and then a second session will commence at 10.30 - 11.40. If you have more than one child at the school this will give you an opportunity to move classes or stay in the class with your child. We will then send you on your way but of course you are welcome to dip in and out during the morning. The afternoon will be a maths problem solving session with staff and children. If you are unable to attend in the morning a second run through of the presentation will be repeated at 2.45pm. **We would like you to indicate if you are able to come along on the slip attached slip please.**

Please take note of key dates on the reverse, including World Book Day when we will be inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character.

School transport - *parents of children who travel by bus, please be aware that the right to free transport maybe lost very soon.* I have previously mentioned this in my newsletters and letters home. Suffolk County Council are proposing to take away free transport for many of our children. **I know it will make a difference to at least 8 children at our school** right now, possibly more, based on those who use the minibuses. **WE must protest.** Go online to www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel. **Also come along to a meeting at Thurston Community College on Thursday 1st February 7-9pm, I will be there too. MPs, Suffolk County Councillors and representatives from Education Transport will be there to hear your views.**

Best Wishes, Mrs Harkin

Exciting news! Watch out for a new climbing wall and activity bikes on the playground and field- we have been successful in gaining Lottery Funding to pay for the equipment, chosen by School Council.

Key dates

Half term 12th- 16th February

Easter break - Friday 30 March 2018 to Friday 13 April 2018

May half term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June plus

PD Day 4th June

End of Summer term - please note we finish on Tuesday 24th July.

Sept - please note 5th/6th September 2018 are PD Days, children return Friday 7th.

Other PD Days to note - 19th October, 2018. 2nd Jan 2019, 3rd June 2019

Muddy Monday's for Lime Class - 29th Jan & 12th March Mrs Sturgeon will send a note out of details re clothing and help needed

29th Jan SATS 4pm meeting for Oak and Y6 parents

5th February - Mental Health Week.

6th Feb - Maths Day from 9am

9th Feb - Chinese New Year Lunch

Half term 12th - 16th Feb'

1st March - World Book Day

5/6th March Parent Evenings

9th March - dress down day for chocolate (Fundraiser for Chocolate Bingo night)

16th March - FOCSA Chocolate Bingo night

23rd Sports Relief

28th Easter Service at Church

29th March - last day

Return 16th April

I will be attending the Maths Day on the 6th February.

Name of child.....

Signed