



Coxhoe Communicator

January 2019



Happy New Year!

We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed your time together with your families. We hope that you may have enjoyed some of the challenges that we set in our Christmas newsletter - please remember to send in something to show us so that the children can earn their extra Dojo points.

We are raring to go with lots of exciting opportunities in the spring term. Clubs letters will be out next week – and planning for our spring term musical - High School Musical is already underway. If you are a local business and would like to support the project by purchasing advertising space in our programme – then please let us know – just £10 for an advert.

Class assemblies also begin this term – first up is Class 9. They begin on Thursday 10th January at 10.15am and doors open at 10am. You are always welcome to stay and enjoy a chat and refreshments with the children - time to tell them how fantastic they were!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Bartle



Photo Policy

As you will be aware, a part of the School photograph policy was changed at the end of term. Moving forward, visitors will not be allowed to take photographs at school events. We thank you for your support in this matter and we will endeavor to provide individual photos of some key moments for you to treasure.

Beginning and end of the school day

Please ensure that the entrance for Parents/Carers and children is used at both the beginning and end of the school day. Entrance through the staff car park is for visitors only; it should only be used by parents/carers between 9-3pm and an adult must always supervise children. If your child attends breakfast club – this is the access route but again, an adult should always supervise children. The pupil/parent gate will remain open until 9.00am – if late, please enter using this gate but use the Office door to allow registration with office staff.

Members of staff are on the yard to welcome families each morning; we take messages to share with staff and this is done immediately every day. Teachers are available on the yard each night and this is an ideal time for a chat if you have any queries/concerns. We welcome this approach as queries and concerns often become much bigger worries if we do not intervene early – we can only help if we know!

School Office

As we have grown, the office has become increasingly busy. We are therefore investigating a change to the building in the main office area to ensure easy access whilst providing the best possible safeguarding. However, in the meanwhile, the office will be closed to visitors between 3.10 and 3.20 so that pupils from classes 1-4 can exit school smoothly. Thank you for your patience.

Considerate Parking

We are very grateful to parents and children who walk to school to reduce the congestion around the Cornforth lane and Ashborne Drive and help us to keep our children safe. We do realise that walking from home is not always possible – for those families who live further away and if you need to drive straight into work. However, we have liaised with the Active Life Centre who have given their permission for parents to park here – for park and Stride. In our Walk to School reward system – Park and Stride counts too – as well as getting in those steps!

Calling all parents/family members – our school needs you!

A whole new world....

Career and future opportunities for our children are changing by the day. We would really like to introduce our children to a wide breadth of future careers in order to inspire and motivate them to achieve their best - working toward their own futures. We are inviting parents to come into school to talk about their own career experiences. The ideal time for this would be junior assembly or class assemblies – Tues/Wed at 10.15am. Class assemblies have a smaller audience but those of you who are braver may like to talk in the junior assembly. However, we can be flexible and use story time for such an opportunity. Please contact Mrs Caygill/Miss Marsden who will co-ordinate these sessions. Class teachers can guide the discussion to support if you are not familiar in working with children - we hope that we get lots of offers to give as broader knowledge as possible to the children over their time in KS2. Please widen this invitation to family members too. A DBS check is not required for this visit as it would always be supervised by a member of staff.

PTA – Friends of Coxhoe Primary School

A huge thank you to all involved in the Friends of Coxhoe Primary school for their hard work during the busy Christmas period. They have raised over £1000.

School have put forward a request for funds towards a new Audio Visual system for the school hall and this will be discussed at their next meeting. The current projector and speakers are very old and can really impact upon the events held in school – such as class assemblies. This was a point also raised by parents in the annual questionnaires.

If you are able to help at school events such as assemblies, discos, fairs... please collect a pack from the school office so that you can apply for a DBS check. It is a really quick online application followed up by showing some specified documents to Mrs Taylor in the school office. Moving forward, adults without DBS will not be able to support at events as supervision is required and this is not always available.

Dates to remember-

Thursday 10th January– Class 9 Assembly 10.15am

Friday 11th January– Film Night 3.30-5.30pm ran by the PTA

Friday 11th January– Open evening for prospective parents 4-5pm

Wednesday 16th January– Year 1 Multi skills at Sedgefield

Monday 21st January– School Nurse drop in sessions 2.30pm

Thursday 24th January– Y5/6 Basketball at Sedgefield

Thursday 24th January– Art Day 3

Monday 28th January– KS2 SATS meetings

Wednesday 30th January– Pantomime trip 1 (classes 1,3,5,7,9,11)

Wednesday 30th January– KS1 SAT meetings

Thursday 31st January– Pantomime trip 2 (classes 2,4,6,8,10,12)

Friday 1st February–Swimming Gala at Newton Acyliffe Lesuire Centre

Tuesday 5th February– Infant Games at Alun Armstrong Centre

Friday 15th February– Multi Skills at Spennymoor Lesuire Centre

Friday 15th February– Class 12 Bake sale

18th-22nd of February – Half Term

18th & 20th March– Parents Evening