



Coxhoe Communicator

July 2018



Many thanks for your continued support throughout the year. It has been crammed full of exciting opportunities and experiences for all of the children and they have embraced them with enthusiasm. It is fabulous to see how grown up they are at the end of each year and we are very proud of all that they have achieved.

I would like to add my personal thanks as we come to the end of the first term in my new role. It is such a pleasure to work in such an active and supportive community; a community that values the role of school and works well together - striving to provide the best opportunities for our children.

Mrs Bartle

Head Teacher



SAT Results

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 children on their fantastic achievements. We are very proud of their mature attitude and their hard work. Our average scores as a school are well above National average in all areas! Congratulations to everybody else within our Coxhoe Primary School family as they could not have achieved it without such a supportive team of staff and fabulously supportive families at home. Thank you everyone.

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| | Expected Standard Coxhoe Primary School Average | Expected Standard National Average | Greater Depth Standard Coxhoe Primary School Average |
| Reading | 83% | 75% | 43% |
| GPS | 94% | 78% | 60% |
| Writing | 83% | 78% | 29% |
| Maths | 86% | 76% | 29% |
| RWM combined | 74% | 64% | |

Farewell but not Goodbye

We are always very sad to see our Year 6 children take those next steps in their journey but immensely proud of the incredible young people they have become. We very much look forward to hearing of their future successes and welcome them to visit us at any time – they will always remain part of our school family. I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing our 'Class of 18' all the best in their long and successful future.

Pride Day

Thank you for your support in helping us to enjoy a very colourful day in school last week. The children created a wonderful mini show with their song and dance to the popular greatest Showman hit – This is Me. The colour theme was a lovely way to celebrate being unique yet equally valued and being proud of being ourselves for who we are – something that is key to our school ethos.



Educational Visits Consultation

At the beginning of the autumn term we plan to hold a parent consultation with regards to educational visits, including residential visits, and external visitors in school. We feel that this is an extremely valuable way to enhance all aspects of the curriculum and contribute to development for the whole child but does often have a significant cost. We will hold a specific pupil survey, a specific parent survey and a drop in session for parents to provide more in-depth feedback as we review and re-develop this area of school life.

Sporting Update

The Change4Life club is aimed at promoting sport and healthy lifestyles. The success of this year's group meant they were selected to represent the Sedgfield SSP at the School Games. They showed great effort and spirit throughout, and thoroughly enjoyed getting active. Look out for next year's club! Also, a huge well done to Y5, who managed a 2nd and 3rd place finish at the Cricket Festival. To round off the calendar of events, Class 5 completed their 6-week 'Go Run for Fun' challenge. By running each day, drinking well and eating healthily, they were well prepared to complete the running challenge. Add in a tremendous amount of determination and they all completed the mile-long course. Great job everyone.

What an amazing year of Sport and we're already looking forward to next year. Football and Cross Country trials have taken place ready for the leagues beginning in early September. In the meantime, why not try a Junior Parkrun to help you keep active this Summer. The run for 4-14 year olds take place every Sunday at Sedgfield or Durham at 9am.



Class 3 and 4 - Our trip to the beach

As part of our geography and history topic, classes 3 and 4 visited Seaham beach. We had an amazing day and the weather was very kind apart from a very brief spell of rain lasting only 20 minutes. The children took part in lots of activities to extend their learning. We completed time line activities linked to Grace Darling and recapped why she was famous. The children worked in small groups to use natural resources to build a raft and we tested them in the water. Our final activity was to visit the rock pools where the children were given time to explore and see the type of marine life they could find. Obviously a trip to the beach isn't complete without some free time to build sandcastles and to go paddling in the sea (which was absolutely freezing). The child and adults had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Mrs Elliott & Miss Haddick



Summer Holiday Challenges

Your child will have brought home their summer challenge homework – it is a range of activities that we would like them to try and fit into their holiday. Please enjoy this together with your child. We would love to have a few of photos from each child – showing you enjoying some of the challenges together to share with their new class teacher.

Move-up day

We were very impressed by how mature our children were on 'move-up day'. We could see how ready they all are to take those next steps. Many of our children have moved into new class groups and they had a great time building new friendships. Due to the growth of the village and our school, we have had mixed age classes for some time. Structure of classes throughout the school differs to meet the needs of different cohorts. Classes are decided by staff with careful consideration of each child's social & emotional development, personality and academic ability. Children take part in activities within their class but frequently enjoy a range of activities/events as a year group. We do not use phrases such as 'the higher class' or talk about children being 'kept back'. This would have a negative effect on self esteem and it is important that we see children as individuals with a whole range of talents and intelligence, from singing to speeches, from arts to sports, from baking to building, from maths to English... – none of which are more important than others. If you have any questions about the class that your child has been placed in, please make sure that you chat with their class teacher or myself.

Science Competition

Several classes from Coxhoe Primary took part in a county-wide competition to rebrand Durham County Council's school's carbon reduction service. After receiving hundreds of brilliant and inspired ideas, the winning entry came from our very own Sophie Evans in Class 5. Sophie's winning design will now be adapted into the official logo for the service. Congratulations Sophie!

Welcome back to School

We welcome the children back to school on Wednesday 5th September and hope that you enjoy a safe and relaxing family summer.

