



Coxhoe Communicator

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our June Newsletter and the last half term of the academic year. It's hard to believe that another year is almost completed!

This half term is always memorable for a school, not only because it is such a busy time but it is also with sadness that we say 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 pupils. Many of these pupils have been with us for almost 7 years and others have joined us on their education journey, so the end of the term always produces a tear or two (in staff, parents and pupils alike). However, we also wish to celebrate the contribution they have made to our school life as well as wish them well as they begin the next stage of their journey of learning into KS3.

This year our Year 6 pupils will be transferring to Sedgefield Community College; Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College; Framwellgate School; Whitworth Park School; Durham School for Girls and Wellfield College. All of the pupils will undergo transition visits to their new schools this half term, as well as complete various Transition projects with staff from these schools here at Coxhoe.

As we are preparing to say Goodbye to Year 6, we have also already welcomed our 49 'new' Reception pupils into school. The new pupils, plus many of their parents, guardians or other relatives, joined us for our annual 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' and once again the weather was kind.

With such a large number of pupils joining us in September we shall have 300 pupils at the start of the new Academic year. This means that our class numbers will increase from 10 classes this year to 11 classes in 2017-18. The proposed structure of these classes is shown opposite. We shall announce the teachers responsible for each class in our July Newsletter, prior to 'Move-Up day' but feel it would be helpful to share the general structure now. If anyone would like to ask any questions about this structure then please contact either Mrs Bartle or myself.

Once again thank you for your continued belief and support that helps all of our pupils achieve their potential – as our school motto reminds us – 'Believe & Achieve.'

Regards,

Mr S Jones (Head teacher)

Mini Police and PTA support Crew

Congratulations to Year 5 children who have recently worked extremely hard to apply for roles of responsibility – writing letters of application and taking part in a formal interview with Mrs Bartle and Inspector Smart. We are very proud of all who took part and appointed Mini Police Officers and PTA Support Crew Members. These children will have the opportunity to further develop a broad range of skills and qualities, including communications, self-confidence, team work, organization and resilience.

Class structure 2017-18

Class 1: Reception
Class 2: Reception
Class 3: Year 1
Class 4: Year 1 / 2
Class 5: Year 2
Class 6: Year 3
Class 7: Year 3
Class 8: Year 4
Class 9: Year 4/5
Class 10: Year 5/6
Class 11: Year 6

**Our 'Move-Up day' this year
is on Monday 10th July**

School Attendance

**Our school attendance up until
the beginning of this half term
is: 97.3%** (this is well above
National attendance for Primary
aged pupils in 2015-16)

Thank you for such a high
attendance over the year – and
helping us ensure that all pupils
understand every day is a
'learning day.'

We also have 100 pupils with
99%+ attendance – Fantastic.

Let's keep working together to
keep it at this level during this last
half term.

Class Assemblies

Our final class assemblies this
year will be:

Class 8 – June 15th

Class 9 – June 29th

Both at 10:15 am

Sport's Days 2017

KS1 – Tuesday 11th July

KS2 – Wednesday 12th July

Weather permitting!!

Keep updated with the App

A huge thank you to so many parents for downloading the App and for all of the enthusiastic feedback. This will now be our main channel of home-school communication and we look forward to keeping you updated with immediate alerts, news, newsletters and calendars. Only a small number of letters will be sent on paper, as it is not cost effective or efficient. Please ensure that you have the App downloaded and return the slip to confirm this with our office team. If you have any problems, please contact Miss Dunkley who may be able to support you with this. We will continue to liaise with the provider about suitability for Windows phones.

Sponsored run for Outdoor Gym equipment

Our School Council have planned a Sponsored Run, to held on Monday 26th June. This will raise additional money for Outdoor Gym equipment to be sited next to the new running track. As you will be aware we received a grant from Tesco's Bag for Life scheme to help fund this project but require some additional funds to purchase the number of pieces of Gym equipment pupils feel will help make playtimes, lunch time and PE lessons more energetic. Watch out for the Sponsor form which children will bring home shortly and help us with this fantastic initiative

Changes to Foundation Stage playground

Following completion of the extension to our school building and in order to refresh our Outdoor Learning Space for Reception pupils we have asked several firms to produce designs for the new space. These designs were discussed by pupils (via the School Council), staff and Governors, with the chosen design offering a fantastic additional learning environment for pupils.

The cost of these improvements is in the region of £33,000. We are able to commit approximately £10,000 to the project from our school budget but are seeking funding for the balance from various sources (grants, local business etc). If you can suggest any possible benefactors who may be willing to support this project please let us know.

In the meantime a copy of the outline plans showing 'before' and 'after' images can be seen in our school office and on the school website. Pop in or log on to have a look then let us know your thoughts!

Congratulations Year 6

This week an LEA representative moderated our Key Stage 2 writing. We were very proud to have such fantastic feedback both about the standards achieved by the children and the breadth of opportunities provided for them to develop their writing skills.

Congratulations to Mrs Caygill, Mr Pattison and all of the Year 6 children.

Other events this half term:

June 12th: Year 1 Phonics Screening tests begin

June 12th: FA Football Coaching – Classes 2 & 10

June 13th: Sedgefield Dash: Hardwick Park @ 4-8 pm

June 15th: Theatre group production of 'Charlotte's Web' for whole school (**Please could parents/carers collect 'All' pupils at 3:30 pm**)

June 19th: Whole School Assessment week

June 20th: Quad Kids event at Woodham – 16 pupils from Y3-6)

June 21st: Final **ART DAY** (pupils can wear non-uniform)

Other events this half term continued:

June 23rd: Year 4 pupils Reading test

June 26th: Sponsored run/walk

June 29th: Primary Olympics (50 pupils from Y3-6)

June 30th: 'WE' citizenship assembly

Saturday 1st July – School Summer Fayre

4th July – Class 3 visit to Hardwick Park (Fairy Tale Adventure trail)

5th July – Class 4 & 5 visit to Durham Cathedral

6th July – Y6 Production at 2 pm and 6 pm

School Nurse Drop-in

We held our first School Nurse Drop-in session this week and were delighted to welcome a number of parents. Our friendly school nurses are keen to offer their support about many issues – no question is too small. You may talk to them with or without your child and seek their advice or support. No appointments are necessary. They will provide the drop-in session on the first Thursday of every half term – 2.30-3.30pm. We will send a reminder nearer the time using our App.

Year 6 Leaver's Production:

Thursday 6th July at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm (3 tickets per pupil per show)

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly: Friday 21st July at 9:30 am (only 2 tickets per pupil)