



14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Weekly Newsletter

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Along with the newsletter today you will receive a letter sent to the school by Richard Crane, Head of Education and skills in County Durham. It is a wonderful letter congratulating the school on the outcome of the inspection and asking me to share it with all involved with the school!

I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did!

Afterschool clubs

The football on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and the Gym club on Thursdays are all now full and those parents have been informed. There are a few places available on Mondays for Multisports and those parents who applied have also been informed. If you would like your child to come to Mondays club please ask at the office.

Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

The first week after half term we will be doing Fairtrade activities emphasising the importance of farmers in poorer countries of the world getting a fair deal.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm we are inviting parents into school for a coffee afternoon. The children will be preparing fairtrade cakes and biscuits to sell along with tea and coffee. We hope that lots of you can join us!

Congratulations to this week's achievers:

**Awards for week ending 14-02-2020**

	Kindness	Pupil of the week	Star of the week
Class 1	Harrison Forster	Enna Burke	Leighton Hetherington
Class 2	Freya Nicholson	Jayden Miller	Rafe Ellison-Tray
Class 3	Sophie Burke	Lex Crawford-Moore	Xzavier Harbron
Class 4	Lucas Stevens	Logan Garrett	Tyler Brown
Class 5	Brooke Ayres	Nathan Lawton	Autumn Nicholas
Class 6	Tiamay Howe	Emily Plews	Ruqayah Rosul

**Attendance**

Classes attendance this week:

Class 1	92%	Class 2	91%
Class 3	93%	Class 4	95%
Class 5	96%	Class 6	88%

**Valentines Discos**

The children had great fun at the disco on Thursday and the theme has continued into Friday – friendship, kindness and caring for one another.

Class photographs from Tempest – the last day for ordering online with free P&P is **TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**.

Thank you.

Looking ahead

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February
  - School re-opens
  - Afterschool club – Multisports
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February
  - Afterschool club – Football
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February
  - Afterschool club – Football
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February
  - Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon – 2pm
  - Afterschool club – Gym



# Taylor Shaw

Seeing food differently

## Autumn/Winter 2019 Menu - Week One

Cockton Hill Infant School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Toad in the Hole Creamed Potato	Winter Chicken Casserole Boiled Potatoes	Roast Pork Roast Potatoes	Minced Beef and Onion Pie Creamed Potato	Battered Fish Fillet Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Pasta Bolognese (vegetarian option available)	Margherita Pizza (v) with Half Jacket Potato	Tuna Melt Roast Potatoes	Tomato and Basil Pasta (v)	Vegetable Curry Wholegrain Rice (v)
Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Selection of Sandwiches
Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables Salad Selection	Broccoli Spaghetti Hoops Salad Selection	Savoy Cabbage Sweetcorn Salad Selection	Green Beans Carrots Salad Selection	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Selection
Ginger Sponge with Vanilla Sauce	Fruity Flapjack with Apple Slices	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge with Custard	Oaty Biscuit with Fruit Wedges

**Available Daily**

Salad Selection, Fresh Bread Selection, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts.  
Drinking water will be served with every meal.



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16 January 2020

Dear Anne

### **Recent Ofsted Inspection**

I am writing to congratulate you, all of your team and the school's governors on the outcome of your inspection in December. Retaining your good judgement for the overall effectiveness of provision, under this more rigorous Ofsted framework, demonstrates the hard work and commitment of your team. Everyone can feel justifiably very proud of what you have achieved and the good level of education that has been sustained.

My thanks to you, Anne, for the strong and caring leadership that you provide to the school. I know you are committed to creating a positive and enabling environment for staff and pupils alike. Ofsted recognised the high expectations you hold and your knowledge of your school; you and your team know what to do to improve. You continue to demonstrate your dedication, determination and hard work. Because of this the school has secured its good judgement. I was so pleased to read how highly regarded you and other leaders are by your team. Your leadership has created a supportive culture and your staff recognise and appreciate this. Consequently, they enjoy their work and being part of the school team. Staff, parents and pupils are all rightly proud of their school. Please pass on my thanks to other staff, leaders and governors for the strengths that they bring to the school and for the vision they share for building further on the school's successes.

I was pleased to read that Ofsted were impressed by the quality of the curriculum you and your team have created and how staff work together in the best interests of the pupils. They recognised the level of knowledge that staff have regarding their pupils and also your pupils' tenacity in trying hard, even when work is challenging. This is a result of the ethos you have created. The inspector recognised the love of reading you promote and the strength of teaching in this area. I was glad to hear the pupils like the new books you have invested in! Ofsted also commented on the way in which the wider curriculum has been thoroughly planned and well sequenced, both in KS1 and in Early Years.

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Your pupils make a good start to their school life because your staff plan activities that are fun and engaging. This ensures they become confident and independent learners which we know will support them as they move through life.

You must be pleased to see Ofsted acknowledging the good behaviour of pupils and the consistent approach used by your staff to ensure this; the inspector commented on the warm and supportive relationships that exist in the school. Crucially, you have ensured that pupils feel safe at Cockton Hill Infants. You also teach them how to support their local community and how they can positively impact upon it. This all helps prepare young children to grow up into considerate and engaged citizens.

The inspector also commented on the effective way in which you support pupils with SEND, ensuring they are able to access the curriculum through your work with them and the additional support they receive.

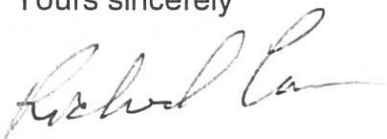
Ofsted recognised that you create a strong culture of safeguarding and that staff know what to do to keep children safe. This is because you ensure they are well-trained and have up-to-date guidance. It is also because you take time to develop knowledge of your families and work with other agencies to keep children safe.

Congratulations on developing and maintaining a strong team that enables pupils to thrive and learn. Achieving this, coupled with the current educational climate and constraints on schools, should be recognised and applauded. It is a great credit to everyone connected with your school that the children attending Cockton Hill Infants continue to benefit from such a good quality education.

Please share this letter and its sentiments with your staff, governors and those who have an interest in a really good school!

I wish you, and them, continued success in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Crane', written in a cursive style.

**Richard Crane**  
**Head of Education and Skills**