



28th February 2020 – Weekly Newsletter

Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

The whole school have been involved in Fairtrade activities this week and have an understanding that farmers around the world need a fair price for growing things so that they have enough money to feed their families. Yesterday we had a fantastic turnout for our fundraiser Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support us. Together we raised £200 – a tremendous achievement! The winning raffle ticket is BLUE 695 – if it's your ticket please call at the office for your prize – a bottle of wine and a box of chocolates.



Headlice

We continue to have a real problem in the school with headlice. Please check your child's hair at least once a week and if you find any signs of eggs or live headlice PLEASE treat immediately then continue to check and use a fine tooth comb each night. Re-treat the hair after a week. If you need support from the school nurse please let me know and I will arrange this. Thank you!

Congratulations to this week's achievers:

Awards for week ending 28-02-2020

	Kindness	Pupil of the week	Star of the week
Class 1	Leighton Hetherington	Leo Allen	Robyn Dougall
Class 2	Olivia Chapman	Jack Lockey	Mina Mustafa
Class 3	Annabelle Wanless	Oscar Nicholson	Ethan Illingworth
Class 4	Yo Co Chen	Alfie Hook	Scarlet Rankin
Class 5	Autumn Nicholas	Freddie Graham	Paul Hauxwell
Class 6	Keira Clayton	Lucas Anderson	Sophie Xue

Attendance

Classes attendance this week:

Class 1	96%	Class 2	91%
Class 3	97%	Class 4	95%
Class 5	94%	Class 6	95%

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Your child can bring a favourite book to school and can dress up as a book character or wear non-uniform. Nursery and School parents are welcome to come into school when you drop your child off to share books in the classrooms. This will be from 9am till 10am.

Please can Year 1 and Year 2 children continue to come to school on a Monday wearing sportswear. Reception children to come on a Thursday wearing sportswear. Thank you.

Looking ahead

Monday 24 th February	- Afterschool club – Multisports
Tuesday 25 th February	- Afterschool club – Football
Wednesday 26 th February	- Afterschool club – Football
Thursday 27 th February	- World Book Day
	- Afterschool club – Gym



Taylor Shaw

Seeing food differently

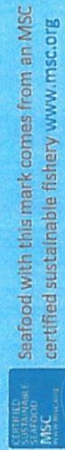
Autumn/Winter 2019 Menu - Week Two

Cockton Hill Infant School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef and Tomato Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Tikka Wholegrain Rice	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes	Minced Beef served in a Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Potatoes	Fish Fingers Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Mac and Cheese (v)	Wholemeal Pizza Slice (v) Half Jacket Potato	Vegetable Casserole with Dumplings (v) Roast Potatoes	Cheese Pie (v) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Vegetable Fajita (v) Chips
Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Selection of Sandwiches
Garden Peas Carrots Salad Selection	Spaghetti Hoops Green Beans Salad Selection	Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables Salad Selection	Broccoli Sweetcorn Salad Selection	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Selection
Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard	Shortbread with Fruit Wedges	Feathered Jam Sponge with Custard	Ginger and Mandarin Muffin

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.

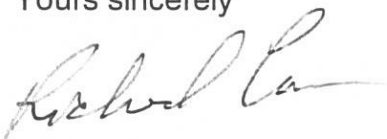
Ofsted recognised that you create a strong culture of safeguarding and that staff know what to do to keep children safe. This is because you ensure they are well-trained and have up-to-date guidance. It is also because you take time to develop knowledge of your families and work with other agencies to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