

STAFF NEWS The Governors are pleased to inform you that four shortlisted Candidates (all of whom are existing Headteachers) have been selected for Interview for the post of Headteacher, following the retirement of Mrs Guertin-Bryan, October 31st 2010. The Candidates will visit the school and Interviews will take place over June 9th and June 10th. The Governors will inform everyone of the outcome as soon as possible.

It is with regret that the resignation of Mr T Powell, who will be leaving Cockington at the end of the Summer Term has been accepted: Mr Powell will be exploring fresh pastures, and we wish him every success for the future, whilst thanking him for his enormous contribution to the life of our school.

Likewise, we are delighted to inform you that Mrs R Prior has been successful at Interview at a school in Cornwall – Mrs Prior and her family are in the process of relocation. We shall miss her very much and thank her for her years of dedicated teaching across KS1, and for leading so much of our Sporting curriculum.

VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS You are doing a great job collecting the Vouchers – Sainsbury (15,150 collected so far!) will buy Sports Equipment for the school and Tesco (7,000 collected so far) – will buy Craft Equipment. Thank you – and keep collecting please!

SATS TESTING Well Done to our Year 6 pupils, who again this year undertook the papers in English and Maths – we had no absentees. The hugely successful Residential at Skern Lodge the following week brought the values of teamwork, self esteem and co-operation into an enjoyable focus. A special thank you to all the accompanying staff this year.

Well Done, too, to all the other KS2 year groups for their non-statutory tests – there were lots of congratulations in the form of extra play and cubes-in-jars from their teachers!

ANNUAL REPORTS Following the success of the Reports last year which gave more direct indications of pupil progress against age expectations, we shall all be using this format for 2010 – with Reports going home on July 9th. As always, the Foundation Curriculum Reports for Reception classes are of a different type, and based upon assessments which have been validated by the Local Authority.

PTA Do come along to our Annual General Meeting (with wine and nibbles!) on June 23rd, in Pink Classroom, and meet the new PTA members who will take the helm from September 1st 2010. The AGM is also an opportunity to show our support and thanks to the outgoing members for all their hard work for the school during this past year.

SITE At long last the main vehicle gates to the school are in working order following a fracture of the weld, and a broken motor system, when the gates were forced open. Whilst our Community Officer, Laurence Gaywood remains vigilant in the community, with the new fencing and gates and cameras, the school site remains safe and secure – however, the vigilance of everyone is needed, at all times.

Thank you to the parents who have come forward to help in the Class Gardens, and for responding so positively to the use of scooters on our site.

ORGANISATION 10-11 The news of staffing changes will inevitably affect the organisation of classes next year as we move into two Year 6 classes, three Year 5/4 classes, two Year 3 classes, two Year 2 and Year 1 classes, and two Reception classes. A reminder to parents in pre-schools, that Cockington was very oversubscribed again this year – and to ensure that applications are received by October 22nd 2010, for a September 2011 place at this school. Please enquire at the School Office for a Registration form.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES Thank you very much for your responses again this year: these are currently being analysed, to be looked at by Governors, and we shall let you know the headline points in the next Newsletter.

REMINDERS We are a Healthy School, and try our best (apart from some very special treats) to eat and drink healthily! Please, no crisps, sweets or chocolate in school, and water to drink is preferred.

Pupils who are regularly late for school get an absence mark on the SIMS system; this contributes to the absence profile of the pupil which can now result in the Local Authority Attendance Officer visiting the home. Please come in to school 8.45am – 8.55am to improve the “attendance data” both for the school, and your child. Please do not be late.

EDEN FOODS We have a really great Manager and Kitchen Staff, and our meals and choices are really worth sampling – Dads are invited in for a Meal on Thursday June 17th (Fathers’ Day June 20th), but any parent/carer is welcome to have a meal with us – please return slip. (Two-course adult meal £2.64)

SPORTS/EVENTS Congratulations to our School Football Team who won the League Cup at Plainmoor on May 12th – with a special thanks to Mr Powell and Miss Taylor and to Mr Gough (for stepping in during Mr Powell’s absence). KS1 and KS2 have enjoyed various Sports Festivals recently, organised by Mrs Prior, in conjunction with our Sports Partnership with Paignton Community College.

Many classes and year groups enjoy curriculum visits and trips during this final half term – please let us know if you can accompany us (see slip).

“MY TIME” Through Government funding there is support available to parents wanting their children to have wider access to extra curricular clubs both here at school, and in other Torbay locations: eligible families are those entitled to Free School Meals. Please ask for the letter giving further details, at the School Office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 9 th	Headteacher Interviews
June 10 th	Headteacher Interviews continue
June 11 th	Animals in Distress Day (School Council project)
June 14 th	Year 2 – Beaford Residential – Parents Meeting – details to follow
June 16 th	School Photographer in school – details to follow
June 19 th	PTA Summer Fair – 12-3pm
June 21 st – 25 th	International Sports Week – details to follow
June 22 nd	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
June 23 rd	PTA AGM
July 1 st - 2 nd	Year 6 Transition Visits to secondary schools
July 5 th - 7 th	Year 2 Residential – Beaford
July 12 th	KS1 Party and BBQ
July 14 th	Full Governors Meeting
July 16 th	Year 6 Prom Night and PTA Disco
July 19 th	Year 6 Performance Day – Palace Theatre, Paignton – details to follow
July 20 th	KS1 Leavers Assembly (in school time)
July 23 rd	3.15pm – Summer Term ends
September 6th	New School Year Commences

Signed Headteacher

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 SLIP – Please return to Miss Palmer

Voluntary Parents needed – please complete

Best days/times

Help in Classrooms - readers, etc	YES/NO
Help with Class Garden plots	YES/NO
Help setting up KS1 Forest School	YES/NO
Help at PTA Summer Fair – June 19 th	YES/NO
Help on School Trips	YES/NO
I would like to try a School Meal	YES/NO

Signed (please print name) Parent of

Class/es Tel No

I have a **CRB** YES/NO