

Important Dates and Key Information

Staff Lowdown – Interview from the School Council (each newsletter they will interview a member of staff to find out more about them) **This Newsletter, it is Mr Brown...**

Favourite Food – *Lasagne*

Favourite Football Team – *Barnsley FC*

Place of birth – *Yorkshire*

Favourite time of year – *Christmas, before during and after!*

Favourite joke – *Hedgehogs, why can't they just share the hedge!*

Favourite hobby – *being a Daddy*

Favourite band – *Biffy Clyro*

Favourite film – *Cool Runnings*

Favourite author – *Dan Brown and Roald Dahl*

Fun Fact – I am a twin

All the key dates will be written as a running order down this section of the News from the School updates.

16/10/18 Parents' Evening
4.30 – 7.00

17/10/18 Fire Engine visit for Year 1

17/10/18 Parents' Evening
3.30 – 5.30

19/10/18 First Aid for Year 6

22/10/18 Harvest Festival Celebrations for KS1 and KS2

24/10/18 Judo taster sessions for Year 3

26/10/18 End of Term One

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Year 5 Adventures

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the staff for giving up their time voluntarily to take the Year 5 children to Great Hucklow. It was fantastic to see the children gleaming when they returned. Thank you also to all the parents who thanked us and said such kind things; it really is very much appreciated. We apologise about the photos on Facebook going up late but as I am sure you can appreciate, going to bed after midnight when the children are asleep is very tiring. We always endeavour to do our best.

School Logo Competition

After a meeting with the School Council we are launching a competition to redesign the school logo. We want something



that is colourful and comes from the children. The competition will run until Friday 9th November and be judged by the School Council and visitors to the

school with a keen eye for design. The School Council would like something that says 'We are Coddington in a colourful and modern way'. Please note that **WE ARE NOT replacing the uniform**, we are just after designs.

Celebrations of Learning

It has been a delight to see so much learning going on across the school so far this term and I thought I'd share some with you. This will rotate every week.

In Year 3 we have set the children up with 'Free Writing' books and these are proving to be really popular - the children use them to write their own stories, thoughts and ideas and I have seen the children are now wanting to write and are doing so with enthusiasm. Whilst these books are not marked or scrutinised by the teacher I feel that they provide the children with an outlet and a confidence in writing which can then be honed and refined in a more formalised writing lesson.



Some of the children commented. Connor said "I loved doing it because it makes me feel I get better at it every time I am writing." Harry H said: "I like writing and we get to do it a lot in Year 3. My favourite is when we do independent story writing." Emily O said: "I like writing because it's peaceful." Charlie H said: "It helps my brain focus and I think it's like training your brain. My favourite is the story I'm writing in my free writing book - it's about a motor-bike racer who wants to be world class."

PTA

I just wanted to let you know that the PTA has lots of amazing ideas and is now looking for new members. If you would like to get involved in your school, raise lots of money for our children and enjoy an amazing social circle, please do get in touch. Our focus this term will be raising money for new books across the school.

Role of Congratulations

A huge well done to Charlotte Aldridge for winning the Coddington Scarecrow competition with Disco Delia! Well done also to Daniel Aldridge and Imogen Clifford for coming up with such inventive designs and being runners up. We cannot wait for the next Coddington Village Scarecrow Festival in 2019. I would also like to congratulate all the School Choir for a fantastic performance of our favourite Autumn songs at All Saints Church, Coddington last Sunday. You were all spectacular and it was a delight to see you perform; thank you staff and parents for all your support.

Safety Notice

It has been brought to our attention that some children are still riding their scooters and bikes on the pavements. I am sure I don't need to explain how dangerous this is and must insist that children dismount and walk their bike or scooter into school. Please can I also ask that children who walk home are supervised appropriately? The dark nights and slippery pavements are nearly upon us and we must ensure that all our children are safe.

Changes of Support Staff

As many of you know, we are fortunate to have a large number of support staff working across the school. This year saw a new system that we have trialled. It has been reviewed and after half term it will be replaced so that we provide as much support staff time in classes as possible. I will keep you updated.

Saying Goodbye and Saying Hello

Just like any family, there are those times when some of us fly the nest. I would like to wish all the best to Mrs Esther Cropper, Mrs Jane Newton, Mrs Sharon Flanagan, Mrs Sharon Long and Miss Nadine Mason. We are very much looking forward to keeping in touch and cannot thank you enough for all your hard work and dedication to the school. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Stacey Sills and Miss Katie Stanley (Administration Assistants), Miss Jess Crunkhorn (Afterschool Play Leader), Mrs Melanie Haslam (Afterschool Play Worker) and Miss Hannah Crumper (New Teacher for 2EC). Miss Crumper will be attending parents' evening on Wednesday 17th October.

MacMillian Coffee Morning - with fantastic cake too!

FS1 and FS2 teamed together on Monday morning to raise money for a fantastic cause. Thank you so much to all the staff and parents for coming to see us to support this event. I am delighted to report that we raised £120....thank you everyone involved and want to personally thank the staff who organised it. Let's aim for over £200 next year!