

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been amazing to be back to as close to normal as possible. The buzz around school in September was amazing. I think most of us had forgotten what it was like, back before March 2020. The children have settled so well back into school life, and it has been great to see them get right back into their learning.

In September, we waved Sapphire class off on their PGL trip. They had a fantastic time, raft building, abseiling, attempting the big swing, kayaking and many more fun events. It was a great start to the year for our children in Year 5 and 6, one they will remember for years to come. Thank you to Mrs Cheetham and Mrs Byles for all the work they did to allow the trip to go ahead, after the initial cancellation and a huge thank you to Mrs Pritchard, Ms Kwok and Mr Durn for taking the children to Liddington. I'm sure we will hear all about the trip over the next year or more.

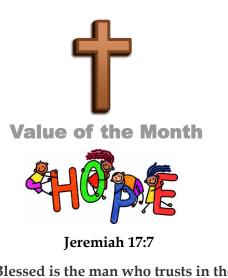
Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival Service. It was wonderful to have so many people join us. In the space of two days, we managed to fill my car with cans, boxes and other vital items for those in need. The Luton Food Bank were very grateful for all the donations they received. Over the past 18 months, we have really missed welcoming parents and families into our school for different events. The children really enjoyed sharing their work and those that read did brilliantly, especially after not doing so for such a long time. We look forward to many more events this school year.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the return to normal, has been the return to whole school collective worship. It has been great to have the children and staff all back together in the hall. We have had several visits from Jo White, from Stopsley Baptist Church, as well as welcoming our new Vicar, Reverend Josias for the very first time. The children loved learning new songs with him and look forward to learning many more.

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Cockernhoe. Children, staff, parents and families. It has not been an easy term, by any stretch of the imagination, but the support and understanding has been fantastic and as we work together, we look forward to a fantastic school year at Cockernhoe.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Philby Headteacher



"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day Friendship Week 4:30pm to 7pm—Parent Consultation Evening 3:30 to 6pm Parent Consultation Evening 6pm Remembrance Campfire & Hot Chocolate Just Talk Week Last week of Autumn Term Clubs
December	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> school	Pantomime trip to Gordon Craig Theatre- all
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Rehearsal- School only
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance - 9am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance - 9am Carols for the Community -2pm

As you may know already, our poor old minibus is no more and we are trying to raise funds for a new shiny one! Our mini bus helps us with swimming lessons and school trips and is very much needed.

If you able to make even the smallest of contributions, please follow the link to our Go Fund Me page

https://gofund.me/77d5969c



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Please contact the office for further information or email uniform@cockernhoe.herts.sch.uk

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before placing your order. Every penny counts! <u>Thank you very much</u>

## These dates are subject to change and will be advised accordingly.

Autumn Term 2021 1st Day of Term: Thursday 2nd September Last Day of Term: Tuesday 21st December Half Term: Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021 INSET Days: Monday 1st November

**Spring Term 2022** 1st Day of Term: Wednesday 5th January Last Day of Term: Friday 1st April Half Term: Monday 14th– Friday 18th February

Summer Term 2022 1st Day of Term: Wednesday 20th April Last Day of Term: Tuesday 19th July Half Term: Monday 30th May– Friday 3rd June Inset Day: Friday 24th June

School Closes at 1.30pm on the last day of term.