

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it has already been 4 weeks since half term. There has been so much going on at school since we returned in November.

Two weeks ago, we had our first school fixture for over 2 years, when our netballers played Preston on Tuesday afternoon. It was great to see all those children who have been at netball club over the Autumn Term get to play their first match. Sadly, we did not win but the children really enjoyed the experience of competing against children from a different school. Then on Tuesday, the team went to the Small Schools Tournament at Hitchin Girls School. It was amazing to see how much the team had developed from their first game. With the fact we were playing schools nearly 3 times our size, it was great to see how the children never gave up and they even managed to draw their final group game. Amazing work Cockernhoe.

On Thursday, we had our first football match, away to Offley. It is great to see all these amazing events happening again. We have so missed hosting and travelling to the different schools in the area. We look forward to many more in the coming months.

We also welcomed several guests to school this half term. Ruby and Amber class were visited by Hertfordshire Fire Brigade, where they got to hear about the fabulous work they do, as well as experiencing the mechanics of the fire engine. The green got a proper watering that day!

On our first day back after half term, we welcomed Pap, who taught us all how to play the Djembe drums, including me as I got to join in with Ruby Class. The children all got to play the drums together and learn a little more about its origin.

After such a fun packed term so far, it's amazing to think Christmas is just round the corner. We are looking forward to the Christmas Market, our trip to the Panto, Ruby & Amber Classes Nativity (We are hopeful we will be able to have parents join us), the Elderly Community Carol Concert and our Christmas Dinner. It would be great to see as many people as possible at the Christmas Market, to support the PTA in organising a wonderful event. Fingers crossed we get the weather required to make it a wonderful day.

With three weeks left, please remember to be vigilant as we move towards the Christmas holidays. Covid clearly hasn't gone away and where you are uncertain, please proceed with caution. Take care of yourself and we look forward to a far happier Christmas period this year.

**Kind regards** 

**Simon Philby** 

Headteacher





Proverbs 2 2:3 Listen to what is wise and try to understand it.

Yes, beg for knowledge; Plead for insight.



## Christmas Shopping?

Remember!

Our awesome school, will receive a donation when you buy anything from Amazon! Just visit <u>Smile.amazon.co.uk</u> and search for Cockernhoe JMI School before placing your order.

Every penny counts!



Dates for the Diary

## December

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 4th Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 21st Pantomime trip to Gordon Craig Theatre PTA Christmas Market Nativity Rehearsal- School only Nativity Performance - 9am Nativity Performance - 9am Carols for the Community -2pm Christmas Dinner St. Francis Christmas Service - 9am Last day of Term. School finishes at 1.30pm



Once again this year Jakins and Sons Christmas Trees have very kindly donated a tree to Cockernhoe School for us to decorate. This is the fifth year that they have made this lovely gesture. A big thank you!

> Jakins and Sons Christmas Trees Kitchen End Pulloxhill Road, Silsoe, Beds MK45 4QT

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

A big thank you to Mrs Walker and Mrs Alexander for raising £370 towards the fund by running the Love Luton half marathon. An amazing effort!



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.



Our school managed to raise a staggering £233.28 for this year's Poppy Appeal.

Well done Cockernhoe!