

Cockernhoe C of E Endowed Primary School Newsletter

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Message from the Head

January 2020

Dear Parents,

After the excitement of Christmas, the children and staff are very much back in the swing of school life. Ruby class have been developing their art skills with a range of painting activities, Amber class have been learning about the history of transport, Emerald class have been recreating the skills of the famous artist Lowry and Sapphire class have been learning about the Ancient Greeks.

In September, the children voted in their School Council class reps and since then, the elected council have worked hard to set up various initiatives for the benefit of the whole school. At the start of this term they set up a litter picking club and over 40 children signed up to join - you may have seen them patrolling the village with their litter pickers and bin bags. The children have really enjoyed the challenge of tidying up our local environment and they have been surprised at how much they have found.

There are also plans for a vegetable garden which the children hope to have up and running for next half term. The School Council are contacting local businesses asking for help with the project so if any of you have contacts who may be able to help, they would be very grateful to hear from them. They currently need wooden sleepers to build the beds for each class, and soil.

Some of our year 4, 5 and 6 pupils recently represented the school at the Rural Schools Sports Athletics Competition, held at Fearnhill School in Letchworth. Even though the event is aimed at small schools, we were one of the smallest schools competing and the unwavering commitment and determination of our children (some of whom were representing the school for the first time and often competing against children in older age groups) really shone through. Well done to everyone involved, you certainly did us proud.

We are aware of the current condition of the road leading to the school and the path off Triggs Way. We have contacted the Parish Council to inform them of both issues and they have assured us the school road will be fixed within the next month and they will look into what is needed in regards to the path. In the meantime, could I ask everyone to take extra care, especially in the cold weather, until they are fixed.

On Friday 7th, we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Mackrell, as she moves on to pastures new. She has done a fantastic job in the office since joining in 2015. She will be greatly missed by all at school and we wish her all the best in the future. Don't be a stranger Mrs Mackrell.

As we say goodbye to Mrs Mackrell, we welcome Mrs Clare Byles, who will be taking up the role of Admin Assistant from the 10th of February. I'm sure she will be made to feel very welcome by the school community.

Have a great weekend.

Simon Philby
Headteacher

February's Value Responsibility

The ability to act and make appropriate and sensible decisions; taking care of oneself and ones property; abiding by commitments; recognising the consequences of ones actions.

For every man shall bear his own burden. Galatians 6:5



Sports Day
26th June
Save the date!

Severe Weather Procedure
In the event of severe weather or other unexpected emergency, it may be necessary to close the school. If this happens, we will notify you in the following ways:

ParentMail—please ensure you are registered on ParentMail and that you are connected to our school.

A message on the School website homepage.

A text and/or email from the Hertfordshire Schools Closure Notification System—please register your details if you haven't already at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx>

Tolerance Awards

Ruby Class— Ravish, he understands that we all make bad choices sometimes, however he is willing to accept this and plays with everyone.

Amber Class— Emmanuel, because he is kind and caring to everyone and will help others by setting a good example instead of telling them how to be different.

Emerald Class— Tharini, for being patient, treating all people well and coping with situations that are tricky.

Sapphire Class— Jessica, for working well with everyone in the class.



Learners of the Week

Congratulations to our latest Learners of the Week...

Parker, Quinn, Alfie, Ebe, Hannah, Adam, Atarah, Mia H, Ella, Freya, Scarlett, Gabriella and Jayden.

Non Uniform Day Thursday 13th February

To raise money for Hands of Mercy, at the same as helping the children be Disco-Ready, all children are invited to dress in non uniform and are encouraged to wear something pink or red in return for a £1 voluntary donation.

Resilience Reaps Rewards Celebration Assembly

St Francis Church - 9am Friday 7th February

Our next RRR Celebration Assembly is on Friday 13th December at St Francis Church and we hope that lots of you are able to join us.

Please bring your child to church for 8:45am.

If you are unable to take your child to St Francis, please contact the school office to book a space on the minibus.

We will transport/accompany the children back to school after the Assembly.

THE SALUSBURY AND BURROUGHS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Announcement

At the last meeting of the Salusbury and Burroughs Educational Foundation it was decided to submit a planning application to develop the garden of School House. Planning consent has already been granted to the site to allow the building of two houses.

The Trustees are now of the view that the most effective use of the site would be to construct one building containing five flats, which would in turn generate more income for the Foundation to pass on to both Offley and Cockernhoe Schools.

The Foundation will also be embarking on an extensive programme of refurbishment of School House, which, when completed, will generate further income for the Foundation to pass on to the two schools.

The Trustees would actively encourage those who are interested to visit the North Herts District Council Planning website for further information on this exciting project.

Spring Term 2020 – Dates for the Diary

February

Friday 7 th	9am Resilience Reaps Rewards Assembly at St Francis Church
W/c Monday 10 th	No Clubs this week
Tuesday 11 th	Parent Teacher Consultations 4:30 – 7pm
Wednesday 12 th	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 6pm
Thursday 13 th	Non uniform day PTA Valentines Disco
W/c Monday 17 th	Half Term

March

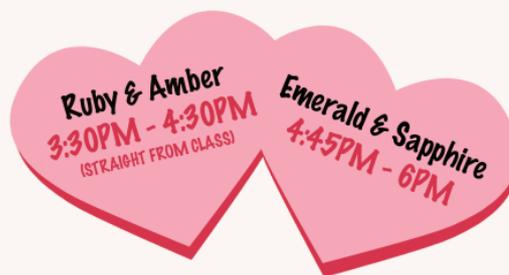
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day – children can dress up as any book character
Friday 13 th	Amber Class Assembly
W/c Monday 16 th	Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability
Friday 27 th	9am Resilience Reaps Rewards Assembly at St Francis Church

April

Thursday 2 nd	2pm Easter Crafts afternoon followed by Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 3 rd	9am End of Term Service at St Francis Church
Friday 3 rd	Nursery opens at 10:30am
Friday 3 rd	Last Day of Term, school closes at 1:30pm



*TICKETS COST £3 PER CHILD
includes face painting, a drink and a doughnut snack*



BE READY FOR THE DISCO WITH A NON-UNIFORM DAY AT SCHOOL!
WEAR PINK OR RED TO RAISE MONEY FOR HANDS OF MERCY

Class Assemblies

Parents welcome at 9am.

Amber - 13th March

Emerald - 15th May

Ruby - 3rd July

Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

1st Day of Term: Monday 6th January
Last Day of Term: Friday 3rd April
Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020

1st Day of Term: Monday 20th April
Last Day of Term: Friday 17th July
VE Day Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May
Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
INSET Days: Friday 19th and Monday 22nd June

Long weekend!

Autumn Term 2020

1st Day of Term: Thursday 3rd September
Last Day of Term: Friday 18th December
Half Term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2021

1st Day of Term: Tuesday 5th January
Last Day of Term: Friday 26th March
Half Term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2021

1st Day of Term: Monday 12th April
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 20th July
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
INSET Days: Friday 25th & Monday 28th June

Long weekend!

School closes at 1:30pm on the last day of term