

# Cockernhoe C of E Endowed Primary School

# News Letter

## Message from the Head

February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all enjoyed half term and spending quality time with your families.

I certainly enjoyed spending some time with my family.

At school we were straight back in the swing of things, with Rev Nick leading our monthly service on Monday, introducing our Lent topic for this year, "God In This Place". This topic will continue throughout this half term in Collective Worship and RE lessons.

This half term's focus for Resilience Reaps Rewards is Mindful Minutes. Studies have shown that teaching mindfulness practices can build students' alertness, respect for fellow classmates, self-control, and empathy, all whilst reducing stress, hyperactive behaviour and depression. In addition, children's performance in their learning has shown to improve following mindfulness programs. The information videos will be on the website for you to view. It would be great if the children continued this at home.

Next week the school will be celebrating World Book Day. The staff are dressing up this year in the theme of Alice in Wonderland, however, the children are allowed to come in any book character of their choice. During the day, the children will have time to read books with children from the other classes. I am sure the children will really enjoy the opportunity.

Thank you to the members of the PTA for arranging a second hand costume sale and to all of the school community who donated. This is a great way to minimise the cost of the day as well as raise money for the school.

I look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes next Thursday. Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

Simon Philby  
Headteacher



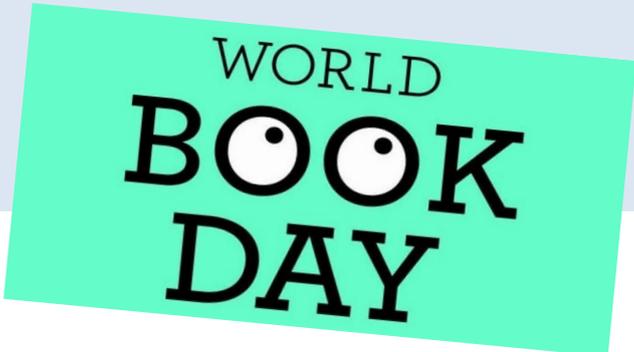
**LENT 2020**  
God in this Place

During Lent, we are following "God in this Place" scheme, created by the Diocese of St Albans, assisted by Rev Nick Grew and Jo White. 'God in this Place' will be a chance for schools to further explore, celebrate and live out their distinctive Christian vision, emerging as it has done from their local context and the communities and partnerships of which they are a part.

The key text which underpins 'God in this place' is Genesis 28: 10-22. There are many fascinating themes which permeate this text:

- Introduction
- Journeying through life
- Dreams
- Promises
- Worshipping
- Journeying with God

**Psalm 31:14-15** But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."  
My times are in Your hand.



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

**Thursday 5th March is World Book Day! Children may dress as any book character they wish.**

**During assembly we have set a challenge to share as many stories, book, newspapers or magazines between children, parents, carers and siblings as possible over the next four weeks. We would recommend a minimum reading time of 10 minutes per day and reading homework can be included in this time. Please record this in the reading homework book. It would be lovely to hear if a brother or sister has shared a story with your child!**

**A prize of a new book will be awarded per class for the best story sharer!**



# Learner of the Week Awards

**Congratulations to our latest Learners of the Week;**

**April, Hope, Mia, Libby, Anais, Caitlin, Alexander, Hannah, Ava and Charlie. Well done!**

## Responsibility Awards

**Ruby Class— Rowan Condell**— helps others to tidy up and has a great attitude to learning at all times.

**Amber Class— Hannah Daghish**— often takes responsibility for helping others on her table and encouraging them to join in group work.

**Emerald Class—Katie Lange** for showing that she can look after her own and the school's belongings. Showing accountability for her actions and is a model to others how to behave.

**Sapphire Class— Lauren Calvert** for being a fantastic monitor who always remembers her responsibilities.

## 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>

## Class Assemblies

Parents welcome at 9am.

Amber - 13th March

Emerald - 15th May

Ruby - 3rd July

## Value of the Month



**A belief in the honesty, reliability and strength of another person.**

## Spring Term 2020 – Dates for the Diary

### March

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day – children can dress up as any book character

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Amber Class Assembly

W/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Church 9am Resilience Reaps Rewards Assembly at St Francis Church

### April

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm Easter Crafts afternoon followed by Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am End of Term Service at St Francis Church

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nursery opens at 10:30am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of Term, school closes at 1:30pm

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2020

1st Day of Term: Monday 6th January

Last Day of Term: Friday 3rd April

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

### Summer Term 2020

1st Day of Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Last Day of Term: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

VE Day Bank Holiday: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Long weekend!

INSET Days: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday

22<sup>nd</sup> June

### Autumn Term 2020

1st Day of Term: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Last Day of Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

### Spring Term 2021

1st Day of Term: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Last Day of Term: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

### Summer Term 2021

1st Day of Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April