

4th September 2024

Dear parents/carers and friends

Welcome back to Autumn 2024 everyone.

What a lovely morning on the gate welcoming all the children back into school and hearing their news and about their holidays. They all look super in their uniforms with PE kits in hand and book bags at the ready. Thank you for sending them in ready to learn.

Welcome service in St Michael and All Angel's church

We are holding a 'welcome service' to celebrate the new school year next week, Wednesday 11th at 9:30am in church. The whole school will attend and you are all warmly welcome to join us to come together to welcome in the new school year.

School building and grounds updates:

Well, what a busy summer holiday it has been in school with several projects being completed to enhance our school environment.

Kingfisher classroom

Mr Scott has been extremely busy getting things ready and school looks fabulous. We have a new and improved Kingfisher room as the mezzanine level has been removed. What a difference it makes to the room which is now more spacious for the children (and staff). A HUGE thank you to Mr Scott who has gone above and beyond to get this room ready for today and the new start to the year. We are very lucky to have him as our site supervisor. Thanks too to Mr Hurst who is helping again with the electrics in the room and the updating of the lighting.

School garden.

We now have a beautiful new garden area created with the help of Mrs Cox alongside Mr Scott. The gardening club will be growing produce this year in the new raised beds as well as keeping the area looking green. Thank you to Mrs Cox for all your help with this new venture it looks wonderful.

New smartboards

These have been installed in Kingfisher classroom and the older one placed in Peace room. We are waiting for the delivery of new chrome books too which have been paid for through the PTFA fund raising. Thank you to the PTFA and all those who have supported events.

Diary dates

<https://cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school.secure->

School website calendar dates are now on the school calendar on the website. Please keep an eye on this on a regular basis for dates you will need to know.

All dates eg clubs, holidays, visits and trips, church and parish events will be accessible on the above link which is on the website home page.



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Parish Family walk and Treasure hunt

St Michael and All Angel's Church are holding a Family walk and treasure hunt September 29th starting at 11am after the service. This will cumulate with a lovely 'hog roast.' Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join the celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving with members of the parish and community.

Children from our school will be taking part in the service in church before the walk at 9:30am. If your child is able to come along to the service at 9:30am please let the school office or Mrs Hutchins know so we can plan accordingly. Thank you

Open Afternoon for new starters 2025

We have an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 25th September for any potential new starters to school 2025. It will start 1:30 through to 3pm. The classes will be open to visitors and we will be showing people around our fabulous school alongside the children. Please spread the word and invite new parents to have a look around.

After School Club news:

It with great excitement I can now tell you that After School Club will be returning to Cockerham School with 'in house' We have required, due to numbers, the children to be taken off site to Scotforth previously but now we can have this back in our own school hall and grounds. A number of the current support staff, alongside Marie's current team will be staffing this so this is great for the children who will already know the staff and so the transition to after school club can be even smoother. Marie has submitted all the paperwork and is now awaiting final approval. Like so many things this will take time but we are hoping this will be completed around October half term. Details of After School Club are on the website and will updated as soon as things change.

<https://cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/cockerham-breakfast-and-after-school-club-ofsted-a/>

Class pages

Reminder class and year group information is on the website:

Class pages <https://cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/class-pages/>

Year groups <https://cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/year-group-pages/>

Home reading

This is so important and makes a huge difference to the children's progress, vocabulary extension and confidence. Reading books have been allocated this week and the changing of books information will be on the class and year group pages on the website for you to check.



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If you have any question regarding home reading please contact your child's class teacher:
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j.brucciani@cockerham.lancs.sch.uk – Y2/3 children
s.wragg@cockerham.lancs.sch.uk -Y4/5 children
m.olley@cockerham.lancs.sch.uk – Y6 children

DATA collection

We have sent out data collection sheets today for this year so please check book bags and coat pockets! If you have any changes to the following please inform the office and Mrs Ayrton ASAP; address, contact details – phone number or email address and medical information. Please can we have the data collection sheets back by Monday 9th September.

Medical information

Please ensure you have sent in any inhaler or regular medication and completed the forms with the school office. This includes having an inhaler which has a 'within 12 months date' on so we do not need to be checking them termly.
If there has been any update to your child's medications it is essential school have the most up to date information.

School menu

The school menu which takes us up to October half term is on the website. Please take your child through it so they are familiar with the options.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school/UploadedDocument/307a4978-b8d5-42b1-aea2-0ae1cf0428e2/cockerham-menu-1.pdf>

PE kits:

All PE kits should now be in school. These will stay in school so we always have them available. Please ensure the kits are named and labelled in a 'smallish' bag so they are easily seen and are then easily stored on pegs. We had an issue last year with lost kit because names were not put into the kit, this was the same for uniform and coats!
Please ensure all clothing that comes into school is named so if lost we can find the owner quickly and easily.

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to another exciting and successful year.

Kind regards
Mrs Hutchins
Headteacher



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