



Cockerham

Parochial Church of England
Primary School

November 2023



1 - November 2023 Newsletter

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November has flown by and we are fast approaching the Christmas play and Christingle as well as our Christmas whole school lunch and festive activities.

Dates reminders

Nativity performances are in the school hall and admittance is by ticket only 12th and 13th December 2pm start

Whole school Pantomime to Jack and the Beanstalk in Lytham 18th 10am performance

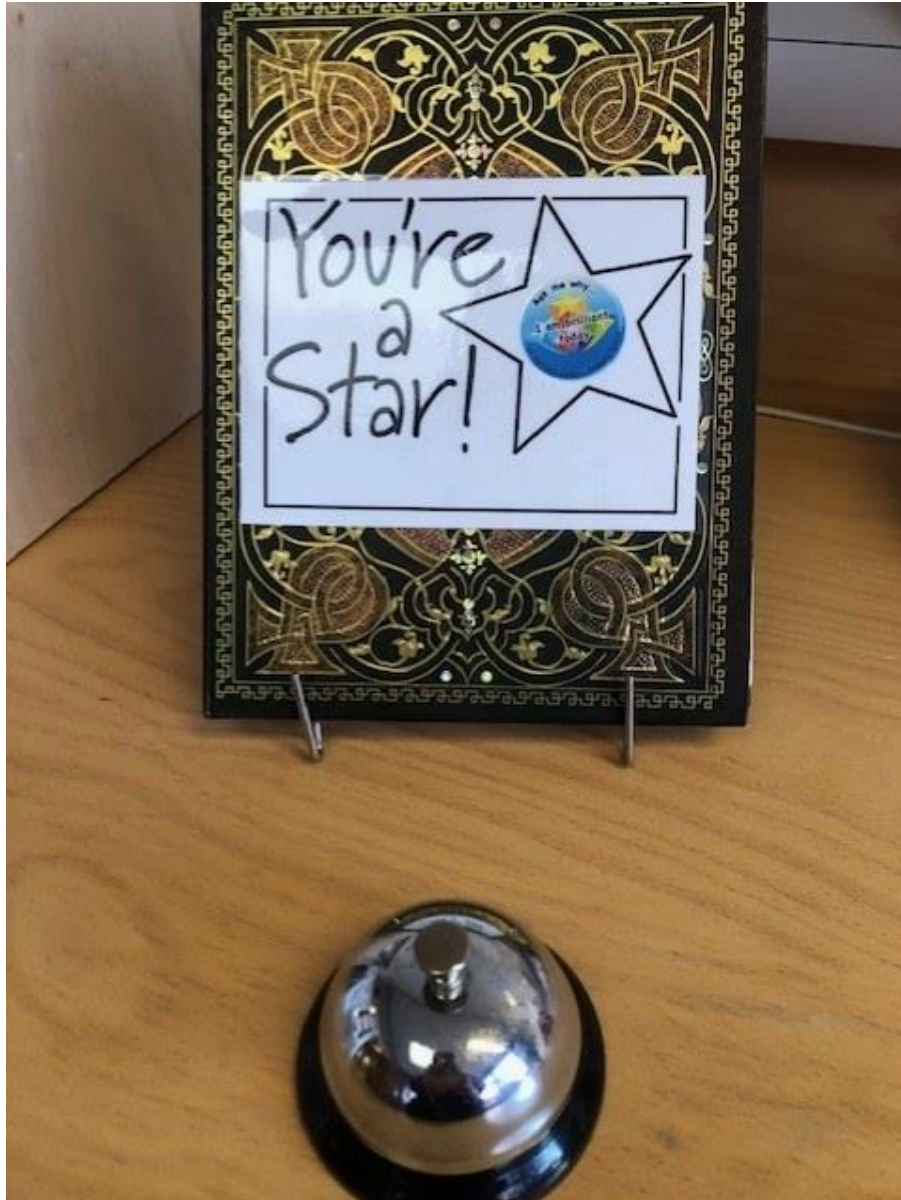
Christmas lunch day 20th December

Christingle 21st December 2:45pm in church

School closes for holidays December 22nd 3:30pm - NORMAL time

A massive thank you to everyone that supported our school book fair. We raised an amazing £219 to spend on new books for school. The children loved choosing their books. We are hoping to plan this in again for next year.

Book of Brilliance winners this month



Anya for brilliant singing and being the lead vocalist

Ella J for brilliant improvement in her writing

Ralph for making brilliant connections in his work between English, Geography migration and Remembrance.

George T for brilliant use of capital letter, full stops and the joining word 'and' in his writing and for his brilliant effort improving his writing since the start of the term in Y1.

Jessica for brilliant writing and use of punctuation in her work. Well done Jessica

Georgie for brilliant helpfulness and for generosity in using her time and effort. She showed great pride in her classroom environment.

Scarlett for brilliant writing of her shape poem at home and in school.

Anya and Evie for brilliant use of similes and adjectives in their shape poetry

News from the classrooms



Robins





2 - Robins have been learning about special people. We had a visit from Reverend Gary. He spoke to us about all the jobs that he does in the community.



3 - Reverend Gary told us about the special clothes he wears, the bible, and communion.



4 - We have been learning about seasonal change. We went for a walk and looked for signs that Winter is coming. We painted pictures to show Cockerham in Winter. We chose colours that were dark and grey just like the colours we saw outside.



5 - We thought about people that are not as fortunate as us in our cosy homes this Winter. We found our monkey outside. He was very cold and so we thought about what we could do to take care of him.



6 - We got him some warm clothes and wrapped him in a blanket and then we gave him food and a hot drink. The children showed care and compassion.



7 - Our topic for the half term is celebrations. We found out about remembrance and created poppy wreaths, we learned about Diwali and made clay diyas.



8 - We found out that Diwali is a festival of light.



9 - We decorated our diyas in bright colours and added candles.



10 - We made rangoli patterns by dying rice and then creating patterns together.



11 - We loved our visit to Lancaster castle.



12 - We went to the police museum and had a great time pretending that we were police too. We thought about all the ways that the police help us.

Stars of the week



Raife – for fantastic blending and segmenting using his phonics to read and spell.

Isabelle – for always being trusted to do the right thing and for being kind and helpful to our class.

Jude- for being a wonderful artist. Jude is fantastic at creating using a range of materials. He has a wonderful imagination and he is a super singer too.

Ella – for her generosity. She always offers to help grown-ups and children in our school.

Swallow class



Swallows (Year 1 and 2) class have been learning lots in November. We have been so busy there is much to update you on. Keep an eye on our class webpage for more photographs and videos

<https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/swallows/>

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Year 1 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-1/>

Year 2 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-2/> Key Instant Recall Facts and Spelling choice board activities are on the website as well as in Homework books.

Stars of the Week



Archie - For brilliant reading, understanding of what he has read and is read to him and asking questions to deepen understanding.

George L - Always being able to trust him to be doing the right thing whether anyone is watching or not.

Sophie - Careful work in art and craft activities, listening and following guidance.

Scarlett - Generosity and kindness to everyone, children and adults alike.

News from the Classroom





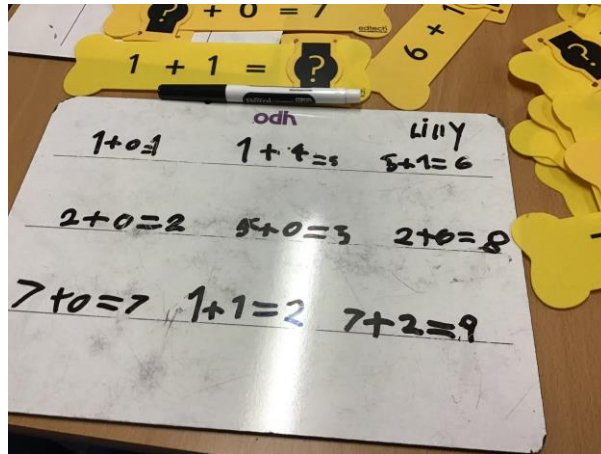
13 - Firefighter John came to talk about Fire Safety and helps us understand what to do if a fire breaks out and how to get out safely. The children all brought home a Fire Emergency Plan to talk about with you and help you set up a plan at home.



14 - We really enjoyed ourselves at Lancaster Castle. Some of us were locked in the cells! One of us conquered our fear of the dark! There was so much to see and we learned lots about punishments. We sang some of our Christmas songs in Lancaster Priory Choir Stalls.



15 - In the Police Museum we dressed up as Police Officers. We got to look after the guide's teddies in case we were a little scared or nervous about being in the prison cells. The Police Museum was very interactive and we had fun finding all the answers to the quiz.



16 - We have been working out the missing numbers in calculations.



17 - Why do we give and receive gifts at Christmas? Sarah from NISCU came to talk to us about gifts given at Jesus' birth. In answer to the question one of our children beautifully said we give gifts at Christmas, "Because God gave us the gift of Jesus so we give gifts to remember that."



18 - Year 2 have had great fun making different shapes and were challenged to make different six sided shapes using lolly sticks.

"What I have enjoyed this month" from a child's perspective

"I have really enjoyed our computing making pictures and saving our work. It was great when we got to see Mrs Brucciani mark our work online."

"I loved learning to add and subtract using the column method."

"The best thing that happened in November going to Lancaster Castle for our Crime and Punishment visit."

"I love it when Mrs Brucciani picks a worry out of the worry monster and we all solve the problem."

Kingfisher class



Kingfishers Class have had an exciting November learning how crime and punishment in Lancashire has changed over time. They learnt about Corporal Punishment in School, visited Lancaster Castle and The Police Museum and learnt about forms of punishment in Lancaster in the past. We visited

The Priory Church in Lancaster and learnt about key parts of the Christian Church. We have been learning about Incarnation in RE and discussing how Christians believe God is here on Earth. In Science, we have been learning about bones and made a new 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' song with the names of bones. Sid the Skeleton visited our class and we learnt about his bones and their function. Healthy foods and the importance of a balanced diet, had children thinking about how they can increase their consumption of fruit and vegetables. We have been learning all about digestion and acting out the process from the mouth where food enters the body to where it leaves us. The children acted out the digestive process so they could understand it step-by-step. We read all about the work of microbes in our digestive system. In art we have been working with charcoal and the technique of Chiaroscuro (creating a strong contrast between light and dark). We drew pictures of the incarnation, evaluated the work of artists Laura Mckendry and Edgar Degas and experimented with various charcoals, lines and mark making. We looked at gestural drawing in which we used our whole arm to draw, instead of only our hand and wrist. The children are now composing their woodland, moonlit, winter scenes to draw for our showcase display!

In the Forest Garden, we have been learning to tie knots, playing Find the Knot and Catch the Stick and using the Bow Saw to cut wooden cookies for our next project. We have been whittling wood and using the branding iron to make gorgeous Nativity scenes for the Christmas Fair. The children worked creatively to create art inspired by Goldworthy looking at form, pattern and structure around the school grounds.

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Year 3 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-3/> Key Instant Recall Facts and Spelling choice board activities are on the website as well as in Homework books.

Year 4 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-4/>

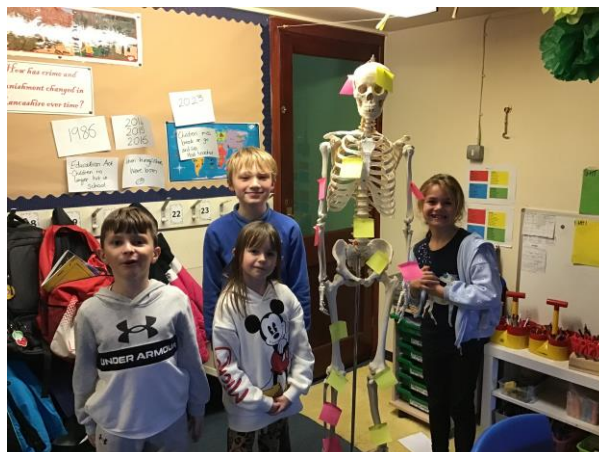
Stars of the Week:

Jack for excellent effort and fluency in reading.

Evie for being a trustworthy friend and someone who can always be trusted to be making the right choices.

Hugo and Freddie for creative outdoor art in the style of Goldsworthy.

Scarlett for always being generous with her time and kindness in helping others.



19 - Identifying the bones of the human body.



20 - Whittling and using the soldering iron to create our Nativity scenes.



21 - Using the soldering iron.



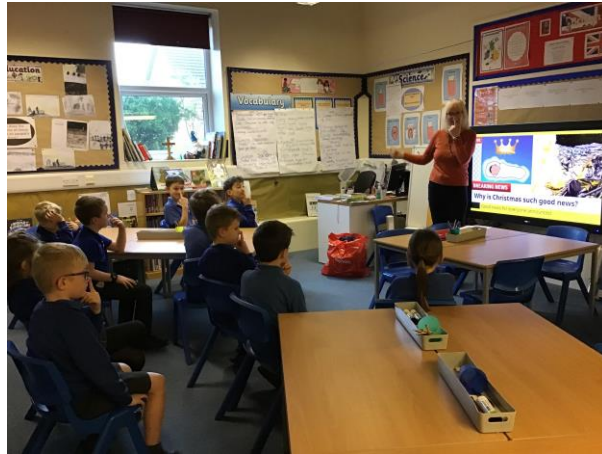
22 - Teamwork! Cutting with the Bow saw.



23 - Creative Goldsworthy art using structure.



24 - Whittling!



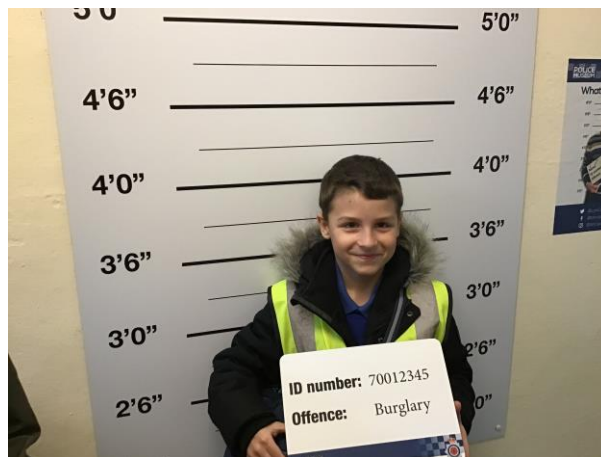
25 - NISCU visited and taught us about Jesus and the meaning of Christmas.



26 - Art















Kestrel class



It has been an exciting month in Kestrels class, learning lots of new skills across the curriculum. Remember to keep checking our 'Kestrel' class page for regular updates on our learning.

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Year 5 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-5/>

Year 6 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-6/>

News from the Classroom





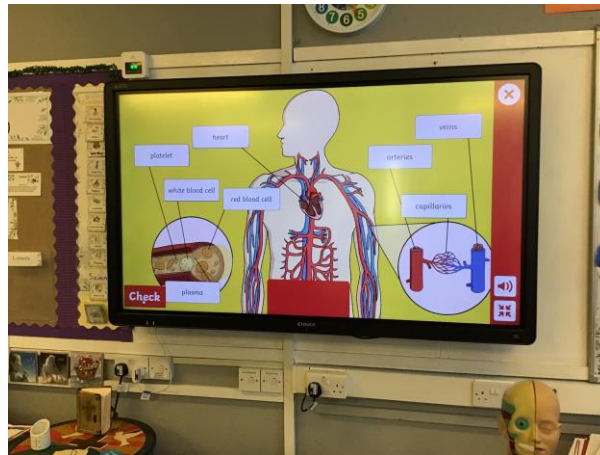
27 - In RE, we have been learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas around the World. We have discussed how different traditions symbolise the true meaning of Christmas. We worked together in small groups to make Nativity scenes from Brazil using clay. We made our own advent wreath for our class worship table.



28 - In History we have been learning about the Pendle Witches and the trail that took place at Lancaster Castle. We enjoyed our day visiting Lancaster Castle, which enriched our History curriculum. We experienced what it was like for the witches, when they were locked in their cells before trail. We visited the police museum and learned about the History of the police. We all thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learned lots of new facts and information.



29 - In computing, we have been focusing on coding. We have learned how to programme BBC Microbits to make our own name badges and we even created beating hearts. We have been learning about healthy relationships and how to show respect online in our internet safety lessons.



30 - In Science, we have been learning about the circulatory system. We have looked at the different parts of the heart and how the heart pumps blood around our bodies. We made our own diagrams of the human body and labelled the different parts.



31 - In Art, we have been looking at Typography. We have created letters and words using bits of paper. We went outside and created different letters using nature and sketched our designs. We have been mark making on maps and evaluating the effectiveness of our finished drawings.

In PSHE, we have been looking at being responsible with Money. We have discussed different types of tax and how we can help our society, community and our families at home through helping with jobs, fundraising and helping the elderly in our communities.

In Maths, Year 5 have been applying written methods of calculation to word problems. We have been looking at multiples and factors of different numbers. Year 6 have been looking at order of operations and fractions this month.

In English, Year 6 have been writing balanced arguments based on the character of Fagin from Oliver Twist. We are writing our own chapters for Oliver focusing on narrative writing skills.

"What I have enjoyed this month" from a child's perspective



I enjoyed learning new skills in computing by programming using the Microbits.

Will- Year 6

I have enjoyed PE because I like working as part of a team.

Finley- Year 5

I enjoyed making the nativity scenes because we got to learn about different cultures in a creative way.

Tamara- Year 6

Stars of the Week



32 - The team in action



33 - Cockerham on the attack



34 - Team work



35 - Resting between matches



36 - Celebrating our success



37 - Defenders at the ready

Cockerham Y3/4 in action at the Garstang School Partnership competition. The children all represented school wonderfully and as a bonus went on to win the overall competition! What an achievement for their first outing as a team. Well done to Ella B, Scarlett, Joseph, Theo, Evie, George, Hugo, Jack and Ralph.

School diary dates are uploaded for parents to access on the website so you will be able to see what is up and coming in advance:

[https://cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/ School diary](https://cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/School%20diary)

5* award for our kitchen



Christmas lunch 20th December.

opt out this year. ParentPay at a cost of £2.50. Can you let the school office know if you do not want your child to have a school Christmas lunch. Thank you

Please can you ensure you let the school office know if you are intending changing the pattern of dinners your child has or swapping from packed lunches or vice versa. Thank you

The link to Autumn 2 menu is here and on the children's section of the school website:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school/UploadedDocument/ffc00b02-74d0-4d6d-abaf-666975301f74/f-aw23-24-menu.pdf>

COCKERHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

CLOTHING COLLECTION

To raise funds for school the PTFA are having a collection of good quality clothing, shoes, and bags etc

On Wednesday 6th Dec.

Please drop off re-useable items

At the main door of Cockerham Village Hall

In sealed plastic bags on

Wednesday 6th Dec 7am-9am

(Or Tuesday 5th Dec after 3pm)

Thank you.



We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, Hats, Bags, Belts,
- Scarves, ties and Jewellery
- Lingerie, Socks
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

For more information contact us on our Facebook page - Cockerham PTFA

PTFA Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who came, donated, supported and helped organise. It was a great evening and enjoyed by everyone. We are just waiting for the raised total so watch out in December's newsletter for the final total.

Sports Events



39 - Cross Country Team



40 - Tamara's horse riding achievements



41 - Netball League - Our first competitive match



42 - Year 3/4 Glo Dodgeball



43 - Y5/6 Glo Dodgeball

Admissions 2024 - if you know of anyone who has a child who will be joining a school in Sept 24 please let them know we can still take them round our fabulous school!



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me



Christingle service in church 21st December. All welcome. 2:45pm start

Children can be collected straight from church.

Prayer for Advent

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- *Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.*
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Growing in knowledge

Growing in faith

Growing in God's love