



Cockerham

Parochial Church of England
Primary School

News from the headteacher - *Newsletter September 2023*



Welcome to our first monthly newsletter for this year.

We hope you like the new format. Please feel free to feedback your thoughts to us here at school.

We have had a fabulous start to the new school year with all the children looking super smart in their school, uniform with smiling faces, glad to be back in school with their friends. We welcomed our new EYFS children into Robins class and they have settled in a treat.

After a successful year with a very positive Ofsted report of **GOOD** across all categories and SIAMS inspection of **GOOD** too we are looking forward to new projects this year and building on our recent successes including starting Forest School, an outdoor learning classroom, and new places to visit linked with our curriculum, sporting events, new clubs and much, much more.

The school website calendar has now been populated with dates for you so you can check clubs, holidays and parents evenings etc. Please keep checking the calendar, or subscribe to it, as we will keep this up to date for you. School calendar¹

Kind regards

Mrs Hutchins

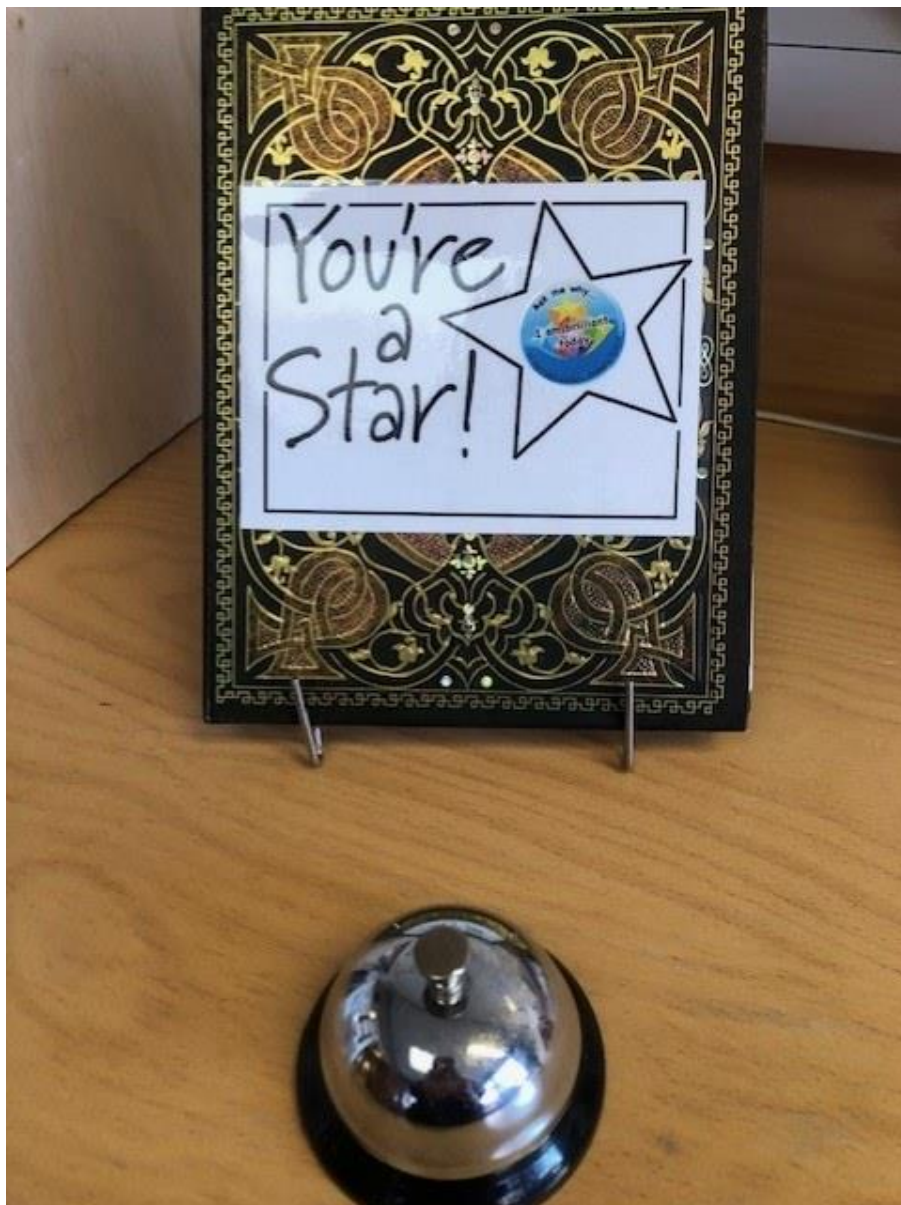
Headteacher

Fund raising for school

We would like to thank the Wilding and Sutcliffe families amazing donation to school after the Clay pigeon shoot in July. The wet day did not dampen spirits and through kind and generous donations, bids and contributions our school benefitted. This money has already helped every child in school as they have all taken part in whole school first aid training. The rest of the money is going to support and build our outdoor curriculum work

¹<https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/diary/grid/2023/09/>

Book of Brilliance winners this month:



Sofie and Billy for explanation work in English

Lyla for independent writing and drawing

Joseph H for maths work

Flo for her writing and concentration

Jude for his cutting skills

Raife for getting changed so independently after PE

Orla for her RE writing about the bible

Isabelle for her 's' phonics sounds

Jack B (Y4) for his sensory vocabulary writing and responding to feedback

Isla/Willow/Sofie/Jack for writing about their class book 'Running Wild' from the lead character's viewpoint

Theo for his brilliant generosity towards a friend who needed help (Theo also got a values certificate for Generosity!)

School dinners



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 1 menu is here:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/cockerham-parochial-church-of-england-primary-school/UploadedDocument/d2a6e0e4-5838-46c0-9ce7-15a552ae7a69/autumn-23-menu.pdf>

There is a new menu coming out from catering at the end of October.

The school kitchen has just been awarded 5* in the food hygiene and preparation inspection. Well done to Helen.



News from the classrooms



School has been a busy place for September. Read all about what each of the classes have been learning, experiencing and doing this month.

Please make sure you regularly check your child's class and year group pages for updates and information.

Robins



Robins class have made a fantastic start to their time in school. We began the year by doing lots of learning about the people and places in our classroom and school. Here we are on our listening walk.



We have learnt lots of songs and rhymes and we all enjoy our dough disco sessions every afternoon.



Stars of the week



Nancy- for her brilliant attitude to learning. She works so hard in our class areas, answers questions and listens. Well done Nancy!

Amneh- for treating her school, classroom, teachers and friends with respect. Well done you're amazing!

Lyla- for great listening in P.E. She worked very hard to improve her skills and technique in running, balancing, jumping, bouncing a ball, throwing and catching. Well done.



*1 - We are looking forward to welcoming our Robin's parents to our coffee afternoon on Monday 2nd October 2:45-3:25pm.
Up to 2 spaces per child.*

Swallow class



Swallows (Year 1 and 2) class have made a fantastic start to the new school year. 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/>

A reminder our homework is in our Year Group Pages section of the website and from this Friday spelling lists and other homework will need to be accessed using this link. As a school, we are trying to reduce the amount of paper we use.

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

Year 2 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-2/>

We are super excited about our trip to Garstang on Monday. We will tell you all about it next month.

Stars of the Week



Ella B - Attitude to learning - for showing a great attitude to learning, showing resilience in the face of challenges and being positive about moving learning forward.

Christian H - Respect - for showing respect to his friends, classmates, staff and school. He always remembers to be polite and shows his manners in lots of different circumstances.

Jack L - for excellent skills and motivation to improve in PE, encouraging others to develop and demonstrating to the class.

News from the Classroom





2 - We have been out collecting signs of Autumn for our Autumn Leaves display.



3 - We talked about our special books and the special book for Christians. We looked at different types of Bibles and discussed what we liked about them and read some of our favourite Bible stories. Thank you for all the cereal boxes. We have build the Old Testament and are in the process of building the new Testament. If you have any more cereal boxes please send them in.



4 - We were fantastic at first aid, putting each other in the recovery position and having a go at CPR on the dummies. We even got to have a go at stopping the dummy from choking. We learned what to do about cut, bumps, burns, scalds and many other events that may require first aid.



5 - We labelled all the different parts of the body and played games of 'Simon says'

Kingfisher class



Kingfishers Class have got straight into their exciting learning this term. We have taken part in a STEM workshop, cooked and eaten soup in The Forest Garden, designed and made our own soup (one group still to make), learnt First Aid skills alongside many other activities. Take a look at the class page for more information.

Children have homework set for Maths and English by their morning teacher.

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Year 3 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-3/>

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



6 - We looked at where soups come from around the world, tasted a variety of soups and learnt skills of cutting, washing, peeling and food hygiene to make a class Leek and Potato Soup. We cooked it on the fire pit in The Forest Garden and ate it outdoors.



7 - We started playing the ukulele and have already learned a note and a couple of songs!



8 - We took part in a STEM workshop with Dr. Irene Wise from Lancaster University. We worked as a team:

problem-solving

questioning

building

planning

explaining...



9 - We planned, designed and made a device to carry Jack's golden apples down the beanstalk while he climbed.



10 - Then we tested them!



11 - We designed and made our own healthy soups. Then we cooked and tasted them.



12 - Mmmmmm!

In PSHE we have started to discuss and reflect on what makes a good friend. We have worked on strategies for calming and for not reacting to situations which might occur with friends. We have learnt first aid skills.

In RE, we have described ways we can show what God expects to see in our hearts.

In Science we have been recapping and learning about parts of the body, to classify animals and things the body needs to stay healthy.

We have started to learn about migration and the reasons people have moved around Earth through time in our Active Read sessions before beginning our Geography topic on migration. We have loved reading *The BFG*.

In Art and Design, we have been learning to draw still life and shade using charcoal, used water colour paint and crayon to produce a Christmas card design and used a variety of painting techniques to produce a stunning class display of an apple orchard.

STARS OF THE WEEK

TOBY HAY - For always showing a fantastic attitude to his learning, to staff, the school and his friends.

THEO CAPRANI - For always being respectful of others and their feelings.

GEORGE HELLIWELL-KENWAY - For excellent ball and bat skills in PE sessions.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please return The Forest School reply slip so your child can take part and the warm, waterproof clothing on their day.

We are very excited!

Kestrel class



September has been a very busy month for Kestrels. The children have settled into the school year exceptionally well. Keep checking our 'Kestrel' class page for regular updates on our learning.

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

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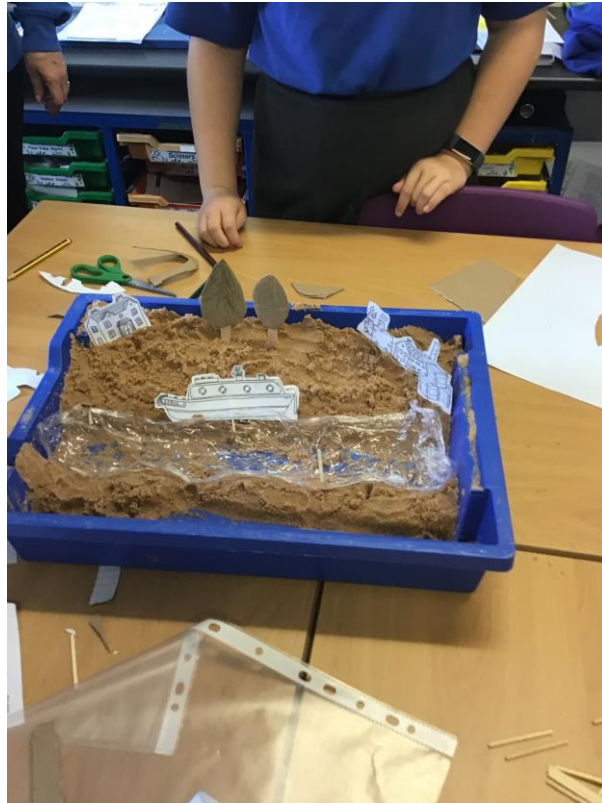
Year 5 - <https://www.cockerham.lancs.sch.uk/year-5/>

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

News from the Classroom



13 - We had a visit from the NHS who taught us about all the different job roles within the health service and how they all work together. We also completed our first aid training learning how to do CPR, how to help a person if they are choking and how to put people in the recovery position.



14 - In Geography we have been learning all about rivers and canals, we even worked in groups to build our own canals. We learned how and why canals were built over 200 years ago. In science we have been learning about evolution. In Spanish we have been learning the vowels helping us to read words.



15 - We went on a sensory Welly walk around the school grounds and up to church to inspire our own water colour artwork based on Michael Murpurgo's book 'Where my wellies went' This inspired us to write some poetry based on our local area of Cockerham. We have been learning how to use different techniques and brushes to create water colour pictures.

In English, Year 6 have been writing balanced arguments. They have been looking at the plot and language features of survival in preparation to plan and write their own.

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



I enjoyed going on a Welly Walk and seeing things I have not noticed before and seeing the rainbow.

Sofie H- Year 5

I liked mixing different colours whilst using water colours in our art lessons.

Holly E- Year 6

Stars of the Week



Billie for attitude towards learning.

Isla for always showing respect to others in school, demonstrating our school values in everything she does.

Thomas L for fantastic hockey skills in PE, listening and following instructions carefully to improve his skills further.



16 - The children have enjoyed first aid training this month and they all should have brought home their certificates. The ladies who led the training commented to Mrs Hutchins how beautiful the children's manners were and how well they behaved. The questions they asked were excellent and they responded well to the training

Well done to everyone.



17 - New school ambassadors for 2023-24

Matty and Macie

They will be responsible for representing school at events, helping Mrs Hutchins and the teachers with projects and leading our school council.

A huge honour and responsibility. Well done to you both.

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 diary²

We are holding 4 'tours' and visits to school on October 9th (9:30/10:30/1:15/2:15) when anyone wanting to apply for a place in September 2024 are welcome to come and look around our wonderful school. Mrs Hutchins and our school ambassadors are looking forward to meeting you and your children. Please book at place by ringing the school office 01524 791550



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Wild challenge award



Well done to all the children and staff who have helped school to achieve the RSPB Wild Challenge award. The work at Patty's Barn helped to support this achievement alongside the work in school.

Admissions 2024



Applications for 2024 for Y6 closed 31st October 2023

Application for places for EYFS closes January 15th 2024

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools>

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me



Growing in knowledge

Growing in faith

Growing in God's love