Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 9 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of week 6 we have had another busy week in school.

There is an Autumnal feel to the air as we have been busy singing harvest songs as we always do at this time of year. Things may be a little different in terms of us visiting the church for harvest but we are still keen to celebrate in school, and with our families and wider communities. Our harvest festival will be uploaded to our website this year so that everyone can share in the joy, and we will let you know when and where to find it in due course.

Tomorrow, Saturday 10th October, is World Mental Health Day, and the theme for this year is "Mental Health for All". We encourage you all to take a little bit of time out from busy schedules to just talk. Having a virtual cuppa with friends, playing a game, having tea as a family or even an online chat is positive for mental health – remember to look after each other. With this in mind, we want to encourage all of our children and staff to take time out too, to stop, and breathe, and remember – you're all doing a fantastic job!
https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day
https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day-2020/

Next week we are very much looking forward to taking part in our sponsorship challenge… "We will walk 500 miles!", and we hope the funds raised will help us on our way with creating more scooter and bike storage which will help encourage the children to ride and scoot to school!

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher
Executive Deputy Head Teacher

School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 12 October 2020 will be Week 3 of our menu.

Fancy Foot Friday

Thank you all for your support - we have raised a fantastic £108 for Living Streets (walking projects), and we have enjoyed happy, comfy feet all day!

Families interested in Nursery and Reception Places for September 2021

If you have friends/relatives with children due to start nursery or reception class in September 2021 - please pass on this information. We are aiming to welcome visitors to view the school and ask questions (following socially distanced guidelines) on Friday 20 November at 6pm – for ADULTS ONLY. If you already have children in school and are already part of the Corbridge family, we hope the visit may not be needed for you, therefore numbers can be reduced, and places taken by those who do not already know our school.

Follow us at: https://twitter.com/CorbridgeFirst
Don't forget to visit the School Website: www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Please contact the school office to book a place

We will only offer this one visit this year due to restrictions, and the set-up of the tour will fully adhere to social distancing guidelines with all those attending given clear instructions on safety measures.

Bags to School
Have you got time for a clear out this holiday? We would love for you to bag up your old clothes and shoes. All of the bags will be collected from school on Monday 9 November.
Please deliver your items to the school office on Friday 6 November or first thing on Monday 9 November.
Thanks in advance – Money will be used towards the Bike and Scooter storage fund!

Easy Fundraising – Money for nothing!

To log in as a supporter please follow the link on the 'sign up now' tab, and help us build up funds as you complete your Christmas, or everyday shopping.

Public Health England (PHE)
We are continuing to take heed of all advice sent via Public Health England, the Government, Diocese and Council. Please continue to inform us if there are any changes in your circumstances – particularly in this new period of local lockdown. The following advice from the NHS is linked below: NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19), please follow the link below for advice.
https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-you've-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/

Diary dates are printed below and new dates will be added in red so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.

Diary Dates:

Date	Event	Notes
Ongoing from Monday 28 September	**INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF**	We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering, and we ask that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others.
October	Walk to School Month – October 2020	Parentmail Issued
Monday 12 October	Staying Active in School Week We will walk 500 miles – Sponsored Event for each class (part of walk to School Month)	Parentmail issued as part of Walk to School Month
Wednesday 14 October	Year 1: Virtual Visit to the Discovery Museum	Consent form issued on ParentMail
Wednesday 21 October	School Photographs: individual & sibling	
Thursday 22 October	Non-Uniform Day - £1 donation (part of walk to School Month)	Children are to wear their brightest clothes , plus a voluntary £1 contribution towards a bike storage shed for school
Thursday 22 October	Virtual Harvest Festival	In school class virtual service to be shared
Thursday 22 October	Break Up for Half Term	

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Friday 23 October	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
School Holiday Task W/B Monday 26 October	Be Active! Photos for Website	As part of Walk to School Month, Parents/Carers are invited to send photos of their child(ren) being active, to be used on our website/social media
Saturday 31 October	Year 4: Deadline for Middle School applications through NCC Admissions Portal	Parentmail Issued to Year 4 Parents/Carers
Monday 2 November	School Reassembles	
Wednesday 4 November	Engineering Day	More information to follow
Friday 6 November	Bags To School	Please bring your "Bags To School" donations to the school office
Monday 9 November	Bags To School	Bags being collected
Friday 13 November	World Kindness Day	More information to follow
Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week	More information to follow
Friday 20 November **6pm**	School Tour for Prospective Parents of new school starters – Nursery and Reception September 2021	**Please book a space through the school office and safety information will be forwarded.**
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4 January 2021	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 5 January 2021	School Reassembles	