

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 6 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely break at half term; we certainly had a mixture of sunshine and rain! The children have come back eager and ready to learn, and we are really looking forward to our new topics and events for this half term.

It is with a great sadness in our hearts, I wish to inform you that Maureen Wilson, who has served here at Corbridge First School, keeping the building clean and safe for us all, sadly passed away this week. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with all her family and those who knew and loved her. We will be having a celebration of Maureen in school later this term, but at this time I hope you will also hold her family in your thoughts and prayers.

As we have now entered our second lockdown, we appreciate that families are yet again facing uncertainty around jobs, isolation, the possibility of home schooling, and general worry. Please stay in touch with school so that we can continue to support each other in any way we can. We have sent several messages since September about Google Classroom which we will use in the event of any bubble closures - hopefully you have now all accessed this and are familiarising yourself with how it works.

This week we have held our parent consultations via Google Classroom for reports and via telephone for the discussion with teachers. Thank you for all the positive comments and to the staff who continue to work tirelessly to adapt to the ever-changing circumstances. We thoroughly enjoy sharing all of your child's successes with you and if we haven't spoken to you this week, rest assured we will try again.

As always, this is a busy half term with lots of events and celebrations. We fully intend to celebrate and take part in as many things as our bubbles and risk assessments allow, so please look at the calendar of events below so you know what is coming up.

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Miss Ainsley & Mrs Gray
Executive Head Teacher
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 9 November 2020 will be Week 3 of our [menu](#).

Spring 1 Class Curriculum Information Booklets

These are now available on the class pages on the website www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Please select the Class Pages tab, select your child's class and then select "Curriculum Overviews"



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Bags2School

The last chance for bags to be dropped off is first thing on the morning of Monday 9th November – perfect time for a good sort out at the weekend!

Walk 500 Miles Sponsorship

You have blown us away with the amazing number of miles walked and the generosity of our families. Mrs Steele will be in touch with a parentmail next week, with an announcement of the final totals, but the figures to date are AMAZING! We are underway with plans for the bike/scooter parking so many thanks again.

Christmas Cards or Personalised Gifts

You should now have received your child's Christmas card design and order form. If you wish to make an order, please make sure all order forms are returned to school Monday 9 November.

Remembrance

We have been selling remembrance merchandise this week in support of the British Legion. I'd like to thank you all for your donations, and I'm thrilled to announce that £173.50 has been raised.

Look out for our Remembrance poppy banners next week on the path up to the playground. We will also be having a special class worship and 2 minute silence to mark the occasion next Wednesday.

Severe Weather Conditions – hopefully we won't experience weather severe enough to close the school...but in the event that we do, we would inform you as soon as possible via the school website -

www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk and ParentMail. School closures are also announced on Radio Newcastle and the Northumberland County Council website - www.northumberland.gov.uk

If the school needed to close during the day we would send out a ParentMail message and contact parents by phone to arrange for children to be collected.

National Restrictions in England and guidance for schools

Yesterday, the Government published guidance for schools regarding the national restrictions that began yesterday.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=7427a8d7-6fbd-4315-b29f-2c648cfb91a1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate#ooss

Generally speaking, for us there is little that needs to change from our measures already in place.

Unfortunately after school clubs will not take place until January 2021.

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-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

Every **Wednesday** for Years 1 & 2



Recorder Lessons!

Remember to bring in your recorder!

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Diary Dates: Dates in red are new dates which have been added

Date	Event	Notes
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.	
November 2020		
Sunday 1 November	NCC Online portal Opens for Applications of Reception 2021	
Monday 9 November	Bags To School being collected	Last chance for bags - bags can be dropped off in the morning
Monday 9 November	Photographer in school for Year 4 & Sibling photos	
Monday 9 November	Deadline for Christmas Orders	
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Day	Class worship held in school
Friday 13 November	World Kindness Day	More information to follow
Friday 13 November	Children In Need	More information to follow
Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week Odd socks day	More information to follow
Monday 16 November	Road Safety Week	More information to follow
Friday 20 November 6pm	School Tour for prospective parents of new school starters – Nursery & Reception: September 2021	Please book a space through the school office and safety information will be forwarded
December 2020		
Monday 14 December	Class Christmas parties this week	More information to follow
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Christingle activities in school	
Friday 18 December	Christmas Carol Service in school	To be shared virtually with families
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
January 2021		
Monday 4 January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 5 January	School Re-assemblies	
Friday 15 January	Online portal closes for Reception 2021 places	
February		
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term	
Friday 12 February	Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day	Details to follow
Monday 22 February	School Re-assemblies	
March		
Friday 19 March	Red Nose Day	
Friday 26 March	Break up for Easter holidays	
April		
Monday 12 April	School Re-assemblies	
May		
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – school closed	
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term	

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Date	Event	Notes
June		
Monday 7 June	School Re-assembles	
July		
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 16 July	School Closes for Summer Break	
September		
Monday 6 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

