



## CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: Friday 4 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This week's worship theme was all about celebration – birthdays, anniversaries, achievements... many things are celebrated and many regular celebrations bring back special memories. This week special memories have been created through some amazing art work, fantastic forest school sessions, taking part in some specialist gymnastics workshops, and so much more - it is almost impossible to acknowledge them all!

During the lockdowns, and due to the school closures we have gone through, we identified that our children had lost some of their stamina for writing and we want to make sure this year that we help them get it back – and find once again a love for writing. So many children have been so proud in sharing their writing with me this term so far. They are once again building stamina and enjoying being creative writers due to the careful selection of inspiring texts and the super lessons their teachers are sharing with them.

I am sure you will be proud of the progress you'll see when books are available at the parents' evening appointments in a couple of weeks. It is definitely something to celebrate!

Have a lovely weekend.

*J Ainsley & S Hart*

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



**School Dinners:** Week beginning Monday 7 February 2022 will be Week 1 of our [menu](#).

### **Children's Mental Health Week: 7 - 11 February 2022**

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is "Growing Together". Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt, and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit "stuck". We will be exploring these themes with the children during some of our learning next week, using resources from Place2Be.

### **Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 8th February 2022**

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. We have planned a day of activities and focused learning to really raise awareness again at this time of year, and we know the children will know more and remember more following all the great learning that is planned.

You can find some specific parent information relating to internet safety on our [School Website](#).

### **North of the Tyne, Under the Stars**

We have been given some information regarding an exciting free family event series :

*"A series of spellbinding outdoor events, blending spectacular projection, fire and music with a sprinkling of magic. Inspired by local stories and landscapes from across Newcastle, Northumberland and North Tyneside."*

Please find information for the festival finale in Newcastle City Centre, an event which we think the children will really enjoy! <https://www.undernorthtynestars.co.uk/>

## Year 4 Residential Visit

Now that we are in February, we are getting closer to our residential trip for our Year 4s in May! Payments have been set up for this on Parent Mail - thank you to everyone who has paid so far. An information meeting for parents and carers will take place during Spring Term 2. We are all very excited!

## The School Diary

The term dates are in the grid this week but we will be filling the diary with all of our events for the term soon. Please remember to check for any new dates in each week. *Dates in red are new dates which have been added*

Date	Event	Notes
<b>February 2022</b>		
<b>Week beginning 7 February</b>	<b>Children's Mental Health Week: Growing Together</b>	
Tuesday 8	Safer Internet Day	Theme: All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online
Wednesday 9	Author Visit: Reception – Year 4 Stuart Reid School Workshop Events	Parentmail issued
Thursday 10	Reception Class – Eye Tests	Parentmail and hard copy of consent letter issued
Week beginning 14 February	Parent appointments to take place to find out about your child's learning progress and time in school.	Letters issued
<b>Monday 14</b>	<b>Valentine's Themed School Lunch</b> <b>**hot dogs or fish fingers in a bun with chips, pasta, beans or sweetcorn, followed by a Valentine's biscuit</b>	<b>Parentmail issued and paper copy to packed lunch children</b>
Tuesday 15	Boo Gets Cyber Smart/Cyber Safety Workshops for all classes	
Friday 18	School closes for February half term	
Monday 28	School re-opens following February half term	
Mon 28 Feb - Sun 6 Mar	Fairtrade Fortnight	More information to follow
<b>March 2022</b>		
Wednesday 2	Year 4 Family Lunch (re-arranged from 2 December 2021)	<b>Parentmail and letter issued</b>
Thursday 3	World Book Day	More information to follow
Friday 18	Comic Relief	More information to follow
Fri 25 Mar - Sun 10 Apr	Great British Clean Up	More information to follow
Thursday 31	Technology Tom STEM Workshops	In school event for STEM Fortnight

<b>April 2022</b>		
Monday 4 April	Professor Brainstorm Magical Science Show	In school event for STEM Fortnight
Friday 8	Bank Holiday - School Closed	In lieu of the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3 June
Monday 25	School re-opens following Easter holidays	
<b>May 2022</b>		
Monday 2	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Friday 27	School closes for half term	
<b>June 2022</b>		
Monday 6	School re-opens following half-term	
<b>July 2022</b>		
Friday 22	Last Day of School – School Closes for Summer	