



## **CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL**

### **Newsletter: Friday 26 May 2023**

Dear Families,

It seems that every week in school is a busy one, and this week has been no exception! So many exciting things have been happening and the children have loved all of the events and activities.

Our Big Corbridge Brunch for Christian Aid took place on Tuesday and the children tucked into pain au chocolat, brioche, fruit and juice in the sunshine. It was just so lovely to come together and share this meal, sitting outside with our friends, whilst raising money for a good cause. Our worship and assembly time have focused on the work of Christian Aid, in particular making a sustainable difference to the lives of others and facilitating change for the future. We raised a phenomenal £142.25, reaching the target set by the children to buy a bike for a farmer to enable them to trade with neighbouring farms. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families, we have also been able to buy pigeon pea seeds and tools to set up a family with a crop for the future. What a fantastic result! Huge thanks to Mrs. Rutherford for organising the event.

Our Year 3 grown-ups joined us on Wednesday for a DT Inspire Workshop. Everyone loved designing, making and playing with the moving monsters. I saw some terrifying teeth, colourful horns and scary eyes on display (and that's just the children!) It was lovely to be able to share our in-school learning with families and provide a glimpse of daily life in the classroom. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in.

With the sunny weather finally here, we have spent even more time learning and exploring outdoors. The keen Year 2 and 3 gardeners started work on our sensory garden in the quad and planted fragrant lemon balm. Our Year 4s also transplanted their sunflowers into the beds outside and our sweet pea plants are growing rapidly. Year 4 also couldn't wait to tell me about making popcorn in Forest School - somehow it all got eaten and they didn't save any for me! Please do head to our Twitter to see all of the photos.

Have a sunny, safe and happy half term, everyone. I hope you all have a well-earned rest and enjoy the time with your families.

*S Hart & E Florek*

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

#### **Attendance this week:**

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1 with 100%	Nursery with 99%	Year 4 with 96.1%

## Governor news

The governing body continues to be extremely busy and we would like to make this a regular spot to share what we've been working on.

Our Federation governing body comprises 14 governors - a mix of staff, parents and members of the church and wider community. Collectively, we have strategic oversight of our Federation of Broomhaugh and Corbridge Church of England Aided First Schools. If you don't know who we are, have a look on the websites and always feel able to stop one of us for a chat if you see us around.

We meet at least termly for full board meetings where decisions are finalised and the strategic direction set. As Chairs, Gayle and I meet at least monthly (often weekly) with Mrs Hart. Most of the governor's day-to-day work is carried out in our committees or through our individual specialist roles. We are organised into two committees – Curriculum and Resources. The Curriculum Committee, chaired by Liz, oversees the rich curriculum we offer in both schools, pupil performance data, policies and staff/parent/pupil surveys. The Resources Committee, chaired by Stuart, oversees the budget (very important!), health and safety, procurement and premises. We have appointed 'link' governors to specific subject areas (identified by the School Development Plan) e.g. maths, English, music, as well as to areas like SEND, health and wellbeing, safeguarding and finance. Link governors have strategic oversight of their areas and work closely with Mrs Hart and the staff team to understand and monitor.

The most rewarding part of being a governor is any time spent in school and particularly when we have the privilege of talking to the children. Governors often join classes to gain an understanding of a subject area or we help with a 'pupil voice' where we ask the children specifically about a topic to get their perspectives which are so valuable. We are extremely proud of the cross Federation working we see happening, particularly through sport and shared experiences such as the Year 4 residential. We know we are lucky to have two good schools and we would like to thank all staff for their immense hard work and you, our families, for your ongoing support.

We currently have two vacancies on the governing body – one St Andrews (Corbridge) appointed position and one Diocese appointment. We carry out regular skills audits to check we have all responsibilities covered adequately and at present we have a need for a governor with HR skills who would join our Resources Committee. Additionally, someone with grant application experience would be an asset.

Anyone with an interest in joining the governing body (whether you have the above skills or not) is welcome to make contact with Gayle or myself via the School Offices or have an initial chat with Mrs Hart.

Elisabeth Charman and Gayle Baty

Co-Chairs of Governors



**School Dinners:** Week beginning Monday 5 June 2023 for Summer Term 2, and will be Week 3 of our [menu](#)

**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>June 2023</b>		
Monday 5	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 6	Year 4 Newcastle Cathedral Leaver Service	Parentmail form issued
Wednesday 7	Class Photographs (AM)	
Wednesday 7	Year 2 - Parents invited to a special learning session - 1.30pm	Parentmail issued.
Thursday 8	Pastoral visit from CMS for year 4 children transitioning to CMS in September (AM)	
Tuesday 13	Cricket Tournament at CFS with Broomhaugh First School KS1 - morning                      KS2 - afternoon	Parentmail form issued.
Wednesday 14	Reception (Sept 23) Welcome Meeting 5pm - 6pm	
Thursday 15	Year 4 Visit to Beamish	Parentmail form issued.
Wednesday 21	Nursery (Sept 23) Welcome Meeting 5pm-6pm	
<b>July 2023</b>		
Tuesday 4	Transfer Day	
Thursday 13	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly - 2pm	More information to follow
Friday 14	Whole school beach trip - Tynemouth	More information to follow
Monday 17	Reports sent home	
Tuesday 18	Sports Day Y1-Yr4 - 1.30pm Fundraising stalls - all classes welcome Bouncy Castle	More information to follow
Wednesday 19	Reception Graduation - 9.15am	More information to follow
Wednesday 19	EYFS Sports Day - 10.15am	More information to follow
Friday 21	Last day of school before Summer holidays	School closes at 1.30pm in line with the Hexham Partnership of schools.