



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Friday 26 January 2024

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in school this week and, thankfully, we weathered the storm!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for filling in the parent survey. It is a vital part of school improvement and we truly value all comments. One point raised was about the appearance of the school grounds, something that we are committed to improving and are currently working on. As such, I wanted to give you all an update of what will be happening over the coming weeks!

- Over the summer, we completely resurfaced the playground. Staff are taking part in a workshop this week to plan how best to utilise this space, ensuring the happiest playtimes possible, whilst also keeping the equipment tidied away and used effectively.
- Our focus in assembly time this half term is our Christian Value of respect, and the children are considering how this applies to the grounds. The School Council has completed a walk around the whole site and provided a list of actions for Mr. Gardner and I to complete. We are so grateful for their help! The Eco Council is also organising and leading litter picks every Monday and Tuesday.
- On Monday, work will begin in the Nursery outdoor garden to drain the water accumulation and completely level the whole area, expanding the playspace for all of the children. Tree and hedge work has already been completed ahead of this and the broken fence has been removed.

Once the weather improves, we will then be able to begin painting work around the site and also start developing the sensory garden space within school. If anyone would like to volunteer time to help with these projects, please do get in touch via the school office. Nursery children are already loving playing on the outdoor piano!

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Foster, who is currently working with us as a supply Teaching Assistant in Year 1. Mrs. Foster has quickly become a huge part of the Corbridge Family and, thanks to contacts with her husband's construction firm, she has managed to source a wealth of resources to support the EYFS garden development. Her family has also donated all of the sand for our sand pit, which was extremely generous.

Have a lovely weekend!

S Hart & E Florek

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 93.1%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1 with 97.7%	Year 4 with 97%	Reception with 95.9%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 29 January 2024 for Spring Term, will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

The School Diary: Please remember to check for any new dates in each week. *Dates in red are new dates which have been added*

Date	Event	Notes
<u>January 2024</u>		
Monday 29th - Friday 2nd February	National Storytelling Week	
<u>February 2024</u>		
Monday 5th - Friday 9th	Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday 5th - Thursday 15th	STEM Fortnight (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)	Parentmail issued.
Monday 5th	STEM Fancy Dress Children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress related to their class theme for the start of STEM Fortnight. Reception: Superhero or STEM Profession Year 1: Octonauts / Underwater Year 2: Car Theme / Driver Year 3: Star Wars / Jedi Year 4: Harry Potter	Parentmail issued
Monday 5th	Uniform sale at 3pm in the hall	Parentmail issued.
Wednesday 7th	Uniform sale at 3pm in the hall	Parentmail issued.
Thursday 8th	KS1 Basketball Event (pm) at Broomhaugh CE First School	More information to follow
Monday 12th	Professor Brainstorm workshop for STEM	
Tuesday 13th	Safer Internet Day	In school awareness event
Thursday 15th	Valentine's Day Themed School Lunch Menu will be a choice of: hot dog in a bun, chicken goujons, curly fries, pasta, beans, sweetcorn and chocolate doughnuts	Parentmail issued to packed lunch children
Thursday 15th	STEM Open Day (Reception to Year 4) (Parents invited 1:45pm - 2:45pm)	Parentmail issued.
Thursday 15th	STEM Fancy Dress Children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress related to their class theme for the STEM Open Afternoon and mark the end of STEM Fortnight	Parentmail issued

Thursday 15th February	Last Day of Term	
Friday 16th	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 26th	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
Wednesday 28th	Rainbow Day and Rainbow Bake Off	Parentmail issued.
<u>March 2024</u>		
Friday 1st	Reception visit to St Andrew's Church - Baptism (pm)	
Monday 4th	Animal Aid - vegan cookery workshop with Year 4	
Thursday 7th	World Book Day	
Tuesday 12th	Spring Music Concert (pm)	More information to follow
Friday 15th	Red Nose Day	
Friday 15th	Dogs Trust Workshops	More information to follow
Tuesday 19th	KS2 Football Event (pm) at CFS with BFS attending.	
Monday 25th	Parent Consultation Week	
Thursday 28th	Last Day of Term	
Friday 29th	School Closed - Good Friday / Bank Holiday	
<u>April 2024</u>		
Monday 15th	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 1	
<u>May 2024</u>		
Monday 6th	School Closed – Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 7th - Wednesday 8th	Year 4 Residential (Kingswood)	
Monday 13th	Year 4: Bikeability	More information to follow
Thursday 16th	KS1 Tennis Event (am) at Broomhaugh CE First School	More information to follow
Monday 20th- Friday 24th	Walk To School Week	More information to follow
Friday 24th	Last Day of Term	
<u>June 2024</u>		
Monday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	
Tuesday 18th	KS1 Cricket Event (am) with Broomhaugh at Corbridge Cricket Ground KS2 Cricket Event (pm) with Broomhaugh at Corbridge Cricket Ground	More information to follow

Thursday 20th June	Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	More information to follow
Thursday 20th & Friday 21st	Art & Textile Exhibition at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge	
<u>July 2024</u>		
Tuesday 2nd	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 19th	Last Day of Term School Closes at 1:30pm for Summer holidays	
<u>September 2024</u>		
Tuesday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	