



## CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

### Newsletter: Friday 2 December 2022

Dear Families

It has been another busy week in school with Christmas play rehearsals, and us all beginning to look forward to Christmas during this period of Advent.

We visited our friends at Broomhaugh First School on Thursday for a Key Stage 1 basketball tournament. This was a tremendous day! The children all played their socks off, showed excellent sportsmanship and, most importantly, had fun! Broomhaugh Foxes won the tournament in the end so huge congratulations to them. I would like to thank our sports coach, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Geddes, for organising the whole event. Mr. Thompson commented, "It was great watching them work as teams, demonstrating some outstanding dribbling and passing." Competitive sporting events are rare for children of this age, so it was lovely to make the most of our Federation and get the children together. We have more events planned for the rest of the year, including KS2 rugby and cricket in the summer.

The week culminated in a much-loved event - the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's Church! I must say, the children have really excelled themselves with the decorations this year - the trees look fabulous. Please do pop along to the church this weekend to see their hard work on display, as well as all of the efforts from the local community. We really are surrounded by such talent! Thank you to all of the families who attended the launch event last night, and helped to switch on the lights. It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

*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 2 with 92.7%	Year 4 with 92.3%	Reception with 92.1%



**School Dinners:** Week beginning Monday 5 December 2022 will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

**Clubs:** Information for after school and lunch time clubs for Spring Term 2023 will be sent out early next week by Parentmail Forms. We are pleased to offer more clubs for the Spring Term - **DEADLINE for signing up will be Friday 16 December 2022.**

**Milk:** A parentmail form for milk, for Spring Term 2023 will be sent out next week. **DEADLINE for responses will be Friday 16 December 2022.**

**Reporting Child Absence:** Please can we remind all families that if their child is absent for any reason, including being poorly, medical appointments etc, then please telephone, email or call into the school office to let staff know.

**Child Illness:** At a time when there are lots of bugs going around, it may be helpful to look at the following NHS link “Is my child too ill for school” <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>  
Also, please be aware that if your child has an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea, then please follow the 48 hour rule, and keep your child off school until **48 hours from the last episode** of sickness/diarrhoea. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle:** It’s time for our Christmas Hamper raffle! This is a really simple fundraiser that has proved very popular in past years. Each class has been given a colour (see table below) and all the children in each class are invited to bring in an item of that colour for their class hamper. If people struggle they could always be creative and wrap their item in paper of the right colour. Suggested items include toiletries, chocolates and sweets, other food, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and anything else people would like to win in a hamper. Items for the hampers can be sent in from Monday 28 November until Wednesday 7 December to your child’s classroom or office. Raffle tickets will be sold at the Christmas performances. The raffle will take place at the end of the performances. Winners will be able to take their hamper away with them!

Class	Colour
Nursery	Silver
Reception	Gold
Year 1	Green
Year 2	Purple
Year 3	Blue
Year 4	Red

**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>December 2022</b>		
Monday 5	Christingle Day within school	
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	<b>EYFS - Movie Fundraiser (pm)</b> <b>Donation on the day</b>	<b>Parentmail issued</b>
Wednesday 7	EYFS: Stay & Play (am) *One adult per child invited to attend	Letter issued
Wednesday 7	Christmas Movie Night from 3pm	Letter issued
Wednesday 7	Nursery: Parent to Lunch (11:30am)	Letter issued - paper copy & parentmail
Wednesday 14	Key Stage 2 - Christmas Performance at 1:30pm	More information to follow
Thursday 15	Key Stage 1 - Christmas Performance at 1:30pm	More information to follow
Friday 16	EYFS - Christmas Performance at 9:30am	More information to follow
Monday 19	EYFS - Christmas Party (am)	More information to follow
Monday 19	Key Stage 1 - Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Tuesday 20	Key Stage 2 - Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Tuesday 20	Reception/Year 1 - Visit to Northern Stage	More information to follow

<b>December 2022</b>		
Wednesday 21	Christmas Lunch	More information to follow
Wednesday 21	Christmas Jumper Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 21	Holly & Ivy Roadshow at 1:30pm	
Friday 23	Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church, Corbridge 9:30am	More information to follow
Friday 23	Last day of school before Christmas holidays <b>NOTE: SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 1:00pm</b>	More information to follow
<b>January 2023</b>		
Monday 9	Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 10	School Re-opens	
<b>February 2023</b>		
Friday 17	Last day of school before half term	
Friday 24	Teacher Training Day	
Monday 27	School Re-opens	
<b>March 2023</b>		
Tuesday 21	Key Stage 2 - Rugby Tournament at CFS with Broomhaugh First School	
Friday 31	Last day of school before Easter holidays	
<b>April 2023</b>		
Monday 17	School Re-opens	
<b>May 2023</b>		
Monday 1	Bank Holiday - School closed	
Monday 8	Bank Holiday - HM Coronation Day School Closed	
Friday 26	Last day of school before half term	
<b>June 2023</b>		
Monday 5	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 13	Cricket Tournament at CFS with Broomhaugh First School KS1 - morning                                  KS2 - afternoon	
<b>July 2023</b>		
Friday 21	Last day of school before Summer holidays	