



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Friday 9 December 2022

Dear Families

It's been another busy week in school as the children have been working hard to rehearse their Christmas performances. We absolutely cannot wait to see them perform on stage! And, speaking of Christmas, it was incredible to see all of the Santa hats racing around the track during our Santa Dash on Friday. They certainly helped us all to keep warm in the wintry wonderland.

Monday was a very special day in school because we made our Christingles. The children learnt all about the symbolism of the different elements and we all came together at the end of the day for a service in school with Reverend David. Advent is a wonderful time where we reflect on the many joys of the year and look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus. The lighting of candles reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world – John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." We are thinking of the many people in our community who may need some light in their darkness currently, and we hold them in our prayers as we look at the shining light of the Christingles.

It was also a very special week for our Nursery and Reception children. Not only did they attend our Christingle service, they also took part in a Stay and Play with their grown-ups! Lots of fun was had by all: Alice and Alice were so excited to teach me how to make melted snowman biscuits! Keir's comment today summed it up when he said, "It was so good because we got to make things together!" I hope everyone has their crafts proudly on display at home.

Our week ended with a visit from the Hazelsong Theatre Company who came to deliver an Anglo-Saxon workshop to our Year 4 children, linked to the Lindisfarne Gospels. The company created an Anglo-Saxon scriptorium in our school and demonstrated various aspects of early mediaeval book production. Dressed in period costume, they used replica artefacts to cover themes such as parchment preparation, oak gall ink making, calligraphy, the Old English language and Coptic bookbinding. Everyone agreed it really brought history to life.

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 99%	Year 4 with 95.8%	Year 1 with 95%



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 12 December 2022 will be Week 2 of our [menu](#)

Fundraising: Thank you to everyone who supported our Movie Fundraiser. We made £407.59, which is fantastic! Tyne Photo also informed us this week that we made £297.15 commission from photograph sales. An amazing effort!

This year, our fundraising will be going towards replenishing and improving our books and libraries in school. We have already bought many new guided reading and home books for KS1, which have proven hugely popular.

Our next target is to create a mini-library to support our work on diversity, gender and identity. We have set up an Amazon Wish List and, if you are able, and would like to, you can visit the list and make purchases that will come straight to school: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2NY85KC0124WN?ref=wl_share

As ever, we are hugely grateful for all of your support, kindness and generosity.

Tesco Community Grant Funding: We found out this week that we have successfully been added to the Tesco in-store vote for fundraising! From mid-January to the end of March 2023, shoppers will be able to vote for us to be awarded up to £1,500. The money will go towards our allotment extension and possible inclusion of chickens and bees. Please do tell everyone to vote for CFS! If we sow, we grow!

School Governor News: This week, the Federated Governing Body of Broomhaugh and Corbridge met at Broomhaugh First School. All of the wonderful happenings in school were shared and it was lovely to celebrate the successes of Autumn Term. We welcomed two new governors to the body: Mrs. Di Dickinson, PCC governor from Riding Mill, and Mrs. Mel Errington, staff governor.

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
December 2022		
Wednesday 14	Key Stage 2 - Christmas Performance at 1:30pm	Parentmail issued
Thursday 15	Key Stage 1 - Christmas Performance at 1:30pm	Parentmail issued
Friday 16	EYFS - Christmas Performance at 9:30am	Parentmail issued
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	Parentmail issued
Wednesday 21	Christmas Lunch	Paper Letter & Parentmail issued to Packed Lunch children
Wednesday 21	Christmas Jumper Day / Non Uniform	Any donations welcome on the day, and will go towards Save the Children
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 NOTE: SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 1:00pm	
January 2023		
Monday 9	Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 10	School Re-opens	
February 2023		
Friday 17	Last day of school before half term	
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Friday 24	Teacher Training Day	
Monday 27	School Re-opens	
March 2023		
Tuesday 21	Key Stage 2 - Rugby Tournament at CFS with Broomhaugh First School	
Friday 31	Last day of school before Easter holidays	
April 2023		
Monday 17	School Re-opens	
May 2023		
Monday 1	Bank Holiday - School closed	
Monday 8	Bank Holiday - HM Coronation Day School Closed	
Friday 26	Last day of school before half term	
June 2023		
Monday 5	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 13	Cricket Tournament at CFS with Broomhaugh First School KS1 - morning KS2 - afternoon	
July 2023		
Friday 21	Last day of school before Summer holidays	