

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by but we've taken time to reflect how grateful we are for our loved ones and families. Our remembrance silence helped us to think about how precious lives are and how much we have to be thankful for.

Today is World Kindness Day and we spent time reflecting on the kindness of our fantastic cleaner, Maureen, who always had time for each and every one of us in school. Asking how the day had gone, handing out sweets to keep us going, and helping with anything she could to make the school safe and clean. Maureen will be missed in school but we will be sharing some final smiles and waves on Monday, and keep special memories close in our hearts.

We wish to say huge congratulations to George, Evie, Monica, Gracie, Jamie and Conor who were all awarded with kindness gifts today. The kindness we witness from children and families here in our wonderful school still raises a smile for all staff serving here, almost each and every day.

*Be kind to one another.*

Ephesians 4:32

Have a lovely weekend.

*J Ainsley & S Gray*

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



**School Dinners:** Week beginning Monday 16 November 2020 will be Week 1 of our menu.

## Poppy Appeal

We were very proud to see all the children wearing their poppies in a variety of forms. Through discussions and remembrance activities this week, we know that the children really do hold this cause close to their hearts and see the importance. We raised £207.50 this year which was very gratefully received by the organisers this week.

## Brightest Bubble Non-uniform Day

Thank you for all your donations! The £102.00 raised will be added to the fund to create our bicycle storage!

## Walk 500 Miles Sponsorship **£2202.50 now collected!**

Following on from the parentmail information and thanks, we just once again need to say... WOW! Once again... Thank You! Hopefully our shelter will be installed before the Christmas holidays!

## Children in Need

What a bright and colourful day we have had this week in celebration and recognition of Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations. We will let you know next week our donation total.

Follow us at: <https://twitter.com/CorbridgeFirst>

Don't forget to visit the School Website: [www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)



### **Christmas Cards or Personalised Gifts**

It was great to see this was so popular this year. We look forward to getting your orders back to you as soon as they arrive! All commission earned by school will go towards a virtual Elf visit, (*which is going to be a surprise for the children!*) but we know they will love it! We hope you love your orders too!

### **Advent boxes for the foodbank**

Our kind and caring children are still offering up many suggestions of how we can help others. We have done so much this term already and we have told them all how proud they should be!

West Northumberland Foodbank have announced an advent box activity in the run up to Christmas, which we have not shared with the children, but want to let you know about in case you wish to participate as a family. The idea with advent boxes is that between now and mid December you find an empty box (which children could decorate if they like) and each day children choose an item from your cupboards to put into the box. It's a bit like opening advent calendars in the run up to Christmas! It doesn't have to be everyday, any number of items you wish to donate would be welcomed by the foodbank.

The foodbank is also collecting new and almost new toys (particularly for very young and older children) at this time of year, and these are very much welcomed too.

If you would like to get involved we would be happy to have you drop your Advent box to school on **Tuesday 15th December** and we will tweet the good news and arrange for the parcels to be delivered.

### **NCC Message – Social Distancing**

I know times are hard right now and we are asked to do a lot, but we really need to work together and do our bit. I know it is tempting to catch up after dropping off or picking up your children, but it is important that we keep our distance and don't congregate at this time.

We are doing our bit to keep your children safe in school. Help us by doing your bit as well. Protect yourself, protect others and protect Northumberland.

Link for animation - <https://youtu.be/bPzalrAx8Js>

### **Public Health England (PHE)**

We are continuing to take heed of all advice sent via Public Health England, the Government, Diocese and Council. Please continue to inform us if there are any changes in your circumstances, particularly in this new period of local lockdown. The following advice from the NHS is linked below:

NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19), please follow the link below for advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>



**Diary Dates:** *Dates in red are new dates which have been added*

Date	Event	Notes
<b>Monday 28 September</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF</b> We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering and we ask that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others.	
<b>November 2020</b>		
Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week Odd socks day	Parentmail issued
Monday 16 November	Road Safety Week	More information to follow
Friday 20 November 6pm	School Tour for prospective parents of new school starters – Nursery & Reception: September 2021	Please book a space through the school office and safety information will be forwarded
<b>December 2020</b>		
Tuesday 15 December	Advent Box Drop-Off	
Tuesday 15 December	Nursery: Classroom Christmas Party (am)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Reception: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 1: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 2: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 3: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 4: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Christingle activities in school	
Friday 18 December	Christmas Carol Service in school	To be shared virtually with families
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
<b>January 2021</b>		
Monday 4 January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 5 January	School Re-assembles	
Friday 15 January	Online portal closes for Reception 2021 places	
<b>February</b>		
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term	
Friday 12 February	Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day	Details to follow
Monday 22 February	School Re-assembles	
<b>March</b>		
Friday 19 March	Red Nose Day	
Friday 26 March	Break up for Easter holidays	
<b>April</b>		
Monday 12 April	School Re-assembles	
<b>May</b>		
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – school closed	
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term	
<b>June</b>		
Monday 7 June	School Re-assembles	
<b>July</b>		
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow



Date	Event	Notes
Friday 16 July	School Closes for Summer Break	
<b>September</b>		
Monday 6 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

