



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: Friday 28 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This week I have been visited once again by so many children who are proud of all they have achieved. Commando Joe missions have been tackled and completed, the children have developed creativity through exploring drama and writing, Year 3 and 4 children have been working hard on their times table goals, Mr Thompson has once again shared with me the great progression in skills he is seeing in our KS1 PE lessons, and our Reception children just loved to write after sending messages to penguin last week - they just have more and more they want to do! We continue to challenge the children and encourage them also to set themselves high standards. It is great to see them rising to this and flourishing in school.

In preparation for the Great British Bird Watch this weekend, we have been investigating ways to tempt the birds into our lovely gardens. I hope you get to join in the activities this weekend and we can't wait to hear from the children next week about what they have spotted.

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Hart

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 31 January 2022 will be Week 3 of our [menu](#).

Attendance

Over all the challenges these last two years, it has been inevitable that children have sadly missed out on school. I am continuing to inform our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) about pupil absence and it is frightening to say that we have 34% of our pupils who have absence which relates to being noted as a persistent absentee.

For many of these pupil's, attendance has never been a concern in the past, so no further action needs to be taken by school as we can see all absence is related to COVID rules, and we just need to get through this period in time.

It is vital that all children should attend school during term time when they are well, and even more so for those who have missed schooling again this year due to COVID. No request for leave of absence for holidays can be authorised and we ask you to consider carefully the need for you to remove your children if there are other options. If your child's absence is less than 90% and you are removing them for unauthorised holiday, a meeting will need to be arranged for you to discuss this with myself or Mrs Hart. We know through regular attendance that children can flourish in school personally, socially and academically. We acknowledge family events are extremely important in the children's lives but I do need to reinforce the key messages that school attendance is also extremely important. I hope we will continue to have your support to ensure during term time children who are well can attend school.

Road Safety Free Books from NCC

Northumberland County Council have purchased a one year subscription for 6 road safety books and 1 general child safety guide. The link for the books is <https://northumberland.goodeggsafety.com>

- Child Car Seat Safety - according to [In car child safety - Safety Seats, Boosters, Law and advice \(goodeggcarsafety.com\)](#), 9/10 car seats are fitted incorrectly
- Child Safety
- Cycling for Families
- Drivers - everything you need to know to help you get your licence and keep it

- Parents of Drivers
- Riders - a guide for riders of scooters, mopeds and 125cc motorbikes
- Older Road Users - a guide for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users

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
January 2022		
Fri 28 – Sun 30	Great British Birdwatch Weekend	
February 2022		
Tuesday 8	Safer Internet Day	Theme: All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online
Wednesday 9	Author Visit: Reception – Year 4 Stuart Reid School Workshop Events	Parentmail issued
Thursday 10	Reception Class – Eye Tests	Parentmail and hard copy of consent letter issued
Week beginning 14 February	Parent appointments to take place to find out about your child's learning progress and time in school.	Letters issued
Tuesday 15	Boo Gets Cyber Smart/Cyber Safety Workshops for all classes	
Friday 18	School closes for February half term	
Monday 28	School re-opens following February half term	
Mon 28 Feb - Sun 6 Mar	Fairtrade Fortnight	More information to follow
March 2022		
Wednesday 2	Year 4 Family Lunch (re-arranged from 2 December 2021)	Invitations to follow
Thursday 3	World Book Day	More information to follow
Friday 18	Comic Relief	More information to follow
Fri 25 Mar - Sun 10 Apr	Great British Clean Up	More information to follow
Thursday 31	Technology Tom STEM Workshops	In school event for STEM Fortnight
April 2022		
Monday 4 April	Professor Brainstorm Magical Science Show	In school event for STEM Fortnight
Friday 8	Bank Holiday - School Closed	In lieu of the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3 June

Monday 25	School re-opens following Easter holidays	
May 2022		
Monday 2	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Friday 27	School closes for half term	
June 2022		
Monday 6	School re-opens following half-term	
July 2022		
Friday 22	Last Day of School – School Closes for Summer	