



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Friday 15 December 2023

Dear Families,

It has been an absolute joy to be in school this week, and I know that we are all feeling decidedly Christmassy after all of the performances. It is always a privilege to welcome families into school to see the children sing, perform and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Key Stage 2 treated us to, 'The Inn-spectors' (not usually a word we like to hear in school!) Wow - what a show! I was astonished by all of the talented actors we have in Years 3 and 4. Everyone sang loudly, with big smiles on their faces, showing just how much they were enjoying the performance. Key Stage 1 really got us into the Christmas spirit with some wonderful singing during 'Hey Ewe!' They spoke so clearly as they shared the important story of the Nativity in such a fun way. Finally, Nursery and Reception dazzled us with, 'Born in Bethlehem', not only showing off their amazing singing but also their dancing skills. I am so proud of all of the children for getting on stage and sharing their incredible talents.

Thank you to all of the grown-ups at home who have helped with costumes, lines and singing practise. I hope you all enjoyed seeing the children shine on stage! Money raised from the Christmas performance raffles was £445.00. This makes such a difference in school during this time of austerity, and helps us to buy vital resources for the children. We really appreciate all of your support.

Have a lovely weekend and a good rest before our final week of festive fun!

S Hart & E Florek

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 94.6 %

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| Year 2 with 96.3% | Year 4 with 95.9% | Reception with 95.2% |



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 18 December 2023 for Autumn Term, and will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

Please note that Wednesday 20 December is our school Christmas lunch, and on the menu is turkey, sausage, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, carrots and peas. For dessert there will be a Christmas ice cream.

Governors' Update

As we head into the Christmas holidays we would just like to provide you with a brief update on governor work this term. It has been a busy one with our Curriculum and Resources Committee meetings, and our termly Full Governing Body meeting last week. We have discussed everything from budgets and policies to boilers and reading, and lots in between. Some of us have had the chance to get into school for subject monitoring visits (always fun!) and we of course had our part to play in the inspection at Broomhaugh in November.

As you know, governors are volunteers who dedicate significant amounts of their time and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the commitment they show to our schools and the support they give to Gayle and I, as well as Mrs Hart. We are delighted to announce that Angus Kimpton has joined us, meaning we are almost at capacity (still one vacancy!). Angus is an engineer working at Osbit in Riding Mill and has two children at Broomhaugh. Welcome Angus!

Our final vacancy is a position to be appointed by St Andrews, Corbridge PCC. Anyone with an interest in this post should come and have a chat.

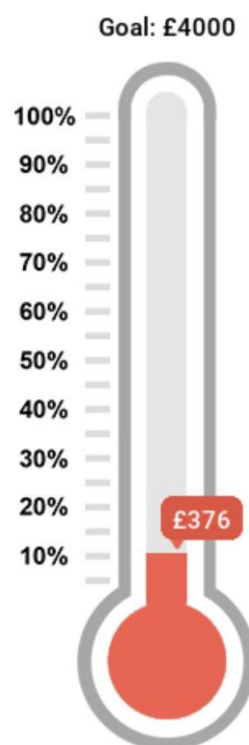
Have a very Happy Christmas break!

Liz & Gayle - Co-Chairs Broomhaugh & Corbridge Federation Governing Body

PTA

Thank you to all who have supported the start of the PTA with uniform sales and the movie night, we have made £376, a wonderful start to reach our £4000.00 target for laptops. Thank you so much.

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Seasonal Illnesses

We are currently experiencing high rates of absence due to illness. Please can I remind you of NHS guidance relating to seasonal illness to help stop the spread through school: Knowing when your child should stay at home from school or nursery if they are poorly can help slow the spread of many winter illnesses.

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomits, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up.
- Adults should try to stay home when unwell too.

Children with a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough who are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

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 |
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| <u>December 2023</u> | | |
| Monday 18th | EYFS Christmas Party - AM | Parentmail issued. |
| Monday 18th | KS2 Christmas Party - PM | Parentmail issued. |
| Tuesday 19th | KS1 Christmas Party - PM | Parentmail issued. |
| Wednesday 20th | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (Donations for Save the Children) | Parentmail issued. |
| Thursday 21st | KS2 singing at Charlotte Straker and Primlea Court (PM) | Parentmail issued. |
| Friday 22nd | Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church at 9.30am - Parents/carers welcome | Parentmail issued. |
| Christmas Holidays - School finishes at <u>1.30pm</u> on Friday 22nd December - we return on Monday 8 th January 2024 | | |