



## CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL Newsletter: Friday 12 January 2024

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear about all of the fun and family time they shared over the festive period.

Our enhanced extra-curricular offer started this week, with the welcome return of lunchtime clubs. There was a buzz throughout school at 12 o'clock each day as attention turned to mindfulness, singing and chess! It is wonderful to see all of the children following their interests in school - huge thanks to staff for facilitating this. We are all being the best we can be! If any children would like to join any of our clubs – particularly, History Club, spaces are still available.

Our new recruit, Frank, settled into his role well and met many of the children in Mrs. Hart's office. Frank will be working with children who may need a period of calm during the school day, as well as hearing a few readers. He loves cuddles and can't wait to get to know all of the children better. Thank you, all, for your words of encouragement about the introduction of a school dog - we know it is going to have such a positive impact on life in school!

Seasonal illnesses are still hitting our attendance hard and many of the children have persistent coughs and colds. We are continuing to encourage the children to wash their hands regularly and cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze. Hopefully, we will see the children pick up over the weekend and welcome them back to school next week with their friends.

Events for this term are detailed in the grid below. We have also attached an enrichment calendar to today's newsletter. We hope this will give you all advance notice of what is to come this term, which you are welcome to discuss with the children. So many exciting things happen at Corbridge First School!

Have a lovely weekend!

*S Hart & E Florek*

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

**Attendance this week: 92.7%**

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Reception with 96.9%	Year 3 with 96.8%	Year 1 & Year 2 with 90%



**School Dinners**

Week beginning Monday 15 January 2024 for Spring Term, will be Week 2 of our [menu](#)

### Message from Micala Trussler

At 11am on Saturday 27 January everyone is welcome to join our family and friends of Holly Newton in an act of remembrance at Hexham Abbey to mark one year since Holly was tragically killed in the centre of the town.

A moment of silent reflection will be followed by some words from Curate Henry Hope and tributes from myself and friends, Attendees are welcome to light a candle and there will be the opportunity to dedicate special purple stars in Holly's memory as part of the Abbey's Stars for Eternity installation, which will be open to the public from the beginning of February until the autumn. For those unable to attend, stars can be dedicated in the Abbey between now and Tuesday 30 January and candles can be lit in the Abbey in Holly's memory at any time during normal opening hours.

Anyone that feels unable to attend the abbey or can't at that time but would still like to leave a tribute can do so by leaving flowers etc at the bandstand.

Thank you again for all of your support and kindness

Micala (Holly's mam)

**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>January 2024</b>		
Monday 8th	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 1	
<b>February 2024</b>		
Monday 5 - Friday 9	Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday 5 - Thursday 15 February	STEM Fortnight (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)	More information to follow
Thursday 8	KS1 Basketball Event (am) at Broomhaugh CE First School	More information to follow
Thursday 15	STEM Open Day (Parents invited 1:45pm - 2:45pm)	More information to follow
Thursday 15	Last Day of Term	
Friday 16	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 26	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
<b>March 2024</b>		
Thursday 7	World Book Day	
Friday 15	Red Nose Day	
Thursday 28	Last Day of Term	
Friday 29	School Closed - Good Friday / Bank Holiday	

<b><u>April 2024</u></b>		
Monday 15	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 1	
<b><u>May 2024</u></b>		
Monday 6	School Closed – Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 7 - Wednesday 8	Year 4 Residential (Kingswood)	
Monday 13	Year 4: Bikeability	More information to follow
Thursday 16	KS1 Tennis Event (am) at Broomhaugh CE First School	More information to follow
Monday 20 - Friday 24 May	Walk To School Week	More information to follow
Friday 24	Last Day of Term	
<b><u>June 2024</u></b>		
Monday 3	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	
Tuesday 18	KS1 Cricket Event (am) with Broomhaugh at Corbridge Cricket Ground  KS2 Cricket Event (pm) with Broomhaugh at Corbridge Cricket Ground	More information to follow
Thursday 20	Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	More information to follow
<b><u>July 2024</u></b>		
Tuesday 2	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 19	Last Day of Term School Closes at 1:30pm	
<b><u>September 2024</u></b>		
Tuesday 3	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	