

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 8 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and I would like to welcome you all back to what will be a great term in school, and with the community.

As you all know we had a Section 5 Inspection under the New Ofsted Framework this week. I must start by saying once again how privileged I am to be the Head Teacher here at CFS! From the feedback we have received, Mrs Gray and I could not be more proud of the staff and children. I would also like to thank you all for your support, and taking the time to speak with Inspectors, or myself through the week. The parent view responses have been fantastic to read following such an intense and exhausting process. The chocolates, treats and cakes were very welcomed too! A kind word of recognition goes a long way and we really appreciate all your support in helping make our school the best we can be! It is up to 25 working days until the report will be published and I look forward to sharing it with you.

This half term is full of exciting events and learning opportunities and next week we conclude our exploration of Remembrance with the children, as well as celebrating Children in Need and undertaking focused learning related to Respect and Anti-Bullying Week.

Finally I would like to thank the staff team and parent volunteers who made the school disco a fantastic success this week. Events could not happen without volunteers so thank you once again.

Have a lovely weekend.

*J. Ainsley*

**S Gray**

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



## School Dinners:

Week beginning Monday 11 November 2019 will be Week 2 of our menus.

## October Parent Appointments

I hope the information you received has helped you understand your child's targets and share their successes so far in their new year group. The uptake of parents' appointments was once again almost 100%. We have taken feedback from parents about one of the Year One reward systems - some very positive, and some concerns. The system is having a positive impact on the majority and the teachers are committed to ensure all children are recognised and are motivated to be their best. The system is helping this to be achieved.

**Please remember we have an open door policy and we encourage you to make an appointment to call in and speak with us if you have any queries, worries or indeed success stories to share.**

## OPEN MORNING

**FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN DUE TO START NURSERY OR RECEPTION CLASSES**

**IN SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Thursday 28 November 2019 from 9:30am – 10:15am**



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*Diary dates are printed below and new dates will be added in red so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.*

### Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2019-2020

Date	Event	Notes
Week commencing 11 November	Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is <b>“Change starts with us”</b>	All Children will take part in class workshops run by Big Foot Arts Company on Monday 11 November – Funded by monies raised at our Summer Fete.
Monday 11 November	Into Film Festival – YEAR 3 and 4 Cinema Visit (am)	Letter has been issued.
Wednesday 13 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Parentmail been issued, letter sent out on Monday 4 November.
Thursday 14 November	Year 3 Myths & Legends presentation for parents	PatentMail issued on 7.11.19
Friday 15 November	BBC Children In Need Day Children in Need Special Lunch	Letter has been issued.
Friday 15 November	Author Visit for Year 3 and Year 4	PatentMail & Letter issued on 7.11.19
Wednesday 20 November	Road Safety Week -EYFS Road Safety “Hat Day”	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 November	Into Film Festival – YEAR 1 and 2 Cinema Visit (am)	Letter has been issued.
Wednesday 20 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Letter has been issued.
Friday 22 November	Road Safety Week EYFS Road Safety – Local Walk	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 27 November	Stay & Play – EYFS - Decorations Day (AM)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 27 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Thursday 28 November	Open Morning for Reception and Nursery 2020	Parentmail has been issued.
Friday 29 November	Reception Heights & Weights	Parentmail has been sent.
Wednesday 4 December	Reception parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 4 December	Christmas Movie Night Fundraiser – Years 1 – 4	Further information to follow.
Friday 6 December	Christingle House Groups School Event	In School Event
Monday 9 December	EYFS trip to Gibside	Further information to follow Please note children will not be back to school until 3.45pm
Tuesday 10 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	1.30pm
Wednesday 11 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – Nativity Dress rehearsal	9.15am

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Friday 13 December	Reception and Nursery - Nativity	9:15am
Friday 13 December	EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend if they wish to join in.	1-3pm Further information to follow.
Tuesday 17 December	Reception & Nursery Christmas Party (am)	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 17 December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 18 December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 20 December	Christmas Pantomime Big Foot - Rapunzel	No cost to families – paid via fundraising
Friday 20 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 December 2019 for the Christmas break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 7 January 2020.		