

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to start this week's newsletter with the fantastic news that we have been recognised as an **EXCELLENT** Church of England School. Our [SIAMs report 2019](#) is now official and can be accessed in its entirety on our website. An achievement at this standard is to be truly celebrated and reflects the hard work and dedication of all who serve our school. To be judged as excellent is an accolade few schools can achieve, so it really recognises how special our school is and we could not be more proud.

The Early Years Stay and Play this week was once again a triumph and I thank all the staff for making this such a successful event for all. We thank families for their really positive feedback and some good suggestions for the focus of future sessions. Comments included: *"Great activities, fun and enjoyable"*, *"Very welcoming and well organised"*, *"Lovely to experience time in school"*.

I see from feedback this week's family lunch (Year 1) was once again enjoyed by all and I thank all who were able to attend.

The children's tree decorations have been completed and I thank Miss Clark and the families who decorated the trees at St. Andrews for us yesterday. Well done to Fred and Constance for taking centre stage and starting the event with the grand 'switch on' last night, and thank you to those families who could attend, for coming along. I hope you get to visit to see all the trees over this weekend. They are amazing!

Christmas songs are beginning to filter through to my office as the staff and children have begun preparing for the special Christmas shows and it is hard to believe December will have arrived by next week. Autumn term is coming to a close but we have had so much to celebrate and we continue to have great fun and learning planned for the run up to Christmas.

Have a great weekend.

J. Ainsley S Gray

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



School Dinners:

Week beginning Monday 4 December 2019 will be Week 2 of our menu.

Infection Control and Illness

Coughs, colds and sickness are often increased at this time of year but in Northumberland there have been schools closed due to illness, and infection control is a concern. We are working hard to ensure the children are aware of hygiene practices so we can try and ensure we keep the spread of bugs to a minimum. We welcome your support with this. Attendance in school is obviously very important, but please ensure your child is kept off school if they are not well enough to attend or have suffered any sickness or diarrhoea. We ask that you inform us of any absence by phoning the office. Many thanks for your support.

Christmas in Corbridge

Many thanks to all who have signed up to run the stall. I look forward to seeing you there.



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

Don't forget to visit the School Website: www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk



Christmas Hamper Raffle Colours:

Thank you for the donations so far. Items for the hampers can be sent in at any time until Monday 2 December to your child's classroom.

Nursery	Silver
Reception	Gold
Year 1	Green
Year 2	Purple
Year 3	Blue
Year 4	Red



Easy Fundraising

We now have 50 supporters! Please follow the link to support us if you are doing any online shopping this Christmas. Donations will be made from the company but come at **no additional cost to you** at all.

Here is our [page link](#).

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.

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
Wednesday 4 December	Reception parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Letter has been issued.
Wednesday 4 December	Christmas Movie Night Fundraiser – Years 1 – 4	Letter has been issued.
Friday 6 December	Christingle House Groups School Event	In School Event
Monday 9 December	EYFS trip to Gibside	Letter has been issued. 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	Picnic Day	Letters only sent to Packed Lunch children.
Wednesday 11 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm. Letter has been issued.
Thursday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – Nativity Dress rehearsal	9.15am
Friday 13 December	Reception and Nursery - Nativity	9:15am Letter has been issued.
Friday 13 December	EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend.	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 Christmas Lunch letter only sent to Packed Lunch children.
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.		