



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are not too sure how it has happened, but October is here already!

This week has been another busy one with so much to enjoy. The Reception class have been solving mysteries, forest school club is up and running, some phonics super stars have visited my room to share how proud they are of all they have been achieving too. In KS2 the children have been tackling some challenging maths this week, and again, it has been lovely to see them so proud of their persistence and achievements. I also had the pleasure of reviewing the children's writing this week during this week's staff training and once again it was great to see the standard and effort from all the children and staff.

This week we have undergone our School Improvement Partner (SIP) Inspection. This is a service we buy from Northumberland County Council to help us ensure we are doing well and planning for continued strength and growth here at CFS. The feedback was really positive and a great start to our new term!

This month we are very much looking forward to our 'Walk to School' month of activities and we will be sharing some events each week. Last year we held a sponsored event to raise funding for our bike shelter but this year School Council want a little more time to plan a sponsored event. Dates have been added to the dairy of events taking place in school and a parentmail outlining the events has also been shared. We know the children will once again have fun with our additional focus on being active this month!

Have a lovely weekend,

J Ainsley & S Hart

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 4 October 2021 will be Week 1 of our [menu](#).

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can apply for this benefit online www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm, over the telephone on **01670 623592** or by completing a paper application form which is available from our school office or FSM office, NCC, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF.

Why you should still apply for Free School Meals if you are eligible - Since September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been eligible for free school meals under the Universal Free Meals scheme. If you are entitled to claim for FSM as detailed below, no matter what year group your child is in, it is important to our school that you register for this benefit. Where a child is entitled to, and claims FSM, we can register them for Pupil Premium funding – this is currently worth £1,300 a year per pupil for our school. Children entitled to FSM are also entitled to free milk daily too.



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COVID PROCEDURES UPDATE:

When a positive case is identified in school – Track and Trace should contact you **BUT**

1. We will share the news with families if we believe their child to be a close contact.
2. We would advise all close contacts to book a PCR test.
3. If your child **has any symptoms at all they MUST isolate** until a negative test result is returned.
4. If your child is testing because they have been a close contact, **but has no symptoms, it is your choice** if you decided to await the result, but they are entitled to be at school in this instance.

Where school is informed of a positive case – this will be reported to any children's families who need to be advised to have a PCR test.

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
October 2021		
Week beginning Monday 4 October	Walk To School Week	Parentmail issued
Tuesday 5 October	Happy Shoesday – wear your happiest shoes to school!	Voluntary donations will be accepted by school, but are not compulsory
Week beginning Monday 11 October	Be Bright, Be Seen Week	Staying safe on darker nights
Tuesday 12 October	Non Uniform Day – wear your brightest, happiest outfit...Be Seen!!	Voluntary donations will be accepted by school, but are not compulsory
Wednesday 13 October	Nursery Family Lunch	Parentmail & Letter Issued
Week beginning Monday 18 October	Wheels to School – “Wheely Active” week	More information to follow
Monday 18 October	Individual & Sibling Photographs	
Week Beginning Monday 18 October	Parent Consultations	Parentmail will be issued the week of 4 October, with parent consultation appointment information
Wednesday 20 October	Reception Family Lunch	Parentmail & Letter will be issued on 4 October
Friday 22 October	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
October Half Term Week beginning Monday 25 October	Home Fun - Keep Walking, Keep Active Week	Tweet or email us your photos of active holiday fun for us to share on the website!
November 2021		
Monday 1 November	School re-opens following October half term	
Wednesday 3 November	Year 1 Family Lunch	More info to follow
Friday 5 November	Bonfire Lunch Menu	More info to follow
Wednesday 10 November	Year 2 Family Lunch	More info to follow
Friday 19 November	Children In Need	More info to follow
Wednesday 24 November	Year 3 family Lunch	More info to follow
Thursday 25 November	Flu Vaccination (Reception - Year 4)	Parentmail issued - please follow link to consent/non consent
December 2021		
Wednesday 1 December	Year 4 Family Lunch	More info to follow
Friday 17 December	School closes for Christmas holidays	
January 2022		
Tuesday 4 January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Wednesday 5 January	School re-opens following Christmas holidays	
February 2022		
Friday 18 February	School closes for February half term	
Monday 28 February	School re-opens following February half term	
March 2022		



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April 2022		
Friday 8 April	School closes for Easter holidays	
Monday 25 April	School re-opens following Easter holidays	
May 2022		
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Friday 27 May	School closes for half term	
June 2022		
Monday 6 June	School re-opens following half-term	
July 2022		
Friday 22 July	Last Day of School – School Closes for Summer Break	



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