



## CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

### Newsletter: Friday 1 December 2023

Dear Families,

Today marks the beginning of advent and the children have certainly started to become very excited about Christmas! Mrs. Rutherford has made a beautiful advent display for our worship table to remind us of this very special time in the Church calendar, and the sound of carols and Christmas songs are filling the corridors!

Hexham Middle School's orchestra came to visit us on Thursday for a special performance. They showed the children their instruments and played for them - we loved seeing the French horn, flutes, baritone, trumpets, violins and bass guitar! Zakhar in Reception commented, "I love that!" when he watched the bass guitar soloist play Fleetwood Mac! The orchestra treated us to a selection of Christmas songs, both traditional and modern, and the children loved singing along. Noah in Year 1 exclaimed, "That was the best morning ever!" Huge thanks go to the children and staff of HMS who gave up their time to visit us and our own Mrs. Richardson for organising the event. Keep an eye on our Twitter/X feed for videos soon.

We once again welcomed Kerry from NDAS (Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services) into school this week, to deliver PSHE workshops to KS2. Kerry will be in for the final weeks of term and will be covering all aspects of healthy relationships and friendships with the children, as well as practical ways to build self-esteem and confidence.

To finish our festive week, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 headed to Northern Stage to watch the Kitchen Zoo performance of 'The Three Bears at Christmas.' This was nothing short of magical. The children sat in the round and enjoyed a fun-filled, heart-warming and delightful version of the classic fairy tale with puppets, songs and even some snow. What a treat!

Have a lovely weekend,

*S Hart & E Florek*

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

#### Attendance this week: 97.3%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Reception with 99.3%	Year 1 with 99.2 %	Year 2 with 97.5 %

#### School Dinners:

Week beginning Monday 4 December 2023 for Autumn Term, and will be Week 2 of our [menu](#)

**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><u>December 2023</u></b>		
Monday 4th	Christingle Day	
Wednesday 6th	Reception - Bring a parent to lunch	Parentmail issued.
Thursday 7th	EYFS Decoration Day (1.15pm - 2.50pm)	Please note change of date Parentmail issued.
Tuesday 12th	KS2 Christmas performance @ 1.30pm	More information to follow
Wednesday 13th	PTA Christmas Movie Night	More information to follow
Wednesday 13th	Nursery - Bring a parent to lunch	Parentmail issued.
Thursday 14th	KS1 Christmas performance @ 1.30pm	More information to follow
Friday 15th	EYFS Christmas Performance @ 9.15am	More information to follow
Monday 18th	EYFS Christmas Party - AM	More information to follow
Monday 18th	KS2 Christmas Party - PM	More information to follow
Tuesday 19th	KS1 Christmas Party - PM	More information to follow
Wednesday 20th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (Donations for Save the Children)	More information to follow
<b>Thursday 21st</b>	<b>KS2 singing at Charlotte Straker and Primlea Court (PM)</b>	
Friday 22nd	Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church at 9.30am - Parents/carers welcome	More information to follow
Christmas Holidays - School finishes at <b><u>1.30pm</u></b> on Friday 22nd December - we return on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		