

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 4 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As December arrived, so has a flutter of snow! We have a grit plan on display on the pathways we clear in school but we urge all families to take care in the snow and ice this winter. We will take the opportunity to let the children explore and enjoy the snow if it truly arrives, so we ask for your continued support in wrapping them up warmly when they come to school.

Advent has begun and marks a time of waiting. This year it feels we have spent much time waiting for an end to these difficult times, but this waiting for the excitement and joy of Christmas, and as lights begin to twinkle and carols and Christmas songs are filling the air, has marked hope for more welcome times.

This year St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival will be virtual so photos of our trees will be posted and tweeted in their celebration, and we hope you enjoy seeing what the children have created. Christmas, dinner parties and shows are also going to be a highlight in our last two weeks. Pupil Progress Meetings are also scheduled in which we get to share with all the staff, all of the class achievements through this term, looking at how far they have already come both academically and personally and this helps us make plans to ensure next term they continue to thrive. The progress I have been seeing around school is fantastic and a testament to the hard work of all the staff team for which I cannot thank them enough.

Have a lovely weekend.

*J Ainsley & S Gray*

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



**School Dinners:** Week beginning Monday 7 December 2020 will be Week 1 of our [menu](#).

## Staffing Update

This week we welcome back Mrs Mullins who will be supporting and working mainly in Year Two and nursery - it is lovely to have her back in school.

It is with sadness we are saying goodbye to Mrs Carlisle who has been a fantastic member of the team, fulfilling Mrs Mullins role during her maternity, and we thank her for all her hard work and commitment during our Autumn term. We wish her well as she begins new challenges.

It is with happiness I can announce that Mr Carr will be continuing with us as Year Four's class teacher during the Spring and Summer terms of 2021. We are really pleased he is able to stay with us, ensuring the children have the best year together!

## NCC Message – Social Distancing

I know times are hard right now and we are asked to do a lot, but we really need to work together and do our bit. I know it is tempting to catch up after dropping off or picking up your children, but it is important that we keep our distance and don't congregate at this time.

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

Don't forget to visit the School Website: [www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)



We are doing our bit to keep your children safe in school. Help us by doing your bit as well. Protect yourself, protect others and protect Northumberland.

Link for animation - <https://youtu.be/bPzalrAx8Js>

### Maureen Wilson's Family Thanks

£651.50 has been raised for Ward 7 of the Freeman Hospital in Maureen's memory. Dennis, Darron, Leesa and all of the family have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all who contributed. Dennis has told us the children, staff and all of Maureen's friends turning out for her before her funeral melted their hearts, and Maureen would have loved seeing how special she was too.

### Public Health England (PHE)

We are continuing to take heed of all advice sent via Public Health England, the Government, Diocese and Council. Please continue to inform us if there are any changes in your circumstances, particularly in this new period of local lockdown. The following advice from the NHS is linked below:

NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19), please follow the link below for advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

**Diary Dates:** *Dates in red are new dates which have been added*

Date	Event	Notes
<b>Monday 28 September</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF</b> We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering and we ask that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others.	
<b>December 2020</b>		
Tuesday 15 December	Advent Box Drop-Off	
Tuesday 15 December	Nursery: Classroom Christmas Party (am)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Reception: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 1: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 2: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 3: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 4: Classroom Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Dinner  Christmas Jumper Day Christingle activities in school	<b>Suggested donation of £2.00 to be split between two charities</b> <i>£1 for Save the Children £1 for The Children's Society – Celebrating our Christingle Celebrations</i>
Friday 18 December	Christmas Carol Service in school	To be shared virtually with families
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
<b>January 2021</b>		
Monday 4 January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 5 January	School Re-assembles	
Friday 15 January	Online portal closes for Reception 2021 places	

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<b>February 2021</b>		
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term	
Friday 12 February	Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day	Details to follow
Monday 22 February	School Re-assembles	
<b>March 2021</b>		
Friday 19 March	Red Nose Day	
Friday 26 March	Break up for Easter holidays	
<b>April 2021</b>		
Monday 12 April	School Re-assembles	
<b>May 2021</b>		
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – school closed	
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term	
<b>June 2021</b>		
Monday 7 June	School Re-assembles	
<b>July 2021</b>		
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 16 July	School Closes for Summer Break	
<b>September 2021</b>		
Monday 6 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

