

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from last week's great news that we have been recognised as an **EXCELLENT** Church of England School in our [SIAMs report 2019](#), I can now announce we have received our [Ofsted Report](#) which we are very proud to say celebrates our school as a **GOOD** school. The report is now on our website (Information – Ofsted 2019), but can be located through the link above. As you will see from my commentary on the website I could not be more proud of our whole school community for the positive feedback and acknowledgement we have received. The report will be live publically on the 10 December... but we have permission to share the good news and report so did not want to delay! I thank you all once again for your support!

The tree is up, the carols are playing, and we are looking forward to welcoming you all into school for next week's Christmas shows. The children and staff have been working really hard and they are keen to impress you all with their talents. Many thanks to Mrs Steele and Miss Ruddick for managing the huge job of allocating all the tickets.

We need to give a huge thanks to Hollands who have once again delivered us oranges, free of charge, to enable all the children to make Christingles today. The children worked really well in their house groups and had a great morning before enjoying the celebration service this afternoon, led by Rev David Kennedy. Thanks goes to Miss Hannah Storey for organising the lovely Christingle Day, and all the staff who ensured it was a success.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!
Have a lovely weekend.

J. Ainsley

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Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 9 December 2019 will be Week 3 of our menu.

Movie Night

A big thank you to the staff for organising a special movie night for the children this week which was a great success. Movie night raised £261.00 which will be split among the classes to boost their class funds. Teachers use this to buy special resources to benefit learning and special experiences in class.

Christmas in Corbridge

The event was lovely on Monday, and with support of all the volunteering families who gave their time to run the stall, and those of you who came to spend your money, it could not have gone better! We raised a fantastic total of £170.77 – which has been used to buy the children a Christmas treat and we are hoping Santa will be coming to deliver the treats in our final week!



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

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



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.



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.

NO MORE SWIMMING LESSONS UNTIL WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020

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 |
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| 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 & tickets issued. |
| Thursday 12 December | Reception and Nursery – Nativity Dress rehearsal | 9.15am |
| Friday 13 December | Reception and Nursery - Nativity | 9:15am Letter & tickets 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. | | |