

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 20 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a focus on friendships this week and the theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is "United Against Bullying". We started off our week with Odd Socks Day to celebrate our differences and raise the topic with the children. They continue to impress us with statements like, "Bullies must be unhappy if they are saying mean things... we should help them too". We continue to ensure all children know they must speak out if they are feeling bullied and they all know that bullying will never be acceptable here at Corbridge First School.

We have had no further positive cases this week of COVID19 in school, or within the nursery bubble who are now isolating. These times are very challenging but we appreciate your support and hope that all families are managing to keep to the rules out of school to help us contain the spread as much as possible.

Finally, we paid tribute to our lovely Maureen this week, and her family have sent thanks for the smiles and waves from the children on Monday. We received a beautiful letter from the family and as the memory card stated, Maureen will be forever in our hearts.

Have a lovely weekend.

*J Ainsley & S Gray*

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



**School Dinners:** Week beginning Monday 23 November 2020 will be Week 3 of our menu.

## Children In Need

Thank you for all your donations. I am happy to say that a fantastic £260 has been raised for Children In Need, following last Friday's non-uniform day.

## Christmas Fundraising Commission

We hope you are all really pleased with your children's designs and we thank you for the orders you made. We have received £624.62 in commission which will go towards Christmas surprises for the children. Thank you again!

## Advent boxes for the foodbank - **CORRECTION**

**No toy collections** are being taken at this time - so any advent boxes should just focus on food and products suggested on their website. If you would like to get involved we would be happy to have you drop your Advent box to school on **Tuesday 15th December**, and we will tweet the good news and arrange for the parcels to be delivered.

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)



## 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. 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/bPzlrAx8Js>

## 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>November 2020</b>		
Friday 20 November 6pm	School Tour for prospective parents of new school starters – Nursery & Reception: September 2021	
<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 and Christmas Jumper Day Christingle activities in school	
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	
<b>February</b>		
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term	

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

