

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 18 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Who said Christmas was cancelled? Celebrations have certainly been alive here in school this week!

We must take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to the staff team who have worked so hard to ensure the children have had an absolutely fantastic Christmas week. The children have enjoyed their parties, the Christingle celebrations, some virtual Christmas shows and lots of classroom fun. We have loved sharing the class Christmas shows and watching the children shine, and we were so proud of Year Four sharing some Christmas joy singing in the community this week too.

We were treated to an amazing Christmas lunch by Mrs Dobson and Mrs Bowman, with help from Mrs Tulip, Lisa and Mr Gardner yesterday. Somehow we managed to get through the afternoon without taking a nap after the lovely feast they prepared for us! They had everything running like clockwork (after a lot of hard work and preparation), and despite all the additional challenges it was a delightful lunch!

It is with some sadness that we could not meet together for our Carol Service at St Andrew's Church this year, but we hope you will enjoy sharing the service as a family, as we have in our bubbles at school today. We want to thank Linda Hunter for all her work in preparing the service and all our friends at St. Andrew's, including Rev David, for their support too.

Many thanks for all the Christmas wishes and kind gifts. Although we never expect this, your kindness has raised many smiles and we are very grateful.

I'd also like to say a big thank you for the donations towards our two charities. £208 has been raised and will be split between Save the Children and The Children's Society.

Finally, this has been a year like no other with challenges and difficulties which we wish we had not had to experience. That said the strength, courage and unity we have found within our school and community has helped us reflect on how much we have to be grateful for. Now, more than ever before, we recognise the importance of relationships, including our families and friends, and while remaining safe we hope you can all celebrate the joy of Christmas with loved ones this holiday.

We hope the peace and joy of Christmas will be with you all and following a rest with our loved ones, we all look forward to welcoming you back to school in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and God Bless.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



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

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 28 September 2020	INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF 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.	
December 2020		
Friday 18 December	Christmas Carol Service in school	To be shared virtually with families
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
January 2021		
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	
February 2021		
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	
March 2021		
Friday 19 March	Red Nose Day	
Friday 26 March	Break up for Easter holidays	
April 2021		
Monday 12 April	School Re-assembles	
May 2021		
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – school closed	
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term	
June 2021		
Monday 7 June	School Re-assembles	
July 2021		
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 16 July	School Closes for Summer Break	
September 2021		
Monday 6 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

