

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 22 October 2020

Well what a final week... Black History Month class days, class celebrations, "our brightest bubble" non-uniform day, and sharing our Virtual Harvest Service in school. Hopefully you will have time to enjoy seeing some of the fun and inspiring learning through our website and Twitter.

It was with some sadness that our Year 4 bubble needed to go home this week, but after dropping in to their 'google online classroom' yesterday it was great to see how many of the children have managed to engage in the home learning, and were able to be in contact with Mr Carr. Although Year 4 have had to miss their last two days of the term, we are grateful everyone from their bubble is well. They have made the most of their situation and had a positive end to term through the online platform and we are very proud of them! Due to the precautions and systems in school, no other bubbles were affected which is also a positive in an unwanted situation.

We would like to thank you all for your overwhelming support as we have completed our first half of Autumn term. Kind words keep us going at challenging and tiring times so once again, many thanks! Mrs Gray and I could not wish to work alongside a more skilled and experienced staff team and we are very grateful for the support of our Governors, the Diocese and of course the amazing children, and you their families, who we get to serve. Obviously since our return we have been separated in bubbles, so school is different, but we are all back together in one sense which is a true blessing and something which we hope remains in place all year.

As always thank you, and have a lovely break.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



School Dinners: Week beginning **Monday 2 November 2020** will be **Week 2** of our [menu](#).

Virtual Harvest Service

As you know we hoped to share our virtual service on the website so families and our community could enjoy the service and celebrate with us. Unfortunately, posting large videos to our website is not possible currently. All the children have enjoyed watching the service in school and children in Years 1-4 can also access the video in their Google 360 Classroom so will be able to share this with you at home.

Unfortunately the file is not able to be shared through Tapestry at this time but due to this issue we will aim to set up 360 platforms for all Reception and Nursery children as soon as possible so we can share with you too. Thank you for your patience with us!

School Holiday Task

As part of Walk to School Month, Parents/Carers are invited to send photos of their child(ren) being active, to be used on our website/social media – we would love to share your adventures! If you are tweeting directly don't forget to tag us @corbridgefirst so we can share your fun!



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

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



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.

Diary Dates:

Date	Event	Notes
Ongoing from Monday 28 September	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.
Thursday 22 October	Break Up for Half Term	
Friday 23 October	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
School Holiday Task W/B Monday 26 October	Be Active! Photos for Website	As part of Walk to School Month, Parents/Carers are invited to send photos of their child(ren) being active, to be used on our website/social media
Saturday 31 October	Year 4: Deadline for Middle School applications through NCC Admissions Portal	Parentmail Issued to Year 4 Parents/Carers
Sunday 1 November	NCC online portal opens for applications for Reception 2021	Parentmail to follow (to be sent to current Nursery children)
Monday 2 November	School Reassembles	
Wednesday 4 November	Engineering Day	More information to follow
Friday 6 November	Bags To School	Please bring your "Bags To School" donations to the school office
Monday 9 November	Bags To School	Bags being collected
Monday 9 November	Photographer in school for Year 4 & Sibling photos	
Friday 13 November	World Kindness Day	More information to follow
Friday 13 November	Children In Need	More information to follow
Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week	More information to follow
Friday 20 November 6pm	School Tour for Prospective Parents of new school starters – Nursery and Reception September 2021	Please book a space through the school office and safety information will be forwarded.
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for Save the Children)	More details to follow
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4 January 2021	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 5 January	School Reassembles	
Friday 15 January	Online portal closes for Reception 2021 places	
Friday 12 February	Break Up for Half Term	
Monday 22 February	School Reassembles	
Friday 26 March	Break up for Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 April	School Reassembles	
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Friday 28 May	Break Up for Half Term	
Monday 7 June	School Reassembles	
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 16 July	School Closes for Summer	
Monday 1 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-Opens	