



CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

It is hard to believe it is the middle of November and we are now heading towards the busy Christmas period in school!. All of our new reception and nursery children have settled in incredibly well. It has been very exciting to be able to say we now have children all the way from Nursery to Year 6! The year 5 and 6 corridor will soon be getting a 'make over' with some new storage and seating and we are now looking at developing the outdoor area further for the Nursery children. I am also in the process of gaining a special Newt Licence so we can start to make the most of our (very) wild area and pond.

We have welcomed and are due to welcome some more new staff to the school due to our increased number of pupils, some additional midday staff have already started and two new teaching assistants will be joining us shortly, Mrs Wookey and Mr Marriott.

We are trying hard to ensure that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on at Corby Primary Academy through a range of different media. We will still produce the occasional newsletter but for more regular updates please look at the website, class blogs, twitter and Facebook. These will be updated at least every week and will show more of what is going on at school. We rely on email as the main way of communicating with parents. Please check your emails regularly and advise the office if your email address changes. You will have recently received an email regarding use of photos and if you haven't already replied to this please do so. We will still take photos in school of children and events, however these photos will only be used internally for the Greenwood Academy Trust or externally on Class blogs, social media and our website etc but only if you have given permission for us to do so. If you are not sure about the permissions and what exactly they mean then please pop into the office and ask Miss Lee or Mrs Warhurst.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this half term in the run up to Christmas, including plays, assemblies, music performances and open sessions as well as some visits and trips; we look forward to welcoming you into school for some of these events.

Nikki Lamond - Principal

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School Photos

School photos went home in book bags this week. You can either place your order via us by returning the envelope to school or by ordering online. If you order online, then you can receive a 10% discount.



PARKING

Please consider both others and the law when parking near the Academy. Recently a number of parents have received parking tickets for illegal parking near the school. We are also receiving complaints from residents that people are blocking their drive ways. I shouldn't have to remind parents that you must only park in the disabled bays if **you** hold a valid blue badge and put it on display.

VALUES

Each half term we have a value which is a focus for our assemblies and PSHE work in class. This half term our value is **Respect** and last half term we looked at Responsibility. We have talked about our responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe as well as the responsibilities we have for our learning. This half term we have talked about respecting others beliefs and opinions and we have shown respect in school by wearing our poppies and holding a two minutes silence.

20 Day Challenge

We have just introduced in school the '20 Day Challenge'. The idea of the 20 day challenge is for children to have a very specific target for improvement in their work which needs to be achieved over 20 days. We are trying it in some classes with small groups of children initially. Please ask your children if they have a 20 day target – if it proves successful we are hoping to roll it out with all children after Christmas.

Teachers always appreciate parent helpers in the classrooms to assist with readers etc, if you think you could spare an hour or two a week then please speak to your child's teacher.



NUTS

We have a number of children in school who have severe nut allergies so we kindly request that parents avoid sending their children in with nuts or nut based products in their packed lunch or for a snack.

UNIFORM

Please make sure all items of school uniform are labelled with your child's name in a permanent pen. We already have a pile of uniform that either has no name or the name is so faded we cannot read it to return it to its rightful owner.

PTA

The members of the PTA continue to work hard to put on events to raise money to benefit the children of the school.

This year so far we have been able to put in some new covered cycle storage outside the Key Stage 2 classrooms. They are now working on our first ever Christmas Fete on Friday 8th December. If you have a small amount of time to spare then I know the PTA would appreciate it. The more people get involved then the more the work can be shared and we can raise more money for school! Even if you can't help with events, you might be able to help in others ways by sourcing great raffle prizes or freebies that can be used for fundraising.

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Children in Need**Friday 17th November**

We will be taking part in raising money for Children in Need Day tomorrow by wearing Mufti and/or our spots for a donation of £1. We also have Blush and Pudsey ears for sale for £2.50 and Bears for £6 in the office.

Tadpoles Class (Nursery) will be holding a Pudsey picnic. I am sure this will be a record breaking year for our fundraising.

**Dates for your Diary**

Friday 17th November	Year 5 Cake Sale & Children in Need Day
Wednesday 22nd November	Snails Class Assembly - 8:50am start
Thursday 23rd November	EYFS Curriculum Sessions
Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December	Open Week for Parents
Thursday 30th November	Year 2 & 3 Circus Skills Workshop (funded by the PTA)
Wednesday 6th December	Year 3 Three Little Pigs Visit at School
Thursday 7th December	Year 4 Rocket Day at School & PTA Mufti Day
Friday 8th December	PTA Christmas Fete - 3pm - 4.30pm
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December	Year 2 Production - 2pm start
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December	Reception Nativity - 2pm start
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children & Craft Day
Monday 18th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - 2pm start
Tuesday 19th December	Nursery Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 20th December	Nursery Christmas Event to Parents
	End of Term Achievement and Attendance Assembly - 8:50 am
	Reception - Year 6 Christmas Lunch Day

Term Dates 2017/2018

End of Autumn Term - Wednesday 20th December 2017
 Start of Spring Term – Thursday 4th January 2018
 Half Term – 12th – 16th February 2018
 End of Spring Term – Thursday 29th March 2018

Term Dates 2017/2018

Start of Summer Term – Tuesday 17th April 2018
 School Closed – Monday 7th May 2018 (Bank Holiday)
 Half Term – 28th May – 1st June 2018
 End of Summer Term – Friday 20th July 2018

