

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 29 September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Autumn has definitely arrived as I hear the children starting to practise their songs for our Harvest celebrations and I see Mrs Orrick and children bringing back lots of lovely fruit and vegetables from our allotment. Our Harvest Festival celebrations are on Monday 9 October and we hope the children will be able to bring a contribution to be distributed to those in need. Look out for a parent mail next week with a list of suggested items from the People's Kitchen, who will take our donations this year.

It was great to have all the children and staff embrace National Fitness Day this week. The reception children thoroughly enjoyed their "ten at ten" following a very energetic dance routine, which looked great fun.

This term I will be reviewing the school attendance and punctuality data and I will report our ratings to you. I appreciate the efforts you make to ensure the children are in their class line at 8:55am. Getting your child to school on time really helps ensure they can get the most out of their learning time as lessons start promptly at 9.00am. Many applications for leave of absence have been submitted this term and I would like to remind you time away from school will be logged as unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances. The Hexham Partnership of Schools, (to whom we belong) is currently reviewing the shared policy we have adopted as requests for leave, especially for holidays, are increasing in the partnership. I will ensure you are informed of any updates and developments as they are confirmed.

Finally, we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Leigh who has been a great student. Class 1 will definitely miss you!

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Special Lunch Days

Thursday 19 October – Year 4 Menu Choice – this year, each year group will have an opportunity during the school year to vote for their favourite school lunch to be served. Year 4 will have their choice served on Thursday 19 October – pizza or chicken nuggets for the main course and marshmallow chocolate crispies for dessert.

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on either of the above days (cost £2.20 – Nursery, Years 3 and 4; free for other year groups under Universal Meal Scheme) please send a note and payment to the school office by **Monday 16 October**.

Packed Lunches

http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/website/packed_lunches/101157

Above is the link to our website guidance related to pack lunches in school. We are encouraging the children to make healthy, balanced choices (which generally they are all very good at!) but the guidance outlines how you can help if providing a packed lunch.

Individual and Family Photographs – Friday 6 October 2017 - Book the hairdresser, iron the polo shirt and combs at the ready....Tynephoto will be in school next Friday to take individual and, where there are siblings in school/nursery, family photographs. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase photographs and, of course, they always make a good Christmas gift for other family members.



Year 2 Visit to Aydon Castle – Wednesday 11 October 2017 – the children are currently learning about local history during their topic and have an exciting visit planned. The visit will take place during the morning and all children will be back in school in time for lunch. Please ensure that the children have a waterproof coat and suitable footwear for walking that day!

Nursery and Reception – Stay & Play Session – Tuesday 10 October 2017 - Parents/carers are invited to a stay and play session with their child. The sessions are always a great success and the Early Years children will perform their harvest songs to end the session.

Year 4 – Middle School Applications – the NCC admission portal is now open for Year 4 parents to apply for their child's middle school place. The link has been shared but if you would like any more information or support please contact Mrs Steele in the school office.

Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added regularly (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 2017-2018

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 6 October	Individual Pupil Photographs – whole school and nursery	Tyne Photo will be in school to take individual and family group photographs.
Friday 6 October	Year 4 visit to Charlotte Straker.	Apple pressing (the children will not miss the photographer in school)
Monday 9 October	Harvest Festival and Raffle	9:30am @St Andrews Church – all welcome All food donations will be given to the People's kitchen.
Tuesday 10 October	EYFS Stay and Play ending with Harvest songs and Celebration.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Wednesday 11 October	Year Two Class Visit – Aydon Castle	
Monday 16 October	Year Four Fellside Initial Meeting	Meetings start at 2.30pm. Please enter school via the playground gate and proceed to the classroom door. The gate will be open from 2.25pm.
Thursday 19 October	Year Four Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 19 October	EYFS Disco – school fundraiser	EYFS DISCO 1 – 3pm
Thursday 19 October	School Disco – school fundraiser	Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 19 October 2017 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 30 October.		
Week commencing 30 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 1 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 3 November	Bonfire Night Themed Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 8 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 8 November	Year 1 and 2 film Festival Sing @ Odeon Metrocentre	Further information to follow.
Thursday 9 November	Year 1 and 2 film Festival Sing @ Forum	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 15 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Thursday 16 November	Year 3 and 4 film Festival Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul @ Forum	Further information to follow.
Friday 17 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Themed Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 29 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Friday 1 December	EYFS Stay and Play - Decorations day	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Monday 11 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.

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



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Tuesday 19 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 21 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Friday 22 December	Big Foot Theatre – A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe	Morning pantomime performance
Friday 22 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30p - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.		
Thursday 18 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 25 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 26 January	Year Three Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 1 February	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 8 February	EYFS Stay and Play - Inspire	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Thursday 8 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 8 February	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.
Friday 9 February	Special Valentine's Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.		
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day	
Friday 9 March	Year Two Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 21 March	EYFS Stay and Play – Easter / Spring Carousel	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief	Charity fundraiser
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief Special Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Special Easter Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC))
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.		
Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Week commencing 16 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 2 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	9:10am
Tuesday 8 May (AMENDED)	Year Four Fellside Meeting	Meetings start at 2.30pm. Please enter school via the playground gate and proceed to the classroom door. The gate will be open from 2.25pm.



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Tuesday 8 May	EYFS STEM session with Families.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 May	Year 2 Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:10am
Friday 18 May	Year One Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 23 May	Reception Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 23-Friday 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.		
Friday 15 June	Early Years' Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Saturday 30 June	Summer fete	
Monday 16 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 17 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 18 July	Parent Open Door – opportunity for parents to drop in to see their child's teacher between 3.00 and 4.00pm if there are any concerns arising from your child's school report which will be issued on Friday 15 July.	
Thursday 19 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.		

Year 3 swimming dates –autumn term 2017 – Mondays – 11 lessons

18 September	2 October	6 November
25 September	9 October	13 November
	16 October	20 November
	30 October	27 November
		4 December

