

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 11 November 2016

There are still places available on our open mornings on Tuesday 15 and Friday 25 November for parents/carers of children due to start nursery or Reception classes in September 2017. If you would like to book a place please call in at the school office or email admin@corbridgefirstschool.northumberland.sch.uk or telephone 01434 632534.

Thank you to all the children who have handed in their 'Calm School Code Poster'. We have now started the very difficult task of choosing the designs to be published. We hope to be able to announce the winners in next week's newsletter.

We are really looking forward to next Friday's 'spotacular' non-uniform day. The children are invited to dress to impress in their spottiest outfit and to make a suggested donation of £1 for Children in Need. We will have small prizes for the best dressed in each class.



Next week is our 'Anti-Bullying' focus week. Through assemblies and activities we will ensure the children feel even more confident in reporting any incidents they feel could be bullying and know there are adults to speak to in school if they are ever worried. We will continue to reinforce the message that they should always speak out. We do take any reports of bullying in school very seriously - please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher or myself if you have any concerns regarding your child.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Important Information – Change of Date for Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows

Please note that the shows will now take place on the following dates/times:

Dress Rehearsal – Wednesday 7 December at 9.30am

Afternoon and Evening Show – Wednesday 7 December – 1.30pm and 6.00pm

Further information about shows/tickets will follow in the next week or so.

My Child's Art Scheme 2016 – I hope that you have had the opportunity to look at your child's Christmas picture at www.mychildsart.co.uk. I am sure you will agree there are many items available that will make lovely Christmas gifts and be warm memories for a long time in the future. The school will receive generous commission on all sales.

Football Tournament – Thank you to the Y8 pupils at Corbridge Middle School who organised a brilliant afternoon of football for our Year 4 children to enjoy last Friday. The Y8s planned the tournament as part of their sports leadership programme. We have qualified for the Tynedale level 2 Year 4 football final on 21 November and will be putting our team together soon. We'll let you know how they get on. We've posted a couple of photographs from this event on the galleries page of the website - [Y4 Football](#)

Year 2 – Bring a parent/carers to lunch – Wednesday 16 November – if you have not already replied and would like to attend please contact the school office before the end of the school day on Monday 14 November.

Beep Beep Day – Nursery and Reception - Wednesday 23 November - The children will take part in a Beep Beep Day to support Brake, the road safety charity. It's a great way to engage children with the road safety basics through fun activities, while raising awareness among parents and the wider community about protecting children on roads. Children in Nursery and Reception are asked to dress in bright clothes and donate a suggested £1 each to Brake. If you've got time, why not make a road sign hat with your child – we'd love to have a road sign hat parade during the morning of our Beep Beep Day. We'll have some small prizes for the best hats!

Vision Testing – did you know that the NHS recommends children have their vision tested every two years? This test is free for all children under the age of 16. If you do take your child for a test ask for a Colour Vision Deficiency (CVD) test. CVD affects the way a person perceives colour. The NHS does not routinely include a CVD test and the Northumberland Sensory Support Service is concerned that there may be a large number of children and young people in schools with undiagnosed CVD. A child who is diagnosed with CVD can then be given the educational support needed.

Be Bright...Be Safe - Finally, as it gets darker on the morning and afternoon walk to and from school it is a good time to remind the children about road safety and being seen in the dark. See the end of the calendar pages for some tips on how to be bright and be seen.

Diary dates are printed on the next two pages....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.

Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 15 November	Open Morning for parents/carers of children due to join nursery or Reception in September 2017 – 9.30am for Nursery parents;11.00am for Reception class parents	
Wednesday 16 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch – please return reply slip and payment by Friday 11 November.	
Friday 18 November	BBC Children In Need Day – non- uniform day – come dressed to impress in your spottiest clothes – suggested donation of a £1 for Children in Need. There will be small prizes for the best dressed in each class.	
Tuesday 22 November	Reception Parent Meetings from 3.15-5.15pm – further information to follow.	
Tuesday 22 November	Into Film Festival - Years 2 and 3 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Pete’s Dragon	
Wednesday 23 November	Nursery and Reception – Beep Beep Day – children to come dressed in bright clothes and donate a suggested £1 to Brake. See letter sent out on Parentmail for further information.	
Wednesday 23 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Thursday 24 November	Reception (2.00-3.30pm) and Nursery Parent Meetings (timings to be confirmed) – further information to follow.	
Thursday 24 November	Into Film Festival - Reception and Year 1 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see The Princess and The Frog	
Friday 25 November	Open Morning for parents/carers of children due to join nursery or Reception in September 2017 – 9.30am for Nursery parents;11.00am for Reception class parents	
Monday 28 November	Nursery and Reception – Christmas Pottery Decoration workshop. Nursery parents/carers invited to join their child from 9.00-11.15am; Reception parents/carers invited to join their child from 1.00-3.00pm. Please see the letter circulated for full details.	
Wednesday 30 November	Nasal flu vaccinations – Years 1, 2 and 3	Information/permission forms will be circulated by Northumberland Health Care Trust.
Wednesday 30 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Monday 5 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 6 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Friday 9 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	
Monday 12 December	Pantomime – Aladdin – Every Cloud Entertainments	Afternoon pantomime performance for Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 13 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	
Wednesday 14 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Parties	
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 16 December	Carol Service at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time TBC)
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 16 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.		
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Monday 16 January	Reception and Nursery - Deadline for ‘55 Books at Bedtime’ forms to be returned to school	
Thursday 19 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 26 January	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 27 January	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	
Thursday 2 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day	

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Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 9 February	Reception parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.		
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	Charity fundraiser
Week commencing 3 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Tuesday 4 April	Nursery Stay and Play session	Parents invited to stay and play with their child.
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC)
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 7 April for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 24 April.		
Monday 1 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 16 May	Year 2 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 23 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 24-Friday 26 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 24 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
Saturday 1 July	Summer fete	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day - Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Friday 7 July	Corbridge has got Talent – Family Night! – school fundraiser	
Monday 17 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 18 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 19 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 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

Year 3 swimming remaining dates for autumn term 2016 – Mondays

14 November	21 November	28 November
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Be Bright, Be Seen - Road Safety - Tips on how to be bright and be seen

- Wear brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing as it shows up well in daylight and at dusk, bad weather and shorter daylight hours cause poor visibility, so make sure you can be seen
- Wear reflective gear if out after dark to make sure you can be seen in car headlights
- Clip-on reflectors, arm bands and stickers on clothes or school bags improve visibility, reflective strips can be bought to stick on bags and clothes
- Cross at pedestrian crossings whenever you can - at night if there is no crossing near try to cross under a street light
- If you are walking in an area which has either no or poor lighting, it is safer to carry a torch

Please contact the school office if you require large type formats of any school produced documentation. School can also provide help with reading any documentation.

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