

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The children started this week with some fantastic workshops delivered by Bigfoot Productions and we are confident they understand how important it is to stay safe online. We discussed online communication and the importance of thinking about how they speak to others online too.

Sign2sing has also been a great initiative which the children have embraced. They really understand the importance of good communication for all and commented on the unfairness of not including those hard of hearing or deaf. They see the benefits of a sign language which enables more people to communicate. Thank you for all the donations. We will tweet the total raised on Monday.

This week our KS1 pupils were all invited to visit the Newcastle Central Mosque to help them develop further understanding of the Islam topic which they are studying this term. With little diversity in our local area, these opportunities are vital in ensuring the children grow to recognise our world is special due to rich diversities and people should not be labelled. They got a warm welcome, asked lots of questions and really enjoyed their visit.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have congratulated me on the Governors' decision to move forward with a Shared Leadership Model with Broomhaugh CE First School. The decision has been very carefully evaluated and I am very excited about the opportunities it can bring for our school. We are currently in the process of recruiting an Executive Deputy Head Teacher to join the team. The Executive Deputy Head Teacher will be introduced to the children following their appointment and will be managing our school when I am at Broomhaugh. The children will not see a great change in school on a day to day basis but will benefit from a second senior member of staff supporting them. The opportunities arising based around procurement, best value for money, shared staff training opportunities and shared expertise with partner professionals will all have a direct impact on the children (without them realising!). I am fully dedicated to our school and will be in constant communication with the new Executive Deputy to ensure both schools are thriving. Together we can be even stronger and our mission remains to be the best we can be!

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Online Gaming - The children impressed us again this week with their knowledge about staying safe and their recognition of online dangers.

Please be aware of your child's online activity and always check your settings. This image will take you to an informative page with videos on applying settings for devices the children have told us they are using. We hope it helps ensure you are confident in the safety measures you have in place.



Corbridge C of E First School - Northumberland



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

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Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2018-2019

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| Monday 11 February | Reception Class Bike-a-biity Week | Letters have now been issued. |
| Thursday 14 February | Special Lunch – Valentine’s Day | Letters have now been issued. |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 15 February for half term and reopens on Monday 25 February. | | |
| Week commencing 25 February | Parent Consultations | Your appointment time will be issued this week. WB 11.2.19 |
| Friday 1 March | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 3 lunch Choice | Letters have now been issued. |
| Tuesday 5 March | YEAR TWO Parent Lesson in school Design and make Puppets (am) | Letters have now been issued. |
| Wednesday 6 March | YEAR ONE Parent Lesson in school Design and make Fruit Salads (am) | Letters have now been issued. |
| Thursday 7 March | World Book Day | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 13 March | YEAR THREE Parent Lesson in school Carousel of activities (am) | Further information to follow 9:15 – 10:30am |
| Cancelled new date to be issued asap. | Y4 Visit – Kirkley Hall | Further information to follow |
| Friday 15 March | Comic Relief Special lunch day | Charity fundraiser |
| Wednesday 20 March | YEAR FOUR Parent Lesson in school Carousel of activities (am) | Further information to follow |
| Thursday 4 April | EYFS Stay and Play (am) | Further information to follow |
| Friday 5 April | SPECIAL LUNCH – Easter Lunch | Further information to follow |
| Friday 5 April TBC | Easter Celebration at St Andrew’s Church | 1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 5 April for the Easter break and reopens on Tuesday 23 April. | | |
| Friday 3 May | Year 1 Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Monday 6 May – school closed for Bank Holiday | | |
| Friday 10 May | Year 3 Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Week beginning 13 May | Year 2 SATs Assessment Week | Further information to follow |
| Week beginning 13 May | Christian Aid Week | |
| Friday 17 May | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 2 lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| Wed 22 – Fri 24 May | Year Four Residential - Fellside | Further information to follow |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 24 May for half term and reopens on Monday 3 June. | | |
| Week beginning 10 June | Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week | Further information to follow |
| Friday 14 June | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 1 lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| Friday 14 June | Year 2 Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Friday 21 June | Reception Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Saturday 22 June | Summer Fete | 11am - 2pm |
| Friday 28 June | SPECIAL LUNCH Reception lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| Friday 28 June | Pupil Voice Conference Hexham Partnership of Schools event | 4 pupils from Year 4 will represent school and take part in this workshop day. |



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| MONDAY 8 JULY | TRANSFER DAY | Y4 children will attend their middle school. Other children spend the day in the next class. |
| Wednesday 10 July | SPECIAL LUNCH Teddy Bear's Picnic | Further information to follow |
| Monday 15 July | Sports' Day (afternoon) | |
| Tuesday 16 July | Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning | |
| Wednesday 17 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 12 July. | |
| Thursday 18 July | Year 4 Leavers' Concert | |
| Friday 19 July | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 4 lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 19 July for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 3 September 2019. | | |

Year 3 swimming dates –Spring Term 2019 – Wednesdays – 12 lessons

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| 9,16,23 and 30 Jan | 6, 13 and 27 February | 6, 13, 20 and 27 March | 3 April |
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