

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 10 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely way to end the week – with some sunshine and a fabulous assembly presented by Year 3 and Mrs McGowan. Thank you to all the families who came along and I am sure you must be as proud of the children as we are! This week visitors to my office have included great writers, excellent phonics, some Year 1 poetry and some great work in tricky problem solving. The children continue to want to be the best they can be and it is always a pleasure to see how proud they are of their own achievements.

Thank you to the families who have begun to get in touch regarding our Summer Fete, we know it will be a great event. I am really pleased to let you know Sally Urwin, a local farmer (and now author!) up at High House Farm, will be coming along to open the fete with her lamb Mabel.

We look forward to welcoming all the children who have signed up for the "Big Breakfast Celebration" on Friday 17 May, as we raise funds and awareness during Christian Aid Week. We have gratefully received donations from Warburtons and Hollands to ensure all the money paid can be given to Christian Aid. My thanks go to Mrs Burton, Mrs Dobson and the School Council for their preparation to make this a really fun and successful event.

Enjoy the weekend,

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 13 May 2019 will be Week 1 of the new [Summer Menu](#)

Term dates and leave of absence

The calendar showing [term dates for the academic year 2019-20](#) has been added to the website. Please refer to dates before booking any breaks for next year. I cannot authorise any family holidays - only leave for exceptional circumstances can be authorised. If the school attendance is below national expectations and averages, then the school does not meet criteria for being judged as a "good" school. Ofsted judgements and our termly judgements from County Council are not my motivation for asking for your support with this, although they are very important. All evidence shows absence from school can lead to both academic and social difficulties for children. I ask for your support as we are all dedicated to ensure the best for the children.



Sunshine and Showers - The weather is still rather unpredictable. Please ensure that your child is prepared for all weathers but particularly if the weather is warm - sun lotion applied before school and a sun hat to wear at break and lunchtimes.

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

Monday 6 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Week beginning 13 May	Year 2 SATs Assessment Week	Further information to follow
Thursday 16 May	Year 3 walk to Corbridge Roman Town (am)	No cost to parents – parentmail now been issued
Week beginning 13 May Friday 17 May	Christian Aid Week “Big Breakfast Celebration”	Letters have now been issued – raising funds for Christian Aid
Friday 17 May	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 2 lunch Choice	Letters have now been issued
Monday 20 May	Super Splash Heroes – In school Show and workshop (pm)	No cost to parents
Wednesday 22 May	Year 1 visit to Matfen Woods (am)	Letters have now been issued
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
Thursday 20 June	Year 4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral (am)	Further information to follow
Friday 21 June	Reception Class Assembly	2:30pm
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.
Monday 1 July	Swimming gala	Selected pupils from year 3 – further information to follow
Friday 5 July	Year 1 and Year 2 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth and the beach	Further information to follow
Saturday 6 July PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Summer Fete FARM YARD FETE!	11am - 2pm
MONDAY 8 JULY	TRANSFER DAY	Y4 children will attend their middle school. Other children spend the day in the next class.
Tuesday 9 July	Year 3 visit to Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda	Further information to follow
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	
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 for the summer term 2019

15,22 of May	5, 12,19, 26 of June	3 July
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