

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

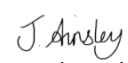
Friday 13 January 2017

I am delighted to share with you news of the arrival of Mrs Sommerville's baby girl – Sylvie Rose. She was born last Friday weighing a healthy 6lbs 15oz. Our best wishes to Mrs Sommerville and her family.

It was lovely to welcome Year 1 parents into school yesterday to design and make fruit salads with their children. Thank you for your very positive feedback – there's not space to print all of the comments you made, but here's a few: 'Really fun and varied activities'; 'Really enjoyable session with good structure. Kids clearly had a really good time.' 'He can't wait to make another one at home tonight!' Year 2 parents are invited to join their children in school next week.

We are always aiming to improve our teaching skills, knowledge and understanding and so all of the staff at Corbridge First School are encouraged to participate in appropriate courses and to join local support/network group training. We are, for instance, members of the Great North Maths Hub. Mrs McGowan and I enjoyed a very interesting and informative morning this week observing two teachers from Shanghai deliver a maths lessons to primary pupils at a North East school. We belong to many partnerships and networks which enable us to support others and share their good practice. As a result we can ensure we are up to date with latest research, initiatives and policies in our continually evolving education system.

Finally, I'm pleased to let you know that your purchases from the 'My Child's Art' project raised £94 for our school funds. The money will be used to replace playground toys. Thank you again for your support.


Head Teacher



Nursery – is your child eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)? EYPP is extra funding that can be claimed for eligible 3 and 4 year old children who are accessing a free early education and childcare place to support their learning, care and development. We can claim up to £300 per year for each eligible child. We use this extra funding to enhance the quality of your child's early years' experience, for example to improve teaching and learning, facilities, resources and training. Your child may be eligible for EYPP if you receive any of these benefits

- Income Support or Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service)
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit (WTC) and the family's annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) is not more than £16,190
- Receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee credit element of Pension Credit.

If you think you may be eligible please ask at the school office or call on 01434 632534 for a registration form.

Curriculum – Parent Information Leaflets – the Spring Term 1 curriculum information leaflets are now posted on the school website. Click on the [Teaching and Learning](#) tab, from the menu on the left hand side of the page select your child's year group 2016-17 page. The leaflet is posted on the Curriculum Letters page. I hope you find the leaflets informative. If you would prefer a printed copy please contact the school office.

Year 2 parents and carers are invited to join their child for a special learning session on Thursday 19 January from 9.05 to 10.30am. The focus for our learning will be design technology. We will be making puppets for use in drama and storytelling. Please return the reply slip on the letter sent earlier this week to let us know if you are able to attend. This will help us make provision for someone to work alongside any children who don't have a family member able to attend.

Severe Weather Conditions – hopefully we won't experience weather severe enough to close the school...but in the event that we do, we have reprinted at the end of this week's newsletter the information for parents and carers from NCC on what to do in these circumstances. We would also pass information to parents and carers via the school website - www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk and via ParentMail. If you are not already registered for ParentMail please contact the school office. If the school needed to close during the day we will send out a ParentMail message and contact parents by phone to arrange for children to be collected.

Nut Free School – a reminder that we are a NUT FREE zone so please support us by ensuring your child's packed lunch or snacks are 'nut free'.

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
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 from 9.05 to 10.30am. We will be making puppets for use in drama and storytelling.	
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	
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	
Wednesday 15 February	Y3 – Volcanoes Workshop at the Centre for Life, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Further information to follow
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 17 March	Y3 visit to the Corbridge Roman Site and Museum – Roman Site Community Art Project – more information will be sent out to Y3 parents about this project in due course.	
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
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 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 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly (afternoon)	
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 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2017

9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April
16 January	13 February	13 March	
23 January	27 February	20 March	
30 January		27 March	

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Year 4 – Fellside Payment Schedule – as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
Option 1	£160 – payment in full to be received by Monday 12 December 2016	
Option 2	Payment in 4 instalments	
	Amount	Due by
	£40.00	Monday 12 December 2016
	£40.00	Monday 6 February 2017
	£40.00	Monday 6 March 2017
	£40.00	Monday 3 April 2017

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.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Detailed below is Northumberland County Council information and contacts for parents in the event of a school closure which you may find useful to keep for reference over the winter months. Corbridge Church of England First School will also pass information to parents and carers via the school website – www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk and via ParentMail. If you are not already registered for ParentMail please contact the school office.

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Miss Jennifer Ainsley
Head Teacher

Information for Parents and Carers from Northumberland County Council

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS – ARE YOU PREPARED?

During periods of severe weather there may be school closures or disruption to your child's Home to School Transport. In these circumstances do you know what to do? Here are some tips

- Listen to local radio stations – mainly BBC Radio Newcastle 95.4fm; other useful stations are Real Radio 100 to 102fm and Radio Borders 102.3fm.
- Go to the Northumberland County Council Website – www.northumberland.gov.uk

The County Council will continuously update news on the front page

In extreme cases a school may have to close during the day due to severe weather and your child will be sent home early. Do you have a procedure in place for the care of your child until you arrive home? You could:-

- Make arrangements with a relative or close friend to care for your child until you are able to get home
- Inform the school and transport provider of these arrangements as it may be necessary for your child to seek alternative transportation from school
- Make sure the school has an I.C.E. "In Case of Emergency" contact telephone number
- Investigate whether your child's school operates an "Emergency Alert Scheme" and sign up to it
- Above all, make sure your child is aware of the arrangements.

For more information please call our Contact Centre on 0345 600 6400

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