

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 20 September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by but the children continue to work hard and be their best. I have been 'wowed' this week by Year 1 who have had great discussions in their Science work. In Year 2 the children have made some amazing bridge designs during their DT lessons and in Year 3 the amazing masks they are creating in Art are also very impressive! Year 4 news has included reports from our specialist sports staff about positive choices and the great effort being put into their lessons. The Early years have been as busy as ever and I only wished I could stay longer when I popped in this morning to get to know our lovely new nursery group.

The "Golden Book" is full of children who have been kind, caring, friendly and supportive towards others which highlights the positive behaviour and choices our children often make.

This week with the Climate Change Strikes taking place we have been thinking about doing 'our part' in school and the Eco Council will be up and running soon to help us keep focused on looking after our Amazing World.

Have a lovely weekend.

J. Ainsley S Gray

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Library / Reading Buddy Volunteers wanted!

We would be interested in hearing from any parents/carers or grandparents who might have a little spare time. We need help with:

- assisting the children with choosing their library books or
- reading with children on a 1:1 basis

Year 1 would love some help between 9:20 and 10:20am on a Thursday morning.

Year 2 would love some help between 2:20 and 3pm on a Wednesday afternoon.

Year 3 and 4 would love a volunteer any afternoon between 2 and 3pm.

If you can help, please let us know!

As part of our commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils, we would need to ask volunteers to complete an Enhanced DBS Disclosure check.

My child is unwell – how long should they be kept away from school? - When children are unwell, parents often ask us for advice on how long they should be kept away from school/nursery. For example, where a child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting the child must be out of school until at least 48 hours from the last occurrence. This advice is taken from guidance produced by Public Health England – guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings. A copy of the guidance is posted on our website – [Public Health England - guidance](#) under the Information tab. The guidance covers all the illnesses and infections you are likely to come across...chickenpox, impetigo, ringworm, conjunctivitis, tonsillitis and many more. If you need any advice please continue to contact us but we hope this document is helpful.

Spare clothes – wanted! We would be very grateful for donations of any spare uniform your child has outgrown that would be suitable for us to use in the Early Years classes – particularly grey tights, trousers and any socks. Please drop off any donations with your child's class teacher or at the office.

Diary dates are printed below and 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 2019-2020

| Date | Event | Notes |
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| Wednesday 25 September | New starter picture for the Hexham Courant | Reception class (AM) |
| Friday 27 September | Individual and Sibling Photographs | AM |
| October 2019 | INTERNATIONAL Walk to School Months | Events to be announced |
| Tuesday 1 October | Happy “Shoes” Day | Further Information to follow |
| Tuesday 1 October | Year 3 Workshop – Corbridge Roman Town | Workshop held in school |
| Friday 18 October | Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception Class to Year 4. | Please return the permission slip to ensure your child receives the vaccination by Monday 16 September |
| Monday 21 October | Parent Consultation Week | Appointments will be sent out in due course. |
| Monday 21 October | Year 4 Parent / Family Meeting – 2:30pm Residential Information | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 23 October | Parent Drop In 3pm – 4pm Delivered by Sarah Donnison – Operation Encompass | Further information to follow via parentmail |
| Thursday 24 October | Harvest Festival and Raffle | 1:30pm @St Andrews Church – all welcome Donations gratefully received for the West Northumberland Food Bank. |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 October 2019 for half term break and reopens on Monday 4 November 2019. PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND’S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES | | |
| Tuesday 5 November | Special Lunch Bonfire Menu | Further information to follow |
| Wednesday 6 November | Year 4 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 6 November | School Disco – school fundraiser | Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm Further information to follow. |
| Friday 8 November | EYFS School Disco – During the afternoon session. Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend if they wish to join in. | 1pm – 3pm Further information to follow. |
| Week commencing 11 November | Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is “Change starts with us” | Further information to follow. |
| Monday 11 November | Into Film Festival – YEAR 3 and 4 Cinema Visit (am) | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 13 November | Year 2 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch | Further information to follow. |
| Friday 15 November | BBC Children In Need Day Children in Need Special Lunch | Charity fundraiser – information to follow. |
| Wednesday 20 November | Road Safety Week EYFS Road Safety “Hat Day” | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 20 November | Into Film Festival – YEAR 1 and 2 Cinema Visit (am) | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 20 November | Year 3 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch | Further information to follow. |

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| Friday 22 November | Road Safety Week EYFS Road Safety – Local Walk | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 27 November | Year 1 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 4 December | Reception parents/carers invited to join us for lunch | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 4 December | Christmas Movie Night Fundraiser – Years 1 – 4 | Further information to follow. |
| Friday 6 December | Christingle House Groups School Event | In School Event |
| Tuesday 10 December | Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal | 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 11 December | Y1-Y4 Christmas Show | There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm. |
| Thursday 12 December | Reception and Nursery – Nativity Dress rehearsal | 9.15am |
| Friday 13 December | Reception and Nursery – Nativity | 9.15am |
| Friday 13 December | EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend if they wish to join in. | 1-3pm Further information to follow. |
| Tuesday 17 December | Reception & Nursery Christmas Party (am) | Further information to follow. |
| Tuesday 17 December | Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (pm) | Further information to follow. |
| Wednesday 18 December | Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party (pm) | Further information to follow. |
| Thursday 19 December | Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch | Charity fundraiser |
| Friday 20 December | Christmas Pantomime Big Foot - Rapunzel | No cost to families – paid via fundraising |
| Friday 20 December | Carol Service 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 20 December 2019 for the Christmas break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 7 January 2020. | | |