

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 4 November 2016

It's been good to welcome so many of you into school this week for parent consultation meetings – I hope you found them informative and helpful. I've received lots of positive feedback from parents which is very encouraging to hear when we are all working so hard to make sure every child can achieve their full potential.

We also enjoyed welcoming Year 4 parents and other family members into school for lunch this week. The dining hall was filled with lively chatter and smiles and we are eagerly anticipating Year 3 families coming for lunch next week.

I am really proud to be able to share the content of a letter I received this week from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards. Mr Gibb wrote to convey his congratulations to the staff and our pupils for the school's outstanding achievement in the 2016 Year 1 phonics screening check. With 100% of our pupils reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, our school is in the top 3% of all primary schools in the country. This ensures that our children have a firm foundation in reading from which they can develop further and become increasingly fluent readers. If you would like to read Mr Gibb's letter in full it is on our school website [Letter from Minister of State for School Standards](#).

Following a period of sickness absence, I am sad to announce Mrs Armstrong will not be returning to her post. I would like to thank her for her hard work and all she has achieved for the children of Corbridge First School during her time in post. We will miss Mrs Armstrong around school and wish her well in the future.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Special Lunch Days

Friday 11 November – Year 3 Favourite Lunch – this year, each year group will have an opportunity during the school year to vote for their favourite school lunch to be served. Year 3 will have their choice served on Friday 11 November – sausages for the main course and chocolate artichoke roll for dessert.

Friday 18 November – Children in Need - the children will have a special 'Children in Need' themed lunch – chicken nuggets, chips, spaghetti hoops and Pudsey Bear biscuits.

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on either of the above days (cost £2.20 – Nursery, Years 3 and 4; free for other year groups under Universal Meal Scheme) please send a note and payment to the school office no later than Wednesday 9 November.

Calm School Code Poster Competition - We would like to display some poster boards sharing our Calm School Code message around the school grounds so we have set a challenge for the children to each create their own poster. The best designs will be sent off to the printers to be made into poster boards. The final date for posters to be handed in is Friday 11 November. I am very much looking forward to seeing their designs.

School Meals Costs (Nursery, Years 3 and 4) – second half of the autumn term - the cost for school meals for the second half of the autumn term is: Nursery - £74.80; Y3 and Y4: £77.00. If you have not already made a payment for this half term's school meals, could I please ask you to do so on Monday 7 November. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

Remembrance Day – we will talk to the children at an assembly next week about why the act of remembrance matters and why we wear poppies at this time. The children and staff will observe a time of silence on Friday 11 November at 11.00am.

Year 3 – Bring a parent/carer to lunch – Wednesday 9 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 7 November.



Children in Need – The Big Spotacular - Non-Uniform Day - Friday 18 November We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed to impress in their spottiest outfit and to make a suggested donation of £1.00 for Children in Need. There will be small prizes for the best dressed in each class.

Individual and Family Photographs – proofs have been sent home with your child this week. Please return completed orders and payment to the school office by Monday 7 November. You can also order photographs online - see the information sent home with the proof.

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 7 November	Reception children – vision screening Northumbria Healthcare letters have now been distributed – you only need to let us know if you do not wish your child to have an eye test or if they already attend the hospital eye department.	
Wednesday 9 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch – please return reply slip and payment by Monday 7 November.	
Wednesday 9 November	Into Film Festival - Year 4 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Kubo and the Two Strings	
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	Into Film Festival - Years 2 and 3 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Pete’s Dragon	
Wednesday 23 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	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 workshops	More information to follow
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
Thursday 8 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 Party	
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 dates –autumn term 2016 – Mondays – 10 lessons

19 September	3 October	7 November
26 September	10 October	14 November
	17 October	21 November
	31 October	28 November

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.

