

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 8 January 2016

Happy New Year and welcome back. I am delighted to be able to start the year by letting you know that we have now purchased a set of 15 iPads using funds raised by The Friends of Corbridge. The staff have all attended training on the use of the tablets which will enable them to provide the children with exciting interactive lessons. The technology really helps bring subjects to life.

We have donated £138 from the Christmas Tree decoration activity to St Andrew's Church who will use it to buy replacement toys and books for those children in the village who were affected by the December flood. Our thoughts are with all being affected by this dreadful weather and we hope to see the end of it soon.

As always, we aim to provide opportunities for the children beyond the curriculum and this term we are excited to welcome dance specialist, Laura Prince. Laura will be working with Years 3 and 4 in the coming months and I am looking forward to seeing the children perform.

J Ainsley

Head Teacher



Events organised by The Friends of Corbridge in December raised:

Late night shopping event - £181.35

Movie Night - £280.60

Christmas Hamper raffles - £481.10

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the activities and to all who participated in them. Monies raised have been used to purchase the following:

Wooden Christmas Craft Resources

Christmas gifts delivered by Santa

"Penguinpig" E-safety Workshops (to take place this term – in replacement of Beauty and the Beast performance)

Playtime Activities (as requested / organised by school council)

Payment for School Meals (Nursery/Years 3 and 4) — the cost of school meals for the first half of the spring term 2016 is £58.80 - 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 11 January. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

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 2015-2016 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 – Let's Do Lunch! We would like to invite parents/carers (or grandparent/aunt/uncle if you are unable to attend) of Year 2 children to join them for lunch on Wednesday 20 January. A roast dinner will be served. If you would like to come along please complete the reply slip on the letter sent home with your child earlier this week and return it with your payment.

Swimming – Year 3 – lessons start on Monday 11 January. Please make sure your child has their swimming equipment with them each week.

Fellside Residential – Year 4 – Thank you to those who have already paid the first instalment of £42.25/full payment of £169 and a reminder that the deadline for payment of the first instalment is Monday 11 January 2016.

Parent Consultation Meetings will be held during week commencing 7 March 2016. A letter offering appointment times will be sent out in early February.

Are your contact details up to date? Please remember to let us know about any changes to your contact details – change of address, home, mobile or work phone numbers etc.

DIARY DATES....see over the page for dates for your diary....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Event	Notes
Monday 11 January	Year 3 swimming – first of 10 lessons during the spring 2016 term.	
Wednesday 20 January	Y2 Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Letters have been sent out this week – if you would like to come along please return the reply slip and your payment by 16 January.
Wednesday 20 January	Y1 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Workshop and Activities – focus will be ‘Materials’	Workshop and activities run by Proctor and Gamble
School closes at 3.00pm on Thurs 11 February for half term (Fri 12 February is a teacher training day). School re-opens on Mon 22 February		
Wednesday 2 March	Y1 Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Week commencing 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings will be held during w/c 7 March 2016	Information will be sent out
Friday 18 March	Sport Relief – Fundraising Event	Information will be sent out
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016.		
Monday 11 April	Year 3 swimming – first of 11 lessons during the summer 2016 term; last lesson is on Monday 4 July.	
Wednesday 20 April	Reception – Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Friday 22 April	Penguinpig – Traum Theatre will be in school to take workshops with Reception, Years 1 and 2; Prior to the workshops, Traum Theatre will perform their Penguinpig show to all classes (Reception to Year 4)	
School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016		
Monday 16 May	Y4 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Workshop and Activities – focus will be ‘States of Matter’	Workshop and activities run by Proctor and Gamble
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.		
Wednesday 15 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016	
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016	
Tuesday 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.		

