

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 20 May 2016

Miss Storey returns from maternity leave next Friday. She has decided that in order to balance her family life she will step down from the position of Deputy Head at the end of this term. From September she will work with us on a part time basis to take on responsibility for Special Educational Needs. This will involve Miss Storey being in school one day each week. During the second half of the summer term, Miss Storey will take over my teaching commitment in Year 1. She has already been in class with the children and they are all looking forward to the remainder of the term. I will be writing to parents and carers before Transfer Day on 5 July to give you news of all our staffing arrangements for 2016-17.

It may not be 'rocket science' but according to Jenny in Year 4 it was 'cool and stinky' science. All the Y4 children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops with the Procter and Gamble scientists this week. After all who could fail to appreciate trying to make a rubber glove explode? The children always learn best when classes are fun and hands-on and I can think of no better way to teach them about matter and how it changes state. We've posted some great photos on the galleries page of our website – click here to see them - [Y4 Science Workshop Photos](#)

Enjoy the weekend.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



Year 4 Residential Visit - Fellside – 25-27 May – I know there are always a few nerves in the lead up to the visit ... but everyone comes back excited, happy and tired ... especially the teachers. Who knows what the weather will be – it is Cumbria, so remember to pack sun lotion and warm clothing! And finally to everyone in Year 4 – have a brilliant time.

Happy Shoesday and fundraising for Christian Aid – we saw lots of happy shoes in school on Tuesday! Thank you to everyone who made a donation for Christian Aid – we raised a total of £105.80. Christian Aid will use your donations to fund their work to support the poorest people in the world.

Tuesday 24 May - Year 1 parents and carers are invited to join their child for a special learning session from 9.05 to 10.30am. The focus for our learning will be healthy eating. We will be designing and making fruit salads. We look forward to seeing you.

Thursday 26 May – Year 3 class assembly – Don't forget it's the Year 3 class assembly at 2.30pm on Thursday. Please come into school through the main door by the office. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school.

Quid-a-Kid – lunchtime football club – will continue during the second half of the summer term. Letters have been sent home with children in Years 1-4 today. The first session is on Tuesday 7 June, the last session will be on Wednesday 13 July.

Girls' Football – this after school club will continue to run on Fridays during the second half of the summer term. Letters have been sent home with children today (Reception to Y4). The first session will be on 10 June with the last session on Friday 15 July.

If your child would like to take part in either of the above clubs please complete a reply slip and return it with your payment to the school office.

Cricket and Tag Rugby Coaching sessions have now been confirmed for Year 3 and Year 4. Coaches from Active Northumberland will be running the sessions. Tag Rugby will run for 5 sessions starting on 9 June. Cricket will run for 6 sessions starting on 13 June. This is an ideal opportunity for the children to develop their skills with specialist coaches.

Watching and waiting continued – The Reception children have been so excited this week to see their caterpillars' transformation into chrysalides. We have now moved them into the butterfly hatching tent and hopefully I'll have butterfly news next week. Meanwhile, the rocket is continuing to thrive – we will give you Year 4s final prediction on which seeds travelled to space next week.

Sainsbury's Active Kids – please donate your vouchers to us – we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment.

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

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Diary Dates	Event	Notes
Tuesday 24 May	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session – 9.05 to 10.30am. Once you have dropped your child off please come into school via the school office.	
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
Thursday 26 May	Year 3 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.		
Monday 13 June	Schools’ Library Service – story telling session (Nursery to Year 4)	
13-17 June	British Nutrition Foundation – Healthy Eating Week – we will be promoting healthy eating and drinking, being active, food provenance and cooking in school.	
Wednesday 15 June	Teddy Bears’ Picnic lunch – weather permitting, Mrs Dobson will be providing the children with a special ‘picnic’ themed lunch. Children are welcome to bring along their teddy bear or other soft toy to join them at the picnic. Please ensure that teddy is wearing a secure tag with your child’s name so that they don’t get lost.	
Wednesday 15 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016	
Wednesday 22 June	Year 4 Leavers’ Service – Newcastle Cathedral – information will be sent out	
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016	
Tuesday 28 June	Reception Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
Saturday 2 July	School Summer Fair	
Tuesday 5 July	<p>Transfer Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher• Nursery is closed on 5 July as children due to start nursery in September 2016 will be having their visit day. Children due to join our Reception class will be having their welcome day and meeting their teacher.• If your child is joining our Reception class in September, please bring them to the school playground for 9.15am. Their welcome visit runs from 9.15am to 12 noon. They will have their lunch in school as usual that day.	
Tuesday 12 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 12 July (weather permitting). The playground gate will be opened at 1.25pm for parents to join us on the field. There will be a carousel of activities to allow all the children to compete as part of a team, followed by an individual sprint race to allow individuals to shine. Certificates will be awarded to recognise some individual achievements which will be displayed on the school website.	
Wednesday 13 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 at the beginning of week commencing 11 July.	
Friday 15 July	Year 4 Leavers’ Concert – 9.15am	
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.		

Year 3 swimming dates - summer term 2016 – Mondays – 11 lessons

11 April	9 May	6 June	4 July
18 April	16 May	13 June	
25 April	23 May	20 June	
		27 June	

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