

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 5 February 2016

Letters have now been circulated giving details of the parent consultation dates and times. It is important that teachers are able to meet with you to talk about your child's progress, their targets and how we can work together to ensure they do their very best. Appointment times will be sent home with your child on Thursday 11 February. Please do speak to your child's teacher if you can't make your meeting so that we can make alternative arrangements.

On Wednesday next week, the children will bring home a leaflet called 'Let's get sugar smart'. I hope that you will be able to take time to look at and talk about the information it contains. You'll see later on in the newsletter that we will be setting the children an exciting February half term project to design a poster about making healthy eating choices. As we did with the road safety posters, we will choose a winner from each year group and their artwork will be made into an outdoor display board for all to see.

Have a good weekend.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



Let's Get Sugar Smart – half term homework project (Reception to Year 4) You may recall from an earlier newsletter that the School Council and Mrs Burton are planning to look at healthy food and eating habits at Corbridge First School. To get them off to a good start we would really like the children to design their own healthy food/good choices poster during the February half term break. Posters should be no larger than A4 and can be handed in to the class teacher on the first day back. The teachers will talk to the children about this activity next week. Please take time to read the 'Let's get sugar smart' leaflet with your child and include a note in their homework book to let us know if you have been able to make some of the swaps they suggest or perhaps you will have time to bake the 'carrot and sultana drop scones' – they sound delicious to me. There's also information on how to download the Change4Life Sugar Smart app to find out how much hidden sugar is lurking inside your cupboard!

Uniform – price increase from 1 March 2016 - School Trends has advised that uniform prices will increase from 1 March 2016. Remember you can now order most items online – <http://www.schooltrendsonline.com/schools/CorbridgeCEFirstSchoolNE455JQ> and have orders delivered to your home (£4.95) or delivered free of charge to the school. For the time being, PE kit is only available from the office.

Lunchtime Football Club – Newcastle Community Football are once again running the popular 'Quid-a-Kid' football lunch club for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. From 23 February, the club will run on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes from 12.30-1.00pm. If you would like to book a place for your child please complete and return the slip (along with your payment) sent out earlier this week. Contact the office if you have any queries or need another form.

Girls' After School Football Club – Newcastle Community Football are also trialling a girls' after school football club on Fridays – it will run for four weeks during the second half of spring term. Information has been circulated and booking forms/payment should be returned to the school office.

Reminder re payments for visits

Visit	Payment Due By
Fellside- Y4 – second instalment of £42.25	Monday 8 February 2016
The Fuse Media Centre – Year 2	Thursday 11 February 2016
Vindolanda – Y3	Friday 4 March 2016
Hall Hill Farm – Nursery and Reception	Friday 4 March 2016

Corbridge Library - events you and the children might enjoy taking part in during February include:

- 'Harry Potter' style arts and crafts
- Name the Bear competition – free to enter and the child who picks the winning name, wins the bear!

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 2016 ... please donate your vouchers to us ... we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment for the children.

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
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 24 February	Y2 – Visit to The Fuse Media Centre, Prudhoe	
Wednesday 2 March	Y1 Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Week commencing 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings	Appointment slips will be sent home on Thursday 11 February 2016
Friday 11 March	Year 3 visit Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum	
Monday 14 March	Nursery and Reception visit Hall Hill Farm	
Friday 18 March	Sport Relief – Fundraising Event	Information will be sent out
Thursday 24 March	Nursery and Reception – Easter Carousel – parents and carers will be invited into school to join their children in Easter activities – 9.00-10.00am	Further information will be sent out.
Thursday 24 March	‘Shine A Light’ – show performed by West End in Schools	1.30pm – show for Reception to Year 4
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	Y3 swimming – first of 11 lessons during the summer 2016 term; last lesson Mon 4 July	
Wednesday 20 April	Reception – Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Friday 22 April	Penguinpig (E-Safety Puppet Show) – 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)	
Monday 25 April	Tyne Photo will be in school to take class photographs.	
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
15 to 21 May	Christian Aid Week – we will be organising a fund raising event to support this charity.	Information will be sent out.
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	
Saturday 16 July	School Summer Fair	
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.		

Fellside May 2016 - Payment Schedule	
Amount	Due By
£42.25	Monday 11 January 2016
£42.25	Monday 8 February 2016
£42.25	Monday 7 March 2016
£42.25	Monday 11 April 2016
Cheques payable to ‘NCC’ – please send payments (cash/cheque) in an envelope marked with your child’s name + ‘Fellside’.	

Year 3 swimming dates - spring term 2016 – Mondays

1 February	7 March
8 February	14 March
22 February	21 March
29 February	

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	

Don't forget to visit the School Website: www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk

