

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 7 October 2016

Over the last two weeks we have sent out data checking sheets and going home arrangement forms as well as letters requesting information about your child's country of birth and nationality. I would like to thank you for returning forms to us so promptly – this really helps us ensure all the data we are required to hold is correct and up to date for our termly school census. If you have not already returned forms I would be very grateful if they could be returned at the start of next week or contact the office if you need a duplicate set sent home.

Next week we will be circulating letters giving you details of parent consultation dates and times. The letter will have a return slip for you to state your preferred day and time. 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 Wednesday 19 October. Please do speak to your child's teacher if you can't make your meeting so that we can make alternative arrangements.

Rest assure that it's not all paperwork in school...Year 2 are learning about local history and their visit to Corstopitum yesterday was a great success encouraging them to ask lots of questions. All the classes are busy practising their harvest songs and we hope you will be able to come along to hear them sing at St Andrew's Church on Monday.

Finally, congratulations to Jessica in Y4 for winning a book token in the recent Vision for Education Roald Dahl creative writing competition.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Harvest Festival - Monday 10 October – 9.30am - The children from Reception Class through to Year Four will attend St Andrew's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. All parents and carers are welcome to come along. Please enable your child to bring a contribution – tins and packets of food are ideal as we donate them to the People's Kitchen and they are always gratefully received. Any fresh food will be offered to residents of the local community. The children should bring donations with them on the morning of the celebration to take to the church.

Nursery will celebrate Harvest in school. The children will sing to parents and carers at collection time on Monday. Please arrive for 11.50am and enter through the nursery gate as normal. Nursery food contributions will also be gratefully received.

Year 3 – Junior Bake Off – Wednesday 19 October 2016 – Matfen Hall is hosting a junior bake off event for our Y3 children. The children will have the opportunity to meet the hotel's chefs and to make and decorate cakes under the supervision of the kitchen staff. They will talk about the process of cake making and about eating a balanced diet. Letters have been sent out this week – please return the permission slip and £2 contribution for coach travel to us by Friday 14 October.

Year 4 – Mayfly in the Classroom Project – Tyne Rivers Trust is funding the delivery of this hands-on environmental project that allows the children to engage with river habitat processes by involving them in the life cycle of the mayfly. We hope the children will find it interesting and thought provoking. The project starts with a visit to the River Tyne on Thursday morning next week. **Please remember to make sure your child has a waterproof coat and their wellington boots in school that day.**

Year 4 Fellside Residential Next year's Year 4 residential visit to Fellside will take place from Wednesday 24 May to Friday 26 May 2017. To give you an opportunity to find out more about the visit and to answer any questions you may have, we will hold a meeting for Year 4 parents/carers and children **at 4.45pm on Wednesday 19 October 2016**. Letters will be sent out next week giving further details and requesting an expression of interest.

School Disco – Wednesday 19 October 2016 The children have expressed their wish for another school disco! We would love to make this happen but as always we will need parents to help and organise the fun. Please look out for a letter and if you think you can help us make this happen please get in touch.

Nursery and Reception – Stay & Play Session – Tuesday 18 October 2016 - Parents/carers are invited to a stay and play session with their child – 9.00-10.30am. Letters have been sent out today giving further information. Please return the reply slip on the letter by Friday 14 October so that we know who will be attending.

**Dance Club – a reminder that there are no dance club sessions on the following Thursdays –
13, 20 and 27 October.**

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.

Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 10 October	Nursery parents are invited to come along to hear the children sing harvest songs - please enter through the nursery gate as normal at 11.50am.	
Monday 10 October	Harvest Festival – Reception to Year 4	9:30am @ St Andrews Church – all welcome
Thursday 13 October	Year 4 – visit to River Tyne, Corbridge – Mayfly in the Classroom Project	Don't forget your child needs a waterproof coat and wellington boots.
Tuesday 18 October	Nursery and Reception – Stay and Play session	Parents/carers invited to a stay and play session with their child – 9.00-10.30am.
Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 October	Year 1 Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent home with the children on Friday 14 October.
Wednesday 19 October	Year 3 – Junior Bake Off Event at Matfen Hall	Please return permission slip and £2 contribution for coach travel by Friday 14 October.
Wednesday 19 October	School Disco Night – school fundraiser	All welcome – further details to follow
Wednesday 19 October	4.45pm - Year 4 Fellside Residential - meeting for parents/carers and Y4 children to hear more about the visit and to answer any questions you may have.	
Wednesday 19 October	Years 2, 3 and 4 - Parent consultation appointments will be sent home with your child today.	
Thursday 20 October	NSPCC – Stay Safe Speak Out assemblies for Reception to Year 4	NSPCC team in school to talk to our children about keeping safe.
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 31 October.		
Week commencing 31 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be home on Wednesday 19 October.
Wednesday 2 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Thursday 3 November	Parent Voice – parent meetings	Further information to follow.
Friday 4 November	Operation Christmas Child – shoe box appeal	Deadline for filled boxes to be dropped off at school – information will be sent out before half term.
Monday 7 November	Reception children – vision screening	Northumbria Healthcare – information will be sent out.
Wednesday 9 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 November	Into Film Festival - Year 4 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Kubo and the Two Strings	
Wednesday 16 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Friday 18 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser
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	
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	

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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
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	
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

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