

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 3 February 2017

We had a great turnout at last week's Family Quiz Night. Well done to the Neal family who were the overall winners! A special thank you to our quiz master, Mr Oliver Fowler, who provided a very enjoyable evening's entertainment. We've posted some photos from the evening on the galleries page of our website for you to enjoy. [Family Quiz Night](#)

On Tuesday 7 February we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school. This is a global initiative that encourages safe internet use as well as highlighting online safety issues. It's an invaluable opportunity to promote the importance of good online conduct to children as well as reminding them what a fantastic resource the internet is when used well. This year's theme - Unite for a better internet: be the change - draws on how people interact with one another online, and the positive outcome in collectively calling for a 'better' internet. The teachers have lots of activities planned for the children to take part in and we hope that you can support our work in this area. Discuss with your child what their favourite things about the internet are and how they'd like to improve it. Why not ask them to share some online safety tips with you? That way you can find out what knowledge they're confident in implementing online and the areas they may need extra support with. If you'd like to find out more visit <http://parentinfo.org/> for advice on how to keep your child safe online. Or if you have any concerns or want to discuss any issues in relation to your child's online safety please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or myself.

Finally this week, you may have seen media reports about plans for fairer funding for schools. I would like to reassure you that there will be no detrimental effect on our funding based on the government's new fairer funding formula.

J Ainsley

Head Teacher



Fundraising Activities – your continued support is both vital and highly valued. It helps us to enhance our provision and purchase resources we couldn't otherwise afford to. If you have any ideas for future fundraising events or want to offer your support we would be very pleased to hear from you. We raised £90 from the Family Quiz Night and we have two other fundraising activities planned this term.

Valentine's Day Disco and Party Games (Rec-Y4) – Tuesday 14 February – information has now been sent out. If your child would like to come along please return the reply slip along with your payment by Friday 10 February. We're all looking forward to a lively, noisy and fun event! We're still looking for a DJ ... so if you are 'skilled on the decks' please get in touch!

Bag2School – we have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School. As well as raising vitally needed funds it also helps the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill. Please get involved in our [Bag2School](#) collection, sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds this will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. We'll be distributing bags during week commencing 6 February. These can then be dropped off at school on 15 March.

Reception parents and carers are invited to join their child for a special learning session on Thursday 9 February from 9.00 to 10.30am. The focus for the session will be Life in a Medieval Castle. Please return the reply slip on the letter sent earlier this week to let us know if you are able to attend. This will help us make provision for someone to work alongside any children who don't have a family member available on the day.

Y4 visit to Matfen Woods – Wednesday 15 February – Y4 will be taking part in a Royal Forestry Society Teaching Trees visit to Matfen Woods. The children will learn about the commercial uses of woodland and its importance to the local community. They will also learn about the importance of woodland for the environment and the wildlife that lives there. A letter will be sent out to Y4 parents/carers early next week with more information.

CHRISTMAS STAMP COMPETITION AND EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION ... look out for information about both these activities in next week's newsletter!

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 2017 ... please donate your vouchers to us ... we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment for the children

Diary dates are printed on the next page....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
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 9 February	Reception parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session – 9.00 to 10.30am.	
Friday 10 February	Valentine's themed lunch – Mrs Dobson, our cook, is planning a Valentine's Day themed lunch for the children. For the main course there will be chicken nuggets, chips/pasta and beans/sweetcorn. For dessert there will be heart shaped biscuits. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal that day (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 by Wednesday 8 February.	
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser – 3.00-4.30pm – Reception to Year 4	
Wednesday 15 February	Y4 – visit to Matfen Woods – Royal Forestry Society Teaching Trees woodland visit	
Wednesday 15 February	Y3 – Volcanoes Workshop at the Centre for Life, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	
Thursday 16 February	Early Years Banquet – more details will follow	
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.		
Wednesday 1 March	Reception Class Hearing Tests – Northumbria Healthcare – letters will be sent out with more information/opt out form	
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day/Visit to Forum Books - come to school in your pyjamas or dressed up as your favourite book character for a donation of £1.00. We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book or bedtime story to share with the other children. We will be making a visit to Forum Books when the children will have the opportunity to use their World Book Day token. Pyjamas/costumes need to be warm enough for this and for being outside at break and lunchtimes! Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for older and younger children to mix together in paired reading activities as well as enjoying a favourite book with a cup of hot chocolate. Donations will go towards purchasing seating for our outdoor reading shed – waterproof bean bags etc	
Wednesday 15 March	Deadline for return of Bag2School donations to be handed in to school. Bags will be distributed week commencing 6 February 2017.	
Friday 17 March	Y3 visit to the Corbridge Roman Site and Museum – Roman Site Community Art Project – more information will be sent out to Y3 parents about this project in due course.	
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
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	
Christian Aid Week – 14 to 20 May 2017		
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 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 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly (afternoon)	
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 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2017

9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April
16 January	13 February	13 March	
23 January	27 February	20 March	
30 January		27 March	

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



Year 4 – Fellside Payment Schedule – as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
Option 1	£160 – payment in full to be received by Monday 12 December 2016	
Option 2	Payment in 4 instalments	
	Amount	Due by
	£40.00	Monday 12 December 2016
	£40.00	Monday 6 February 2017
	£40.00	Monday 6 March 2017
	£40.00	Monday 3 April 2017

