Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers Friday 8 July 2016

Following our final pupil progress meetings of this academic year I am very proud of all of the children's achievements. After setting challenging targets it is clearly evident the class teachers and supporting staff have all been fully committed to ensuring all the children have made progress they can be very proud of.

The hall has been buzzing with the children's singing this week. As well as Year 4 rehearsals being well underway for their leavers' celebration assembly, the nursery children have also been practising hard for their graduation assembly on Wednesday 13 July. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for both these events – I've heard fantastic singing in the hall all week and we can't wait to share it with you.

One more week and two days to go...but still lots happening – check the dairy dates for events involving your child.





Year 4 Leavers' Celebration – Friday 15 July – Refreshments from 9.00am – show starts at 9.15am – Year 4 are very much looking forward to welcoming their families to their celebration event. The stage is in place and rehearsals are well underway for what will be a marvellous celebration of their time at Corbridge First School. Please enter school via the main office from 9:00am. The office area is very busy during 9:00 and 9:15am but we will try to get you inside as swiftly as possible. Don't forget your tissues....we will all have a tear in our eye.



Parent Survey - A parent survey will be included in your child's report envelope next week (reports being sent home on Monday 11 July). The governors and I are interested in hearing your opinion of the school and we would appreciate if you could complete and return the survey to us by Tuesday 19 July. The results of the survey will help us to evaluate and plan future priorities as well as celebrating our strengths.

Year 4 – Polo Shirt signing! - As in previous years, I know the Year 4 children are looking forward to asking their friends and teachers to sign their polo shirt as a memento of their time at Corbridge First School. You might want to bear this in mind when you are choosing their clothing for the last day of school!



Medication – letters will be sent home at the end of next week to the parents/carers of children who have medication stored in school. All medication (including inhalers/epi-pens) should be collected from the class teacher by 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July. Any medicines not collected will be disposed of. Medication can then be returned to school at the start of the autumn term when a new updated 'administering medicine' form should be completed.

Sports Day takes place at 1.30pm Tuesday 12 July 2016 (weather permitting). The playground gate will be opened at 1.25pm for parents to join us on the field. The children will take part in a carousel of activities to allow everyone to compete as part of a team, followed by an individual sprint race to allow individuals to shine. Certificates will be awarded on Friday 15 July to recognise some individual achievements which will be displayed on the school website.

Just Keep Moving ... do your 10 minute shake ups every day! Look in your child's reading bag today for their 10 minute shake up leaflet/wallchart. It contains some great activities to keep the children moving all summer long. It's an easy way to get your children active, improve their heart and bone health and build up their social skills.

Last call for autumn term milk orders – we need to place our milk order next week. If you wish to order milk for your child and have not already done so, please hand in payment to the school office by **Tuesday 12 July**. We can only order milk for those who request it. We can still accept orders for milk after this date but milk will not be available for late orders until the second week of the autumn term.

Library and Reading Books – please return any library and reading books to us by the deadlines detailed below

Year 2/Year 3/Year 4 – by Monday 11 July 2016

Nursery/Reception/Year 1 – by Friday 15 July 2016

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

The Kosmic Krew Science Theatre Show – Search for the Kosmic Krystal – Reception to Year 4 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. Nursery Graduation Assembly – parents and carers are invited to come along at 9.10am. Please come into school via the office after you have dropped your child off in nursery. Parent Open Door – opportunity for parents to drop in to see their child's teacher between 3.00
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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.
Year 2 visit to Gibside, Derwent Valley, including adult led Red Kite Ramble.
Year 4 Leavers' Concert – 9.15am
Sustainable Sounds Workshops – this project has been made possible by a grant from the Ernest Cook Trust http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/ awarded to Core Music. Whole school music presentation (Nursery to 4). Workshops with hands on experience making music and instruments.
Summer Reading Challenge 2016 – Steph Penny from Corbridge Library will be in school to launch this year's summer reading challenge with the children. To celebrate Roald Dahl's centenary, this year's challenge is called 'The Big Friendly Read' and features some of his best-loved characters.
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