

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 12 May 2017

The Year 1 assembly was really well attended this week – the children were brilliant. The assemblies are a great opportunity to let them take centre stage. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Year 2 and Year 3 assemblies later in the term.

We have more farewells to say this term! At a special assembly on Friday 19 May the children and staff will say goodbye to Reverend David Hewlett as he retires from St Andrew's Church at the end of this month. We will all very much miss David and will always be grateful for his friendship and support. We wish him and his wife a happy and long retirement. We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Harrison, one of our teaching assistants, at the end of this half term. I would like to thank Mrs Harrison for all her hard work and dedication during an amazing 18 years' service at Corbridge First School. She has, without a doubt, helped many of our children 'be the best they can be' and we will all miss her. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best in her new ventures.

It's Happy Shoesday on Tuesday next week (16 May) – we are looking forward to seeing lots of happy shoes in school. Read on for more news about Walk to School Week and fund raising for Christian Aid and Living Streets.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher



Year 4 Residential Visit - Fellside – 24-26 May – please remember to return the two parental consents forms sent home earlier this week by Monday 15 May. At the meeting for parents/carers and the Y4 children at 3.05pm on Monday 15 May, Mr Harrison, will talk about the activity programme and clothing required. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. It's less than 2 weeks until the children set off on what is always an exciting and fun trip!

Walk to School Week – Monday 15 to Friday 19 May – This year's challenge will take pupils on an imaginary journey from the dramatic skylines of the city, via rolling countryside, to charming coastal areas. The teachers have some fantastic resources to use in class with our Year 1-4 children and we hope the activities will help encourage our children to enjoy the benefits of regular walking.

I hope that everyone will be able to take up the challenge to walk every day during the week – fresh air and exercise can really improve a child's happiness and wellbeing. If you live too far away to walk the whole way, why not try to team up with a friend who lives in Corbridge. Maybe you could park near to where they live and walk the remainder of the way into school with them?



Tuesday 16 May 2017 - Happy Shoesday – Fundraising - £1 donation - we will be raising money for Living Streets walking projects and Christian Aid by asking the children to come to school in their 'happy shoes' and donating a £1.00. The children can wear their brightest shoes or brighten up their shoes with jazzy laces, or bling up their trainers or wellies or just wear the shoes that make them happiest! We would also like to encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school that day.

Sun Protection

As warmer weather approaches, can I please ask you to help ensure your child is protected from the sun. Some suggestions are:

- sun hats/caps to wear at break times
- sun cream applied before coming to school
- labelled water bottle to use in school to allow easier access to extra water throughout lunchtime

It's been great to have some warmer weather this week and hopefully we'll see lots more sunshine before the end of term and have plenty of opportunity to use these suggestions. 'My Sun Safety Passports' have been given out to Years 1 to 4 this week

Don't forget it's the Summer Fair on Saturday 24 June 2017

Youth Dance Tynedale Summer School – 24-28 July 2017 at Queen Elizabeth High School – YDT are offering young people aged 4-19 the chance to take part in a summer school – for full details and to book a place visit www.youthdancetynedale.co.uk

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
Christian Aid Week – 14 to 20 May 2017		
Walk to School Week – 15-19 May 2017		
Monday 15 May	Fellside Residential – meeting for parents and carers – 3.05pm. The meeting will be held in the Y4 classroom. Please wait in the playground at the usual collection time and Mr Harrison will bring you into school via the Y4 classroom door.	
Tuesday 16 May	Happy Shoesday - we will be raising money for Living Streets walking projects and Christian Aid by asking the children to come to school in their 'happy shoes' and donating a £1.00. Funds raised will be split between the two charities.	
Thursday 18 May 2017	Deadline for parent governor nominations to be returned to Miss Ainsley, Head Teacher	
Tuesday 23 May	Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.15am	
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.		
Wednesday 14 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents of children due to join Nursery in September 2017	
Wednesday 14 June	Y3 – Visit to Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda	
Wednesday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly (now 9.15am)	
Wednesday 21 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents of children due to join Reception in September 2017	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
Saturday 24 June	Summer fete	
Thursday 29 June	Y4 – Annual Partnership Festival – Wentworth Leisure Centre – rugby based games, 10 pin bowling, quad kids athletics, Zumba exercise – organised by Queen Elizabeth High School – more information to follow nearer the time	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day - Y4 visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher.	
Friday 7 July (afternoon)	Years 1 and 2 – Hey Piggy Piggy – show at QEHS for KS1 children about money, materials and warm homes, with animation, live music and action (commissioned and funded by the National Energy Action charity).	
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 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.		

Monday swimming lesson dates for the summer term 2017

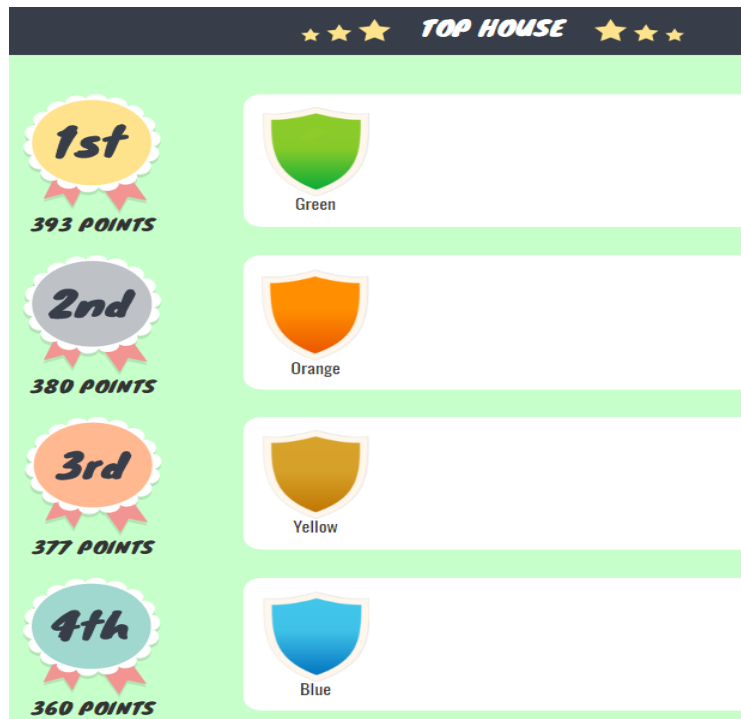
24 April	8 May	5 June	3 July
	15 May	12 June	
	22 May	19 June	

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 ... please donate your vouchers to us ...the deadline for vouchers to be sent in to us is Friday 26 May!





This week's School 360 highest house point scorers are printed below.



Year 1 children top the leader board this week!



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