

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 22 April 2016

We are very pleased to welcome Miss West, our new apprentice, to the staff team. It's the end of her first week and it's been a busy one! She will be learning all the ropes of supporting teaching and learning in the classroom and I know that she is going to be a great asset to the school. Miss West will be based in Reception during the summer term.

On Friday 6 May, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Davidson, one of our teaching assistants. I would like to thank Mrs Davidson for all her hard work and dedication during an amazing 20 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. Mrs Davidson is looking forward to spending more time with her family and I know she has plans to travel to far-away places! I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best in her new ventures.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined our Reception children for lunch this week – it was our biggest turnout! The children had great fun and we are already looking forward to next year's round of 'let's do lunch' sessions.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



Please remember to give your child a labelled water bottle to use in school especially as the weather starts to get warmer.

Class Photographs will be taken on Monday 25 April 2016. Further details on how to purchase photographs will follow – these are treasured memories!

Diary Dates....Sports Day, Y4 Leavers' Concert, Class Assemblies.....as mentioned in last week's newsletter we have now added a number of important dates to the diary dates page...please take time to check the dates and add them to your calendar.

Year 3 Author Visit – we are looking forward to welcoming Gary Northfield to school on Friday 29 April. He is a really popular author as well as a fantastic illustrator. During the morning, Gary will be showing the children how to draw comic and cartoon characters. Y3 children from Broomhaugh First School will also be coming along and I know they are looking forward to working alongside our children. Full details will be sent out to Year 3 very soon. Thank you to Forum Books for organising this visit.

Happy Shoesday and raise funds for Christian Aid – Tuesday 17 May 2016

Walk to School Week and Christian Aid Week are both taking place during week commencing 16 May 2016. On Tuesday 17 May we would like to ask the children and staff to wear their happiest shoes to school and donate £1 to Christian Aid. 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. We will try to arrange a place where we can all meet – perhaps the school allotment – and walk into school together. We will send out further information nearer the time.

Year 4 Rocket Science! On 2 September 2015, two kilograms of rocket seed travelled from Baikonur, Kazakhstan on the Soyuz 44S rocket to the International Space Station. The seeds were stored in microgravity by Tim Peake (the first British ESA astronaut) before their return to Earth this spring. Schools have now received one red packet and one blue packet of rocket seeds – one of these packets contains the seeds that travelled to space and the other contains seeds that remained here on Earth. Year 4 planted both sets of seeds earlier this week and they are looking forward to measuring and recording similarities or differences in plant growth between the two seed packets. At the end of the experiment they will be entering their results into the national database where the findings will be analysed and published for everyone to see. We'll give you an update later on in the term as to how the seeds are doing and which pack our children think contain the space seeds!



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

Hopefully, this week's warm weather won't be the only sunshine we see before the end of term and we will have plenty of opportunity to use these suggestions.

Sainsbury's Active Kids – please donate your vouchers to us – we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment.

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 Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016.		
Monday 25 April	Tyne Photo will be in school to take class photographs.	
Friday 29 April	Year 3 – Gary Northfield – author and illustrator presentation and workshop	
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
16 to 20 May - Christian Aid and Walk to School Week.		
Tuesday 17 May	Happy Shoesday! Combining both Christian Aid and Walk to School Week we would like to ask the children and staff to wear their happiest shoes to school and donate £1.00. Donations will be given to Christian Aid.	
Friday 20 May	Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Tuesday 24 May	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Information to be sent out
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
Thursday 26 May	Year 3 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.		
Monday 13 June	Schools' Library Service – story telling session (Nursery to Year 4)	
13-17 June	British Nutrition Foundation – Healthy Eating Week – we will be promoting healthy eating and drinking, being active, food provenance and cooking in school.	
Wednesday 15 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016	
Wednesday 22 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service – Newcastle Cathedral – information will be sent out	
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016	
Tuesday 28 June	Reception Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
Tuesday 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Tuesday 12 July	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.	
Wednesday 13 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 at the beginning of week commencing 11 July.	
Friday 15 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert – 9.15am	
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.		

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	

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