

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

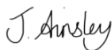
Friday 9 June 2017

Welcome back to the final half term in 2016-17! We have some fantastic events and visits taking place to support learning and, of course, there is the much anticipated, highly entertaining Year 4 Leavers' Concert to look forward to!

On Wednesday next week we will welcome our new nursery parents into school to hear all about their child's start in September and, the following Wednesday, it will be the turn of parents with children due to start in Reception to come along and hear about their child's start. Exciting times for all!

It's only two weeks to the school fete and there is a lot to do. Please do get in touch if you can offer any assistance either before or on the day as we have quite a few opportunities available! The school does rely on your support for events like these. I have my fingers crossed for a sunny day and look forward to seeing you all and having a really good time with the children. Further information about the fete is detailed below.

Enjoy the weekend.


Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher



Year 2 – class assembly – 9.15am on Wednesday 14 June – we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers. Please come into school through the main door by the office

School Fete – Saturday 24 June 2017 – Come one, come all to the greatest Summer Fete of all! Our summer fete is one of the highlights of our events calendar. This year the theme of our fete is 'You Be You' – over the next two weeks the teachers are sharing this lovely book with the children to help them understand that everyone has something special to offer and to inspire them to always be themselves. Focusing on this theme, the children will take part in a performance at 11.45am to celebrate their learning and to entertain you before the fete officially opens at 12 noon. There will be lots of fun activities and entertainment on the day and we are looking forward to welcoming you all. **Raffle tickets** – we'll be sending home raffle tickets soon – we've lots of amazing prizes donated by local businesses and attractions - it's always one of the high spots of the fete when we make the draw and find out who has won this year's goodies!

Summer Fete – Saturday 24 June 2017 – Can you help with a donation?

All donations will be gratefully received and can be dropped at the school office or taken by the class teacher. We are hoping for...

- Plants / seedlings / cuttings for our plant stall (please drop off the day before the fete)
- Good condition toys, books and teddies
- Tombola prizes – chocolates, wine, toiletries...
- Outgrown school uniforms (to be available for donations rather than for sale)
- Cakes, tray-bakes, cupcakes etc (please drop off on Friday 23 June or on the morning of the fete)

BigFoot Arts Education will be delivering workshops to Year 2 on 15 and 22 June. On 15 June they will take part in a 'Big Election Campaign' day – they will work in teams to create a campaign, exploring what matters most to them, who they to help and how. Then on 22 June, they will take part in a 'Recipe to Friendship' programme. The children will make their own cookery show explaining how to be the perfect friend!

Bikes and Scooters – it is great to see so many of our children coming to school on their bikes and scooters. Can I please ask you to ensure the children and younger/older siblings do not ride their bikes or scooters on the school yard. The school yard is very busy at both drop off and pick up times and we want to avoid anyone being bumped or knocked over. Thank you for your support.



Sunshine and Showers - The weather can be unpredictable even though it is officially summer! Please ensure that your child is prepared for all weathers but particularly if the weather is warm - sun lotion applied before school and a sun hat to wear at break and lunchtimes.

School Uniform...no longer fits, need extra items or new uniform. Place your order at schooltrends.co.uk for delivery to your chosen address, allowing 21 days for delivery during their peak summer season. The only items we will continue to sell from school are printed reading folders and printed PE/Swimming bags. These items each cost £3.60 and can be purchased from the school office. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque payable to 'Corbridge Church of England School Fund'.

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 |
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| 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 | Nursery and Reception – Visit to Kirkley Hall Zoo – full day visit – please return permission slips and payment by Friday 16 June. | |
| 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 – please return permission slip by Wednesday 14 June. | |
| Thursday 22 June | Dental Survey – children aged 5 in Reception/Year 1 – consent forms will be sent out | |
| Saturday 24 June | Summer fete | |
| Tuesday 27 June | Year 2 visit to Gibside – please return permission slips and payment by Wednesday 21 June. | |
| 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 – Please note that due to this event not finishing until 2.45pm, Y4 children will need to be collected from the school yard at the slightly later time of 3.30pm. | |
| Tuesday 4 July | Nursery closed due to Transfer Day | |
| Tuesday 4 July | Transfer Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher Nursery is closed on 4 July as children due to start nursery in September 2017 will be having their visit day. Children due to join our Reception class will be having their welcome day and meeting their teacher. If your child is joining our Reception class in September, please bring them to the school playground for 9.15am. Their welcome visit runs from 9.15am to 12 noon. They will have their lunch in school as usual that day. | |
| Thursday 6 July | Picnic Lunch and Teddy Bears – Mrs Dobson, our Cook, will be providing a special 'Picnic' school lunch. For the main course there will be a choice of sandwich (tuna, cheese or ham), juice (apple or orange) and vegetable sticks (carrot or cucumber) as well as ready salted crisps and flapjack. Weather permitting the children will have lunch outside. If your child usually has a packed lunch we will send a note home nearer to the time to ask if your child would like a school picnic lunch. Teddy Bears Welcome! Children are welcome to bring along their teddy bear or other soft toy to join them at the picnic. Please ensure that teddy is wearing a secure tag with your child's name so that they don't get lost! | |
| 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 will take place at 1.30pm on 17 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. | |
| 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

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

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

