

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 16 September 2016

We have had a really positive week again at Corbridge First School and I have enjoyed spending some of my time working with the children in their new classrooms. School Council elections have been held and they will meet to set their autumn term priorities in the coming weeks. Playground Buddies will begin their duties from Monday to help ensure all children have a happy enjoyable playtime.

Mrs Orrick and some of the Year 1 children began work in the allotment today. All the children will have an opportunity to visit at some point during the year – the learning experiences during these visits are invaluable. The children gain a great deal from being actively involved in growing plants and vegetables. You may remember that we said we would use funds from the summer fete to develop our outdoor environment around school – we are looking forward to sharing our plans with you soon.

The autumn term 1 curriculum information leaflets are now posted on the school website. Click on the [Teaching and Learning](#) tab, from the menu on the left hand side of the page select your child's year group 2016-2017 page. We will post a new leaflet for each year group at the start of every half term. I hope you find the leaflets informative and help you to support your child at home with their learning.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Year 3 – Introduction to djembe (African Drumming) - we are looking forward to welcoming Miss Suckling, Music Partnership North, into school this year to work with our Y3 children. They will have an hour's lesson on Tuesday afternoons, during school time. Drumming in a group fosters great skills in teamwork and I am sure the children will really enjoy these sessions.

After School Guitar Tuition – Years 2-4 - we are hoping to be able to once again offer after school guitar tuition. Look out for news being circulated next week.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons start on Monday 19 September. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school.

Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting – Thursday 29 September – 2.30pm - Parents and carers are invited to meet with Mrs Burton to hear about the class routines, year group expectations and how you can support your child at home.

Data Checking Sheets/Going Home Arrangements/Pupil Acceptable Use Policy – your child will have brought home an envelope this week containing the following document(s)

Data Checking Sheet (Whole School) - please check that the details we currently hold for your child on our database are accurate and up to date. Even if you have no changes to make please sign and return the document so that we have confirmation our data is up to date.

Going Home Arrangements (Years 1-4 only) - by completing and returning this form we can ensure that children are collected at the end of the school day by the appropriate person/organisation.

Pupil Acceptable Use Policy (Year 1 and Year 3 only) - children and parents to sign agreement to our ICT rules at school. We ask children/parents to complete a new agreement when they move from the Foundation Stage to KS1 or from KS1 to KS2.

Please read through the documents and return them to school by Friday 23 September 2016.

Payment for School Meals – Nursery/Years 3 and 4 - If you have not already made a payment for this half term's school meals, could I please ask you to do so on Monday 19 September. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

Pupil Individual Photographs - there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to purchase photographs this term. Tynephoto will be in school on Friday 7 October to take individual pupil photographs. If your child has a sibling in our school/nursery a family photograph will also be taken.

Hexham Abbey Festival of Music and the Arts 2016 – Sunday 18 September 2016 (2.00-5.30pm)

An opportunity for boys aged 7-9 (Years 2 to 4) and girls aged 11-13 (Years 7 to 9) to experience singing at Hexham Abbey during a free afternoon of fun, learning and making music. Workshops, climb the bell tower, football, try on chorister robes in the Song School. You don't need to be an experienced singer, you just need to love singing and enjoy being part of a team. For more info or to book a free place telephone 0808 126 1257 or email

festival@hexhamabbey.org.uk

Diary dates are printed on the next two pages....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 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 29 September	2.30pm - Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting	Parents and carers are invited to meet with Mrs Burton to hear about the class routines, year group expectations and how you can support your child at home.
Friday 7 October	Individual Pupil Photographs – whole school and nursery	Tyne Photo will be in school to take individual and family group photographs.
Monday 10 October	Harvest Festival	9:30am @St Andrews Church – all welcome (date and time TBC)
Friday 14 October	School Disco Night – school fundraiser	All welcome – further details to follow
Tuesday 18 October (morning)	Nursery and Reception – Stay and Play session	Parents/carers invited to a stay and play session with their child. Further details to follow.
Thursday 20 October	NSPCC – Stay Safe Speak Out assemblies for Reception to Year 4	NSPCC team in school to talk to our children about keeping safe.
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 31 October.		
Week commencing 31 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 2 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Thursday 3 November	Parent Voice – parent meetings	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 November	Into Film Festival - Year 4 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Kubo and the Two Strings	
Wednesday 16 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Friday 18 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser
Tuesday 22 November	Into Film Festival - Years 2 and 3 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Pete's Dragon	
Wednesday 23 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Thursday 24 November	Into Film Festival - Reception and Year 1 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see The Princess and The Frog	
Wednesday 30 November	Nasal flu vaccinations – Years 1, 2 and 3	Information/permission forms will be circulated by Northumberland Health Care Trust.
Wednesday 30 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Monday 5 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 6 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Thursday 8 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Friday 9 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	
Monday 12 December	Pantomime – Aladdin – Every Cloud Entertainments	Afternoon pantomime performance for Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 13 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	
Wednesday 14 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 16 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30p - all welcome (date and time TBC)
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 16 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.		
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 19 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session

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Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 26 January	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 27 January	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	
Thursday 2 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 9 February	Reception parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.		
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	
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 (date and time (TBC)
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	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 16 May	Year 2 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	
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 swimming dates –autumn term 2016 – Mondays – 10 lessons

19 September	3 October	7 November
26 September	10 October	14 November
	17 October	21 November
	31 October	28 November

