

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 18 March 2016

Wow...what an active day we've had in school to reach our goal of 5 hours of non-stop movement! The children were full of beans as they took turns to skip and dance to raise funds for The British Heart Foundation – so far we have raised £175! Thank you too for all the £1 donations for Sport Relief – we have raised £124.00. We really have had a fantastic day and at the same time raised funds for two great charities. Thank you all for your support. Please remember to return any sponsor monies and forms for the dance/skipping event to us by Monday 21 March.

The Easter Garden competition winners enjoyed their afternoon at St Andrew's Church helping to create the winning garden design. I hope you will be able to take time to go along to see the garden ... but if you can't make it you can still enjoy the photographs we've posted on the galleries page of the school website. We are looking forward to seeing the children's designs from this week's garden themed homework task to create a piece of art to represent their vision/thoughts on Corbridge in Bloom.

Only four more school days before we break up for Easter but there is still plenty to fit in. We are looking forward to welcoming Reception and Nursery parents into school for Thursday's Easter Carousel. We are also very much looking forward to Thursday afternoon's 'Shine a Light' musical performance. We are sure the children will enjoy this end of term treat.

*J. Ainsley*

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



**School closes for the Easter break at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March and reopens on Monday 11 April.**

**Nursery and Reception – Easter Carousel on Thursday 24 March 2016–9.00-10.00am. Please enter school via the office after dropping off your child in Nursery/Reception.**

**Library / Reading Buddy Volunteers wanted!** Now that the refurbished library is up and running, we would be interested in hearing from any parents/carers or grandparents who might have a little spare time. We need help with

- displaying the books in the library creatively
- assisting the children with choosing their books
- reading with children on a 1:1 or small group basis

If you can help, please call into the school office to leave your details and availability or telephone 01434 632534 or email [admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk). As part of our commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils, we would need to ask volunteers to complete an Enhanced DBS Disclosure check.

**Author Visit – Reception, Years 1 and 2 – Tuesday 22 March 2016** Rob Biddulph will be in school for a special story book session. As part of this event, Forum Books is offering the children the opportunity to purchase one of Rob's books – GRRRRR! at the special price of £5.00 (published price is £6.99). Rob will be signing his new book GRRRRR! in the Kids bookshop from 3.30pm ... and drawing something bear like on their toilet wall!

This year's **Pupil Voice Conference** was held on Wednesday at The Fuse Media Centre, Prudhoe. Corbridge First School was represented at the conference by Year 4 pupils Jack, Amelia, Jennie and Harvey. The theme of this year's conference was business and industry. Working with children from other schools the children took part in an Apprentice style series of workshops, designing and marketing a product. Activities during the day included designing packaging, producing an advert for the side of a bus, a radio jingle, a promotional film and logo for their product. Thank you to our children for being such great ambassadors for our school.

**Quid-A-Kid** will continue to run during the summer term – booking forms will be sent out.

**Girls' After School Football Club** has proved popular and will continue to run during the summer term – booking forms will be sent out.

**Milk Orders for the summer term 2016** – We can still accept orders for milk will but it will not be available for late orders until the second week of the summer term as we have to confirm our order with the dairy at the start of week commencing 21 March.

**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
Tuesday 22 March	Author visit – Rob Biddulph is in school for a special story book session with Reception, Years 1 and 2	
Wednesday 23 March	Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join the children for a special learning session (1.30-3.00pm) – the focus of the lesson will be a ‘Maths is Fun’ problem solving session.	
Thursday 24 March	Nursery and Reception – Easter Carousel – parents and carers are invited into school to join their children in Easter activities – 9.00-10.00am. Please enter school via the office after dropping off your child in Nursery/Reception.	
Thursday 24 March	‘Shine A Light’ – show performed by West End in Schools	1.30pm – show for Reception to Year 4
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016.</b>		
Monday 11 April	Y3 swimming – first of 11 lessons during the summer 2016 term; last lesson Mon 4 July	
Wednesday 20 April	Reception – Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Friday 22 April	Penguinpig (E-Safety Puppet Show) – Traum Theatre will be in school to take workshops with Reception, Years 1 and 2; Prior to the workshops, Traum Theatre will perform their Penguinpig show to all classes (Reception to Year 4)	
Monday 25 April	Tyne Photo will be in school to take class photographs.	
<b>School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016</b>		
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
15 to 21 May	Christian Aid Week – we will be organising a fund raising event to support their work.	Information will be sent out.
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.</b>		
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 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Saturday 16 July	School Summer Fair	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.</b>		

Fellside May 2016 - Payment Schedule	
Amount	Due By
£42.25	Instalment 4 - Monday 11 April 2016
Cheques payable to ‘NCC’ – please send payments (cash/cheque) in an envelope marked with your child’s name + ‘Fellside’.	

### Year 3 swimming dates - spring term 2016 – Mondays

7 March
14 March
21 March

### 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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