

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers


Thursday 15 December 2016

You wouldn't believe the Christmas week we have had – it has been very noisy but absolutely fantastic. Everyone really enjoyed the Aladdin pantomime on Monday afternoon – colourful costumes, catchy songs and lots of audience participation! Christmas parties followed on Tuesday and Wednesday and each class raised the roof in their own particular way. But, without a doubt, my favourite this week has been listening to the children practise their songs for our Carol Service at St Andrew's Church. I hope that you will be able to join us on Friday to listen to and perhaps join in with them!

On Monday morning our Year 4 children went to sing Christmas Carols at both Primlea Court (retirement and sheltered housing) and Charlotte Straker residential and nursing care home in Corbridge. They did a great job and I am very proud of them all. We've posted a couple of photographs on our galleries page ... [Y4 out and about singing in the community](#)

I've listed below the various school fundraising events we've held this term. One of our key strengths is the support we receive from you and we very much appreciate and value this. We use this additional money to enrich the learning resources and environment of our pupils – there are many areas of school life that have benefited from the additional support.

Finally, Christmas is the occasion to extend the message of love, sincerity and care. Our families and friends are the most important things in our lives and Christmas is the ideal opportunity to spend time together. Have a lovely time and see you all in the New Year.

  
Head Teacher



**School closes for the Christmas break at 3.00pm on Friday 16 December. School reopens on Tuesday 3 January 2017.**

**Book Bags** – the children won't need their book bags in school tomorrow - Friday 16 December.

At the time of writing, our **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** has raised £113 - well done to everyone. The children looked very festive in their brightly coloured tops. Thank you as well to Mrs Dobson and the kitchen team for the delicious Christmas dinner served to the children and staff today. Have a look on our galleries page for lots of photos taken at lunchtime today  
[Christmas Lunch and Santa's Visit](#)



**Carol Service at St Andrew's Church – Friday 16 December – 1.30pm** – we hope you will be able to join us at the Carol Service. At the end of the service, children may go home with parents/carers. If you are unable to attend, we will bring your child back to school and follow the normal routine for end of day collection.

**School Meals** — the cost of school meals for the first half of the spring term 2017 is £72.60. If your child's school meal account has a debit or credit from the autumn term, they will have a letter home in their book bag today giving details of how much to deduct/add to your first payment for the spring term.

**Change of Date for Year 2 Assembly** – please note that the Year 2 assembly date has changed to Wednesday 14 June (originally on the diary dates page as 16 May).

**Fundraising during the autumn term – thank you for your support!**

Christmas Pottery Workshops commission– Reception & Nursery	£59.10
Christmas Hamper Raffle	£425.00
Late Night Christmas Shopping Event in Corbridge	£80.60
Movie Night	£324.50
Individual/family photography – commission from Tynephoto	£314.80
Disco	£242.00
Total	£1,446.00

**Clubs – spring term 2017**

**Dance Club – Thursdays – 3.00-4.00pm** – will run from 5 January to 6 April. If you would like to book a place for your child at dance club please contact Molly Stroyan on 0794 3804161 or email [mlstroyan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mlstroyan@yahoo.co.uk)

**Girls' Football- Fridays – 3.00-4.00pm** – will run from 13 January to 31 March. Letters will be distributed on Tuesday 3 January with details of how to book a place on the spring term sessions.

*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...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.*

## Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 16 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 16 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.</b>		
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Monday 16 January	Reception and Nursery - Deadline for '55 Books at Bedtime' forms to be returned to school	
Thursday 19 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
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	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.</b>		
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.
<del>Friday 7 April</del>	<del>Super Splash Heroes – a fun interactive pantomime performance and workshop funded by Northumbrian Water for Reception to Y4</del>	<del>Sorry, this event has been postponed to 4 December 2017!</del>
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 7 April for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 24 April.</b>		
<b>Monday 1 May – school closed for Bank Holiday</b>		
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
<del>Tuesday 16 May</del>	<del>Year 2 Class Assembly</del>	
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	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.</b>		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
<del>Wednesday 14 June</del>	<del>Year 2 Class Assembly (afternoon)</del>	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
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	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.</b>		

## Year 3 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2017

Don't forget to visit the School Website: [www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)



9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April
16 January	13 February	13 March	
23 January	27 February	20 March	
30 January		27 March	

Year 4 – Fellside Payment Schedule – as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>£160 – payment in full to be received by Monday 12 December 2016</b>	
<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Payment in 4 instalments</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due by</b>
	<b>£40.00</b>	<b>Monday 12 December 2016</b>
	<b>£40.00</b>	<b>Monday 6 February 2017</b>
	<b>£40.00</b>	<b>Monday 6 March 2017</b>
	<b>£40.00</b>	<b>Monday 3 April 2017</b>

**Please contact the school office if you require large type formats of any school produced documentation. School can also provide help with reading any documentation.**

