

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week the children have been introduced to Global Goals as part of our PSHE work and we are all working hard to be "GOAL" keepers! Find out more about Global Goals here: <https://www.globalgoals.org/>. If you are not yet following us on [Twitter](#) you are missing out on snap shots of lots of fun learning which this week have included an update from our newly appointed School Council, allotment updates and storytelling in Early Years - just to name a few!

With the arrival of October next week we will be thinking about "walk to school" month and we begin with "Happy Shoes" Day on Tuesday 1 October 2019!

Thank you to all of you who responded with interest to spend some time in school. We value and welcome your support, and the staff are looking forward to working with you.

This week the School Governors held their first meeting of the year and after tireless service to the school, Mr Andrew Neal, stepped down as Chair. He will serve the remainder of his term as a valued Governing Body Member but I take this opportunity to thank him for all his time and support over the last five years. We welcome Mrs Gayle Baty as our new Chair of Governors, alongside two new governors, Mr Paul Hagger and Mr Alistair Jenkins. We all look forward to continuing to work together to make sure Corbridge CE First School continues to be the best we can be.

Have a lovely weekend.

J. Ainsley

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Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



1st Corbridge Brownies.

We have places available for girls aged 7yrs to 10 yrs . We meet on a Monday evening from 6.15pm to 7.30pm. Local contact: Linda E Hunter, 01434 633742 or lehunter@btinternet.com
Further information on the Guide Association website.

Attendance and Punctuality

I appreciate the efforts you make to ensure the children are in their class line at 8:55am. Getting your child to school on time really helps ensure they can get the most out of their learning time as lessons start promptly at 9.00am. At CFS the punctuality and readiness for learning are outstanding! Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Requests for Leave of Absence

Many applications for leave of absence have been submitted this term and I would like to remind you that time away from school will be logged as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. The children miss out on events and often can be sad on return that they have missed a build up to a piece of work or they have not been part of the group preparing a drama or creating a piece of music. The staff are very skilled in ensuring all pupils can become involved or catch up, but the impact of taking time out does affect the children both emotionally, as well as academically.

I would ask that you continue to give careful thought to any requests for leave of absence you wish to submit.



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Diary dates are printed below and new dates will be added in red so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2019-2020

Date	Event	Notes
October 2019	INTERNATIONAL Walk to School Months	Events to be announced
Tuesday 1 October	Happy “Shoes” Day	Parentmail been issued.
Tuesday 1 October	Year 3 Workshop – Corbridge Roman Town	Workshop held in school
Friday 11 October	Year 2 visit to Aydon Castle (AM) will be back for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 18 October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception Class to Year 4.	Please return the permission slip to ensure your child receives the vaccination by Monday 16 September
Monday 21 October	Parent Consultation Week	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Monday 21 October	Year 4 Parent / Family Meeting – 2:30pm Residential Information	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Drop In 3pm – 4pm Delivered by Sarah Donnison – Operation Encompass	Further information to follow via parentmail
Thursday 24 October	Harvest Festival and Raffle	1:30pm @St Andrews Church – all welcome Donations gratefully received for the West Northumberland Food Bank.
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 October 2019 for half term break and reopens on Monday 4 November 2019. PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Tuesday 5 November	Special Lunch Bonfire Menu	Further information to follow
Wednesday 6 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 6 November	School Disco – school fundraiser	Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm Further information to follow.
Friday 8 November	EYFS School Disco – During the afternoon session. Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend if they wish to join in.	1pm – 3pm Further information to follow.
Week commencing 11 November	Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is “Change starts with us”	All Children will take part in class workshops run by Big Foot Arts Company on Monday 11 November – Funded by monies raised at our Summer Fete.
Monday 11 November	Into Film Festival – YEAR 3 and 4 Cinema Visit (am)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 13 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 15 November	BBC Children In Need Day Children in Need Special Lunch	Charity fundraiser – information to follow.
Wednesday 20 November	Road Safety Week EYFS Road Safety “Hat Day”	Further information to follow.

Wednesday 20 November	Into Film Festival – YEAR 1 and 2 Cinema Visit (am)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Date	Event	Notes
Friday 22 November	Road Safety Week EYFS Road Safety – Local Walk	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 27 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 29 November	Reception Heights & Weights	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 4 December	Reception parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 4 December	Christmas Movie Night Fundraiser – Years 1 – 4	Further information to follow.
Friday 6 December	Christingle House Groups School Event	In School Event
Tuesday 10 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	1.30pm
Wednesday 11 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – Nativity Dress rehearsal	9.15am
Friday 13 December	Reception and Nursery – Nativity	9.15am
Friday 13 December	EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend if they wish to join in.	1-3pm Further information to follow.
Tuesday 17 December	Reception & Nursery Christmas Party (am)	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 17 December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 18 December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 20 December	Christmas Pantomime Big Foot - Rapunzel	No cost to families – paid via fundraising
Friday 20 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 December 2019 for the Christmas break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 7 January 2020.		