

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 11 May 2018

Meeting Mark from Run Geordie Run has been a highlight of the week and our running challenge will begin next week. Kids club have already begun to collect miles to record for the challenge. Thanks to Anne and her team for motivating the children and running alongside them this week.

The visit from Kate Pankhurst was also a great session. Kate stated she was astounded by the interesting and intelligent questions posed by the children, including 'What inspired her to read comics when she was younger?' She really enjoyed working with the children and commented on their fantastic behaviour.

Also this week some pupils from KS2 represented us at the Wentworth, competing in an athletics competition. The children were a credit to the school and their attitudes, behaviour and conduct was recognised by the coaches at the event. Thank you to the families who provided transport which enables us to take part in these events.

The good news continues to flow reminding us we have a fantastic school, with amazing children who make us proud.

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley

Head Teacher



**School Dinners:** Week beginning 14 May will be Week 2 of [our menu](#).

## Term dates and leave of absence

The calendar showing [term dates for the academic year 2018-19](#) has been added to the website this week. Please refer to dates before booking any breaks for next year. Requests for leave of absence have increased this year, and I cannot authorise any family holidays. Only leave for exceptional circumstances can be authorised. If the school attendance is below national expectations and averages, the school does not meet criteria for being judged as a "good" school. Ofsted judgements and our termly judgements from County Council are not my motivation for asking for your support with this, although they are very important. All evidence shows absence from school can lead to both academic and social difficulties for children. I ask for your support as we all are dedicated to ensure the best for the children.

## Karate in Corbridge

Karate Kids ages 5+.

First lesson FREE to anyone from Corbridge First School (please attend in school t-shirt or jumper to validate).

Every Friday night at Corbridge Parish Hall, St Helens Street, Corbridge

5.00pm - 6.00pm at a charge of £5 per session.

Instructor Wayne Bond 07787145497 Fully insured and DBS checked. [www.seikenryu.com](http://www.seikenryu.com)

## Fun, games and Zumba Kids Dance during the half term holiday.

A special event is taking place on Monday 28 May and Tuesday 29 May from 9.30am-10.30am at Corbridge Scout Hut, Corbridge Parish Hall, St Helen's Street Corbridge NE45 5BQ. Children aged 5-11 are welcome.

Please arrive 5 minutes early to complete your child's registration form.

Contact your licensed Zumba Instructor Shelly Dronfield 07738122853/shelly@dancefitness.school to confirm your child's place. Booking is essential, as places are limited.

Wear trainers and clothes you can move in. Don't forget your water bottle!

£6.00 per child or £10.00 when booking two sessions.



**Sunshine and Showers** - The weather is still rather unpredictable. 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.

**Nut Free School – a reminder that we are a NUT FREE zone so please support us by ensuring your child's packed lunch or snacks are 'nut free'**

**Are your contact details up to date?** Please remember to let us know about any changes to your contact details – change of address, home, mobile or work phone numbers etc.

## Year 3 Monday swimming dates for the summer term 2018

Monday 16 April	Monday 14 May	Monday 4 June	Monday 25 June
Monday 23 April	Monday 21 May	Monday 11 June	Monday 2 July
Monday 30 April		Monday 18 June	

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**Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added regularly (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 2017-2018**

Date	Event	Notes
Week beginning 14 May	Year 2 SATs Assessment Week	Parentmail details have now been sent.
Monday 14 May	Year 4 local visit (am) – John Muir Award	The visit will not incur a cost and the children will be back in school for lunch.
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:10am
Thursday 17 May	Woodland Trust in school. Year One special events in school.	Outdoor Classroom Week – Look out on the website and Twitter for photographs.
Friday 18 May	Year One Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Friday 18 May	EYFS Wedding Celebrations	Nursery and Reception special day to celebrate the royal wedding – more information to follow.
Monday 21 May	School Open Mornings for families who have not yet chosen a nursery for September 2018	School will advertise these open mornings. If a family has already secured a place they will be invited to the welcome meetings rather than these tours.
Tuesday 22 May	Happy Shoes Day	Wear your happy shoes for a £1 donation to the charity Living Streets
Wednesday 23 May	Reception Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 23-Friday 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	Information has now been shared.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.</b>		
Tuesday 5 June	Year 3 visit – Corbridge Roman Town	The visit will not incur a cost and the children will be back in school for lunch.
Wednesday 13 June	Year 2 Class Assembly	9:10am
Friday 15 June	Early Years' Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 21 June	Mid Summer's Evening in Corbridge	Come and visit or help fundraise at our school stall on this wonderful evening.
Monday 25 June	Safer Internet Workshop in school Led by Big Foot Company	This event is being paid for using money raised in the Christmas raffles.
Wednesday 27 June	Year Four Leavers Service and the Cathedral	Service starts at 11am. Families are invited to attend – further details will be shared near the time.
Wednesday 27 June	Year Four visit to the great North Museum following the service	Late arrival back to school (3:30pm) More information to follow.
Saturday 30 June	Summer Fete	
Tuesday 3 July	Transfer Day	Details will be shared before the event
Thursday 5 July	Hexham Partnership Sports event for Year 4 Class at Wentworth.	More information to follow.
Friday 6 July	Year 3 Class Visit Vindolanda and Roman Army Museum	More details to follow.
Thursday 12 July	Special Lunch. Teddy Bears' Picnic	Further details to be shared nearer the date.
Friday 13 July	Year 2 Class Visit St Mary's Lighthouse	More details to follow.
Monday 16 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 17 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 18 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,	
Thursday 19 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.</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.**