

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 6 May 2016

Last week all of our children took part in our 'Take One Picture' whole school curriculum event. The challenge was for each class to use Uccello's image of Saint George and the Dragon imaginatively in the classroom to develop their skills across all curriculum areas. Creative aspects of learning including art, music and literacy were explored thoroughly and the image was also used to focus our learning in more unexpected areas such as maths, Science and PE! The work produced by each class is now being collated into a huge frieze that will be displayed in the school library. I can't wait to see the finished result – look out for photographs on the website soon.

Walking round school earlier this week, I was really impressed at our children's enthusiasm and interest in their learning. Reception children are very busy finding out about all the different types of bees and they are engrossed in watching their caterpillars grow – we are all looking forward to the butterflies. Year 3 are taking part in science experiments as they learn about forces and magnets and the 3D volcano they are building as part of their Explosive Earth topic is increasing in size every day! Just a few of the many activities I have seen this week. With a growing concern over the pressures children face in schools, with specific reference to the testing of children, I am pleased to say we are managing to protect our children from these worries. They learn through creative and inspiring lessons for which I thank all of our teachers.

Finally, I am really pleased to be able to tell you that cricket and tag rugby will be coming to the school during the summer term and children in Years 3 and 4 will have the opportunity of enjoying both.

*J. Ainsley*



Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher

**Class Photographs – proofs have been sent home with your child this week. Please return completed orders and payment to the school office by 20 May. You can also order photographs online - see the information sent home with the proof.**

**Zoolab - Wednesday 11 May – £3 contribution - Nursery, Reception, Y2 & Y4** – if you have not already done so, please send in your £3.00 contribution. Visits such as this provide an opportunity for the children to take part in an out of the ordinary learning experience. Without contributions we simply cannot afford to take advantage of them! Thank you for your support.

**Mid-Summer Games Evening – Year 4** - Children who are transferring to Corbridge Middle School this summer are invited to bring their families along to the mid-summer evening games being held at Corbridge Middle School at 6.00pm on Wednesday 29 June. Information regarding this event and Transfer Day on 5 July will be sent in the post from CMS.

**Year 4 – Homework Project** – a reminder that the deadline for completion of the project is Monday 16 May 2016.

**Year 4 Rocket Science – update** - This week the children have worked out that 88% of the red packet seeds and 79% of the blue packet have now germinated. The watering rota is up and running and the seedlings are being very well looked after! The children who came to give me an update today think the blue packet seeds are the ones that travelled into space with Tim Peake. We'll see if their prediction remains the same or changes over the next few weeks. Watch this 'space'!

## Community News

It's a quieter news week at the school but fortunately there is lots going on in the community. Here are a few of the activities you may be interested in.

**Great British Tennis Weekend – Try Tennis for Free at Corbridge Tennis Club** between 10.00am and 3.30pm on Saturday 14 May or from 12.30 to 3.00pm on Sunday 15 May. To find out more go to [www.lta.org.uk/gbtw](http://www.lta.org.uk/gbtw)

**Open Farm Sunday – On 5 June 2016** one of Newcastle University's farms, Cockle Park Farm (Cockle Park, Morpeth NE61 3EA), will be open to the public from 1.00-5.00pm. The event is aimed at families with children aged 3 to 11 years. Admission is free and activities include: cows – milking from 2.00pm; sheep shearing; farm guided walks; machinery displays and lots more!

**Armed Forces Day – Saturday 25 June 2016** – a free, family fun day in Hexham to support Armed Forces Day. 10.00am to 4.00pm – Beaumont Street, Hexham.

**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
Wednesday 11 May	Zoolab – workshops for Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4	
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
Monday 16 May	Y4 – Homework Project – deadline for completion.	
<b>16 to 20 May - Christian Aid and Walk to School Week.</b>		
Tuesday 17 May	Walk to School Week and Christian Aid Week are both taking place during week commencing 16 May 2016. On Tuesday 17 May we would like to ask the children and staff to wear their happiest shoes to school and donate £1 to Christian Aid. The children can wear their brightest shoes or brighten up their shoes with jazzy laces, or bling up their trainers or wellies or just wear the shoes that make them happiest! We would also like to encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school that day. We will try to arrange a place where we can all meet – perhaps the school allotment – and walk into school together. We will send out further information nearer the time.	
Friday 20 May	Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Friday 20 May	Class Photographs – deadline for return of orders and payments.	
Tuesday 24 May	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Information to be sent out
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
Thursday 26 May	Year 3 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.</b>		
Monday 13 June	Schools’ Library Service – story telling session (Nursery to Year 4)	
13-17 June	British Nutrition Foundation – Healthy Eating Week – we will be promoting healthy eating and drinking, being active, food provenance and cooking in school.	
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 28 June	Reception Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
<b>Saturday 2 July</b>	<b>School Summer Fair</b>	
Tuesday 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Tuesday 12 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 12 July (weather permitting). The playground gate will be opened at 1.25pm for parents to join us on the field. There will be a carousel of activities to allow all the children to compete as part of a team, followed by an individual sprint race to allow individuals to shine. Certificates will be awarded to recognise some individual achievements which will be displayed on the school website.	
Wednesday 13 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 at the beginning of week commencing 11 July.	
Friday 15 July	Year 4 Leavers’ Concert – 9.15am	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.</b>		

### 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	

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

