

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 11 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back!

I am delighted to be able to start the year by letting you know that we have completed our central quad in the school (which is an enclosed outdoor space). We have created a beautiful, and inspiring, area which we hope all members of the school community will access and utilise. The space houses a pond with a bridge and waterfall feature as well as a stage area. We have planted fruit trees and will be growing herbs and scented plants to develop sensory work. All children will benefit from this space and we will be introducing them to it this term. The fundraising efforts this year have contributed to the development, alongside a successful application for a grant for the Government "sugar tax" money, so we thank you for all your support.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school over this term to join the children in special learning sessions. These sessions are always very popular and the children very much enjoy sharing school activities with you and I hope you will be able to come along. The dates will be added to the newsletter next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Spring 1 Class Curriculum Information Booklets

Click your child's class to be directed to the website page:

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Charity Fundraising Efforts

We were able to make a donation of £126.79 to The Children's Society from the collection taken at St. Andrew's Church at our Carol Service. We thank you again for all your donations.

Payment for School Meals (Nursery/Years 3 and 4) — If you have not already made a payment for this half term's school meals, could I please ask you to do so on Monday 14 January. Details of the cost of school meals this half term have been sent on parentmail. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

40 Books at Bedtime – if you have taken part in our 'Books at Bedtime' challenge please return your completed form to us as soon as possible as the prize draw to select prize winners will take place next week.

The deadline for applications for Reception class places is 15 January 2019. All parents who require a Reception class place for their child in September 2019 must make an application either online or on paper by this date. Please let us know if we can help.

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 swimming dates –Spring Term 2019 – Wednesdays – 12 lessons

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| 9,16,23 and 30 Jan | 6, 13 and 27 February | 6, 13, 20 and 27 March | 3 April |
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Diary dates are printed on the next pages....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 2018-2019

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| Tuesday 15 January | Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch. | Letters have now been issued. |
| Friday 18 January | Gymnastic Competition | Pupils attending the completion have now been informed. |
| Tuesday 22 January | Nursery parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch. (11:30am) | Letters have now been issued. |
| Tuesday 5 February | Internet Safety Day | Further information to follow. |
| Friday 8 February | Reception sight tests | Further information to follow. |
| Thursday 14 February | Special Lunch – Valentine's Day | Further information to follow. |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 15 February for half term and reopens on Monday 25 February. | | |
| Week commencing 25 February | Parent Consultations | Appointments will be sent out in due course. |
| Friday 1 March | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 3 lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| Thursday 7 March | World Book Day | Further information to follow. |
| Friday 15 March | Comic Relief Special lunch day | Charity fundraiser |
| Friday 5 April | SPECIAL LUNCH – Easter Lunch | Further information to follow |
| Friday 5 April TBC | Easter Celebration 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 5 April for the Easter break and reopens on Tuesday 23 April. | | |
| Friday 3 May | Year 1 Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Monday 6 May – school closed for Bank Holiday | | |
| Friday 10 May | Year 3 Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Week beginning 13 May | Year 2 SATs Assessment Week | Further information to follow |
| Week beginning 13 May | Christian Aid Week | |
| Friday 17 May | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 2 lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| Wed 22 – Fri 24 May | Year Four Residential - Fellside | Further information to follow |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 24 May for half term and reopens on Monday 3 June. | | |
| Week beginning 10 June | Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week | Further information to follow |
| Friday 14 June | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 1 lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| Friday 14 June | Year 2 Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Friday 21 June | Reception Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Saturday 22 June | Summer Fete | 11am - 2pm |
| Friday 28 June | SPECIAL LUNCH Reception lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| MONDAY 8 JULY | TRANSFER DAY | Y4 children will attend their middle school. Other children spend the day in the next class. |
| Wednesday 10 July | SPECIAL LUNCH Teddy Bear's Picnic | Further information to follow |

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| Monday 15 July | Sports' Day (afternoon) | |
| Tuesday 16 July | Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning | |
| Wednesday 17 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 12 July. | |
| Thursday 18 July | Year 4 Leavers' Concert | |
| Friday 19 July | SPECIAL LUNCH Year 4 lunch Choice | Further information to follow |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 19 July for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 3 September 2019. | | |

