

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 1 December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As December arrived, so has the snow - which really excited the children yesterday! We have a grit plan on display of the pathways we clear in school but we urge all families to take care in the snow and ice this winter. We will take the opportunity to let the children explore in the snow, if it is appropriate, so we ask for your continued support in wrapping them up warmly when they come to school.

This week saw our final whole class family lunch of the term. I would like to thank all one hundred and eleven adults, who joined the children for lunch during this half term. The feedback is fantastic! I thank you for your recognition of the great service and provision the lunchtime team deliver. We will complete a final review of all the feedback, and send a summary response before the end of term.

What a super turn out for the EYFS "Stay and Play" today. It was such a fantastic day, I wish I could have joined in for longer! I look forward to reading the parent feedback.

St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival begins on Friday. The church is filled with lots of decorated Christmas trees displayed by businesses, schools and groups from the parish. Each of our classes had a tree to decorate and 10 of our children went along yesterday to dress their own class trees. Thank you to Miss Clark and all the family members who took on this special role with their children. I encourage you all to make a visit as the trees are amazing!

Finally, it's the Corbridge Christmas Late Night shopping event on Monday 4 December from 4:30pm. The children are decorating Christmas Sweet Treats in school for our stall – I hope you will be able to come along and buy some of their confectionery. If you would like to come and sell the treats with your children please let us know.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Christmas Hamper Raffles:

Thank you to all families who have donated coloured gifts for the hamper raffles already. If you still wish to contribute please can you send in your parcels on **Monday 4 December** as we hope to get the hampers prepared next week. Thank you again for your support.

Nursery	Silver
Reception	Gold
Year 1	Green
Year 2	Purple
Year 3	Blue
Year 4	Red

St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival 1 to 4 December

Here's a link to the website to check opening times and events which are taking place this weekend: <http://www.corbridgechurch.org.uk/index.php/christmas-tree-festival-2017>

Corbridge Knitted Sheep Trail

The sheep are again off shopping in Corbridge this year. I am sure the children will enjoy finding them and letting the shepherd know where they have all wandered off to!

Movie Night – Thursday 14 December

The children have voted on their class films for the event and letters will be sent home next week for the children to book a place.

This week's TWEETS – Year 4 PE, Year 3 photographs of Class learning, Year 2 super singing, Year 1 fun in the snow, EYFS – Lunch and Stay and Play. **Follow us** so you can share in our fun and learning:

<https://twitter.com/CorbridgeFirst>



Please remember to add a token if you are shopping at Tesco in Hexham!
All your support is appreciated.

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
Monday 4 December	Super Splash Heroes – Whole school show sponsored by Northumbrian Water.	Children will learn about water waste and conservation through a fun performance during the afternoon.
Thursday 7 December	In school Christingle Celebration for pupils.	Please remember to provide an orange for your child to make their Christingle.
Monday 11 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	Two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Movie Night – fundraiser	The children have now voted... Letters to follow on Monday.
Tuesday 19 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 December	Y4 Singing in the community. Charlotte Straker and Primlea Court	If you would like to join the class on their visits please speak to Mr Harrison – we can take a limited number of parents with us.
Wednesday 20 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 21 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser 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 December	Christmas Celebrations at the Memory Café.	A group of children will sing at the café at 11am. If your child is part of the group information will be shared.
Friday 22 December	Big Foot Theatre – A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe	Morning pantomime performance
Friday 22 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.		
Thursday 18 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 25 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 26 January	Year Three 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 1 February	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 8 February	EYFS Stay and Play - Inspire	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Thursday 8 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 8 February	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.
Friday 9 February	Special Valentine's Lunch	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.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.		
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day	
Friday 9 March	Year Two 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.

Don't forget to visit the School Website: www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk



Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 21 March	EYFS Stay and Play – Easter / Spring Carousel	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session.
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief	Charity fundraiser
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief Special Lunch	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 29 March	Special Easter Lunch	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 29 March	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC)
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.		
Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Week commencing 16 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 2 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	9:10am
Tuesday 8 May	Year Four Fellside Meeting	Meetings start at 2.30pm. Please enter school via the playground gate and proceed to the classroom door. The gate will be open from 2.25pm.
Tuesday 8 May	EYFS STEM session with Families.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 May	Year 2 Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:10am
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.
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	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.		
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.
Saturday 30 June	Summer fete	
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	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.		

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.

