

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 6 January 2017

Happy New Year and welcome back. I am delighted to be able to start the year by letting you know that we have now ordered cooking equipment for the children to use in their food technology lessons using the funds raised from the Christmas Hamper Raffle. We can't wait for it all to arrive – a late Christmas present for them all to enjoy!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school over the next few weeks to join the children in special learning sessions. These sessions proved very popular last year – the children very much enjoy sharing school activities with you and I hope you will be able to come along. The first one is on Thursday 12 January when Year 1 parents and carers will be designing and making fruit salads with their children.

Don't forget if you are looking for information on school meals, clubs, calendar dates etc you don't have to trawl through all your old Parentmail correspondence. Our website has all the information and more – please have a look.

Have a good weekend.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Allotment Visits – Y3 – during this half term Y3 children will take it in turns to visit the allotment in small groups on Friday afternoons from 1.00-3.00pm. Watch out for a letter being sent home next week detailing the date of your child's visit.

Payment for School Meals (Nursery/Years 3 and 4) — the cost of school meals for the first half of the spring term 2017 is £72.60. 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 9 January. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

Swimming – Year 3 – lessons start on Monday 9 January. Please make sure your child has their swimming equipment with them each week.

Year 1 parents and carers are invited to join their child for a special learning session on Thursday 12 January from 9.05 to 10.30am. The focus for our learning will be healthy eating. We will be designing and making fruit salads. Please return the reply slip on the letter sent earlier this week to let us know if you are able to attend. This will help us make provision for someone to work alongside any children who don't have a family member able to attend.

Nursery and Reception – 55 Books at Bedtime – if you have taken part in the Early Years Northumberland 'Books at Bedtime' challenge again this year please return your completed form to us by Monday 16 January 2017. Early Years will hold a prize draw on Monday 23 January where one family will win an annual family pass to 7 Stories in Newcastle and one child from each locality will win a £20 book token.

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.

The deadline for applications for Reception class places is 15 January 2017. All parents who require a Reception class place for their child in September 2017 must make an application either online or on paper by this date. If you have any queries or require a paper application form please call 01670 624889.

Any Budding Photographers? North East Wildlife Trusts Photography Competition 2017 - The three north east Wildlife Trusts (Northumberland, Durham and Tees Valley), the Natural History Society of Northumbria (NHSN), Great North Museum: Hancock and Alan Hewitt Photography have joined forces for the fifth year running to launch the 2017 North East Wildlife Photography Competition. Nestlé Fawdon, which has supported the competition since its launch in 2012, is the main sponsor, and, as with previous years an array of wonderful prizes are on offer including a wonderful £250 voucher from London Camera Exchange (which has an outlet in Newcastle), binoculars, photography workshops, wildlife watching trips, birdwatching workshops and photography equipment. There is a special young persons' category for entrants age 16 and under with a brilliant prize of a trail cam worth £190 as well as £100 for their school and a fabulous print of their winning entry. Entry is free and is open to everyone, but photographs must have been taken in the North East. Winning photos will be exhibited in the Great North Museum: Hancock and on tour around the region. It is a great opportunity to show the best of the region's wildlife. Please see [flyer](#) for details. To enter, and for more information, visit www.northeastwildlifephoto.co.uk The competition closing date is midnight **Monday 15 May 2017**, with the winners being announced at an awards ceremony on **Thursday 6 July 2017** at Great North Museum: Hancock.

Diary dates are printed on the next two pages....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.

Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session from 9.05 to 10.30am. We will be designing and making fruit salads.	
Monday 16 January	Reception and Nursery - Deadline for '55 Books at Bedtime' forms to be returned to school	
Thursday 19 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 26 January	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 27 January	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	
Thursday 2 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 9 February	Reception parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.		
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	
Friday 17 March	Y3 visit to the Corbridge Roman Site and Museum – Roman Site Community Art Project – more information will be sent out to Y3 parents about this project in due course.	
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	Charity fundraiser
Week commencing 3 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Tuesday 4 April	Nursery Stay and Play session	Parents invited to stay and play with their child.
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 7 April for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 24 April.		
Monday 1 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 23 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 24-Friday 26 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 24 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly (afternoon)	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
Saturday 1 July	Summer fete	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day - Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Friday 7 July	Corbridge has got Talent – Family Night! – school fundraiser	
Monday 17 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 18 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 19 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 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

Year 3 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2017

9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April
16 January	13 February	13 March	
23 January	27 February	20 March	
30 January		27 March	

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



Year 4 – Fellside Payment Schedule – as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
Option 1	£160 – payment in full to be received by Monday 12 December 2016	
Option 2	Payment in 4 instalments	
	Amount	Due by
	£40.00	Monday 12 December 2016
	£40.00	Monday 6 February 2017
	£40.00	Monday 6 March 2017
	£40.00	Monday 3 April 2017

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.

