

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thursday 11 February 2016

Appointment times for parent consultation meetings in March have been sent home with your child today...please check the book bags.

Your child will also have been given a 'Let's Get Sugar Smart' leaflet with their homework book this week. The teachers have talked to the children about designing their own healthy food/good choice poster over the holiday week and we are looking forward to seeing their designs. Please remind your child to put their name and class on the back of their poster.

We are currently refurbishing the school library and to help raise funds to put towards the purchase of new books we have two activities planned. On World Book Day we would like everyone to come to school in their pyjamas with their favourite book and to donate a £1. We are also hoping that lots of the children will take part in the 'Extreme Reading Photo Competition' and wow us with their photos – entry fee £1.00.

There is lots in this week's newsletter about events taking place in the second half of the spring term so please take time to read through the information and mark dates on your calendar at home. I hope you all have a good February half term break.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



See how the children learn in school – there will be opportunities over the coming weeks for parents/carers to come into school to work alongside their child in a special learning session. The children always enjoy sharing school activities with you and it is a good chance for you to see how the children learn in school. We are starting with Y3 who are looking forward to welcoming their families into school on 25 February.

School Meals – second half of spring term (22 February to 24 March 2016) – the cost of school meals for the second half of the spring term is detailed below. Please check your child's book bag for a note of any credits/debits on your child's school meals account.

Nursery	£48.30 if providing own packed lunch for Hall Hill Farm or £50.40 if you have requested a school packed lunch for Hall Hill Farm visit	Year 4	£50.40
Year 3	£48.30 if providing own packed lunch for Vindolanda visit or £50.40 if you have requested a school packed lunch for Vindolanda visit		

Nursery and Reception – Easter Carousel – Thursday 24 March 2016 - parents and carers are invited to join the children in a carousel of Easter activities from 9.00 to 10.00am. We know from last year that the children just love sharing school activities with their parents and it makes for a very enjoyable morning. Further information will be sent out after the half term break.



Come to school in your pyjamas - World Book Day – 3 March 2016 – all the classes will be taking part in specially planned activities throughout the week leading up to World Book Day. The children have decided they would like to promote bedtime stories and come to school dressed in their pyjamas, with their favourite book, for a donation of £1.00. The children will also be making a visit to Forum Books that day so pyjamas need to be warm enough for this and for being outside at break and lunchtimes! Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for older and younger children to mix together in paired reading activities as well as enjoying a favourite book with a cup of hot chocolate!

Book Fair – 7-9 March 2016 - Forum Books (Kids) will be running our spring term book fair and it will be open for you to visit with your child after school on Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 March. We have parent consultations on these days so hopefully there will be time for you to call in with your child before or after your appointment.

Year 1 – Let's Do Lunch! We will write to Y1 parents/carers after half term inviting you (or grandparents/aunt/uncle if you are unable to attend) to join the children for lunch on **Wednesday 2 March**.

Year 1 – Visit to the Great North Museum: Hancock – we will be visiting the museum on **Monday 14 March** – full details will be sent out after half term. The visit will link to our learning topic 'Journeys and Explorers'. We will be visiting the Polar Explorers exhibition and also the planetarium.

Sport Relief – Friday 18 March 2016 – this year the children will be taking part in a sponsored skipping event. More details will be sent out after half term when the children will also bring home a sponsor form. All money raised will be donated to Sport Relief.

Quid A Kid Lunchtime Football Club – if your child has signed up for this club, please make sure they have their kit with them on Tuesday and Wednesdays from and including 23 February.

Girls' Football Club – Friday after school – if your child has signed up for this club, it will start on Friday 26 February.

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
School closes at 3.00pm on Thurs 11 February for half term (Fri 12 February is a teacher training day).		
School re-opens on Mon 22 February		
Wednesday 24 February	Y2 – Visit to The Fuse Media Centre, Prudhoe (Payment due by 11 February)	
Thursday 25 February	Y3 parents and carers are invited to join the children for a special learning session on Thursday 25 February from 1.30 to 3.00pm.	
Friday 26 February	Extreme Reading Photo Competition – all photos need to be handed into school along with the £1.00 entry fee by Friday 26 February.	
Wednesday 2 March	Y1 Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Thursday 3 March	All year groups – come to school dressed in your pyjamas with your favourite book – donation of £1.00 to go towards the purchase of new books for our refurbished library.	
Week commencing 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings - Appointment slips will be sent home on Thursday 11 February 2016	
7 to 9 March	Forum Books Kids will host a Book Fair in school from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 March.	
Friday 11 March	Year 3 visit Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum (payment due by 4 March)	
Monday 14 March	Nursery and Reception visit Hall Hill Farm (payment due by 4 March)	
Monday 14 March	Year 1 visit to the Great North Museum: Hancock – information will be sent out after half term.	
Friday 18 March	Sport Relief – Fundraising Event - The children will be taking part in a sponsored skipping event. More details will be sent out after half term when the children will also bring home a sponsor form. All money raised will be donated to Sport Relief.	
Thursday 24 March	Nursery and Reception – Easter Carousel – parents and carers will be invited into school to join their children in Easter activities – 9.00-10.00am	Further information will be sent out.
Thursday 24 March	‘Shine A Light’ – show performed by West End in Schools	1.30pm – show for Reception to Year 4
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016.		
Monday 11 April	Y3 swimming – first of 11 lessons during the summer 2016 term; last lesson Mon 4 July	
Wednesday 20 April	Reception – Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Friday 22 April	Penguinpig (E-Safety Puppet Show) – Traum Theatre will be in school to take workshops with Reception, Years 1 and 2; Prior to the workshops, Traum Theatre will perform their Penguinpig show to all classes (Reception to Year 4)	
Monday 25 April	Tyne Photo will be in school to take class photographs.	
School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016		
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
15 to 21 May	Christian Aid Week – we will be organising a fund raising event to support their work.	Information will be sent out.
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.		
Wednesday 15 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016	
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016	
Tuesday 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Saturday 16 July	School Summer Fair	
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.		

Fellside May 2016 - Payment Schedule	
Amount	Due By
£42.25	Instalment 3 - Monday 7 March 2016
£42.25	Instalment 4 - Monday 11 April 2016
Cheques payable to ‘NCC’ – please send payments (cash/cheque) in an envelope marked with your child’s name + ‘Fellside’.	

Year 3 swimming dates - spring term 2016 – Mondays

22 February	7 March
29 February	14 March
	21 March

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	

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