

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 2 December 2016

The memorial service held for Kevin Lee on Monday was very well attended. Mrs Lee and her family were extremely touched by the kindness shown. Thank you again for your support.

It was lovely to see so many of our Early Years parents taking part in our Christmas Decoration workshops this week. We are now looking forward to welcoming you all into school for next week's Christmas shows. The children and staff have been working really hard and they are keen to impress you all with their talents. Look out for some fantastic stage props – we have been busy constructing camels, angel wings, a clock and much more.

Each class will have a Christmas party during the last week of term and the dates and times of these are detailed below. We will also have a Christmas post box in school from Monday next week ready for the children to send cards to their school friends – see the post box item below to find out how this will work.

Finally, it's the Corbridge Christmas Late Night shopping event on Monday 5 December from 6.00pm. The children are making 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 catch me on the playground on Monday morning to see if you can fill a 30 minute selling slot.

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



## Christmas Parties

Year Group	Date of Party	Clothes	Food
Years 1 and 2	Afternoon of Tuesday 13 December	Children can bring their party clothes to change into after lunch.	All the children will be given an empty plate on Friday 9 December to fill with party food they would like to eat – <b>not</b> food to share.
Years 3 and 4	Afternoon of Wednesday 14 December		
Nursery* and Reception	Morning of Wednesday 14 December	Children can come to school in party clothes if they wish.	

\*Nursery won't have a lunch in school on Wednesday 14 December.

**The Christmas Post Box** will be up and running from Monday 5 December. If your child would like to send their cards in the post box please ask them to write each child's name (first names will be fine) clearly in the middle of the envelope and write the year group in the top right hand corner where the stamp would usually go. Cards will be delivered to the classes on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 December. The last posting day is 13 December. After this date we would ask that children hand out cards either before or after school in the play yard.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle** – We will be selling tickets at each of the Christmas show performances – tickets will cost £1. The raffle will be drawn at the end of each performance and the lucky winner will be able to take their hamper home with them!

**Movie Night – Friday 9 December** We will be showing two short films – The Snowman and The Snowman and the Snowdog. We'll be organising a game to play in between the films. All children are welcome – Nursery to Year 4. If your child/ren would like to come along please return the reply slip on the letter sent out earlier this week with your payment by Wednesday 7 December. We are unable to accept bookings on the day for this event – places must be booked in advance.

**St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival 2 to 5 December** – 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 earlier this week to dress their own class trees. Our festive dressers were Ella and Jacob (Y4), Charlie and Eadward (Y3), Sophia and Ben (Y2), Lucas and Jemima (Y1) and Frankie and Leon from Reception. If you want to go along to have a look here's a link to the website to check out opening times [St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival](#). Or visit the galleries page of our website for a peek at the children dressing our trees [Our Festive Christmas Tree Dressers](#)

**Festive Songs of Praise** – as part of the Christmas Tree Festival on Sunday 4 December at 5.00pm the church is having a Festive Songs of Praise – those attending the Christmas Tree Festival can vote for their favourite advent or Christmas Hymn to be sung. We have chosen 'It was on a Starry Night' as one of the hymns to be sung as it was Kevin's favourite. All are invited to lend their voice to what will undoubtedly be a festive fun event.

**Special Lunch Days – Friday 9 December – Year 2 Favourite Lunch (pizza and chocolate cake!); and Thursday 15 December – Christmas Lunch** – see the diary dates page for more information. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on either of these days (cost £2.20 – Nursery, years 3 and 4; free for other year groups under Universal Meal Scheme) please send a note and payment to the school office by Thursday 8 December.

*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
Monday 5 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Monday 5 December	Corbridge Christmas Late Night shopping event on Monday 5 December from 6.00pm. The children are making Christmas Sweet Treats in school for our stall – I hope you will be able to come along and buy some of their confectionery.	
Tuesday 6 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 8 December	Author Visit – Simon Bartram will be in school to talk about his books and his work as an illustrator and author. Whole school presentation followed by reading stories to our children in Reception/Nursery.	
Friday 9 December	Year 2 Favourite Lunch – each year group will have an opportunity during the school year to vote for their favourite school lunch to be served. Year 2s favourite will be served today - pizza and chocolate cake.	
Friday 9 December	Christmas Movie Night (3.00-5.00pm) - school fundraiser - please return the reply slip on the letter sent out with your payment by Wednesday 7 December. We are unable to accept bookings on the day for this event – places must be booked in advance.	
Monday 12 December	Y4 will visit Primlea Court (retirement and sheltered housing) and Charlotte Straker residential and nursing care home to sing Christmas Carols.	
Monday 12 December	Pantomime – Aladdin – Every Cloud Entertainments	Afternoon pantomime performance for Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 13 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	
Wednesday 14 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Parties	
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Lunch – Mrs Dobson, our Cook, will prepare a Christmas lunch for the children.	
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 16 December	Carol Service at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 16 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.		
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
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 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 (date and time (TBC)
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	

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Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 16 May	Year 2 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	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.</b>		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
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	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.</b>		

### 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	

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

**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.**

