

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 15 September 2017

We have had a really positive week again at Corbridge First School despite the terrible rain! Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the welcome meetings this week. We appreciate this initial meeting does not come with much notice and if you could not attend and have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. The autumn curriculum information leaflets are now posted on the school website (click on the [Teaching and Learning](#) tab, from the menu on the left hand side of the page select your child's year group 2017-2018 page). We will post a new leaflet for each year group at the start of every half term. I hope you find the leaflets informative and help you to support your child at home with their learning.

School Council elections are underway and Playground Buddies will be interviewed and appointed this term to help ensure all children have a happy enjoyable playtime.

Mrs Orrick and some of the Year 1 children began work in the allotment this week. If you would like to get involved or help out please get in touch. All the children will have an opportunity to visit at some point during the year because the learning experiences during these visits are invaluable and the children have such good fun!

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Year 1 and 2 – Introduction to djembe (African Drumming) - we are looking forward to welcoming back Miss Suckling, Music Partnership North, into school this year to work with our KS1 children. They will have a specialist lesson during school time addressing part of their music curriculum. Drumming in a group fosters great skills in teamwork and I am sure the children will really enjoy these sessions.

Year 3 and 4 – Introduction to ukulele - Mrs Silversides, Music Partnership North, will also be returning to school this year. The children in KS2 will be learning to play a ukulele.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons start on Monday 18 September. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school.

Data Checking Sheets/Going Home Arrangements/Pupil Acceptable Use Policy – your child will have brought home an envelope this week containing the following document(s)

Data Checking Sheet (Whole School) - please check that the details we currently hold for your child on our database are accurate and up to date. Even if you have no changes to make please sign and return the document so that we have confirmation our data is up to date.

Going Home Arrangements (Years 1-4 only) - by completing and returning this form we can ensure that children are collected at the end of the school day by the appropriate person/organisation.

Pupil Acceptable Use Policy (Year 1 and Year 3 only) - children and parents to sign agreement to our ICT rules at school. We ask children/parents to complete a new agreement when they move from the Foundation Stage to KS1 or from KS1 to KS2.

Home School Agreement - children and parents to sign agreement, giving you the opportunity to talk to your child about school expectations and help them understand we can all positively work together.

Please read through the documents and return them to school by **Friday 22 September 2016**.

Payment for School Meals – Nursery/Years 3 and 4 - School dinners must be paid for in advance. 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 18 September. Please contact the school office if you require any further information. A termly payment or regular weekly payment in advance allows us to ensure all administration is well managed. Thank you to all who have made prompt payments.

Pupil Individual Photographs - there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to purchase photographs this term. Tynephoto will be in school on Friday 6 October to take individual pupil photographs. If your child has a sibling in our school/nursery a sibling photograph will also be taken.

The Hexham Abbey Festival - this year the festival is a bijou French inspired treat for the artistic senses!! Festival Family Saturday on the 23 September includes interactive workshops which are totally free.

The full programme of concerts and events can be found on the festival website: hexhamabbeyfestival.org.uk

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.

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2017-2018

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 18 September	2:35PM Year 4 Parent Welcome Meeting	Please enter school via the playground gate. The gate will be open from 2.30pm.
Wednesday 27 September	National Fitness Day	Further information to follow.
Friday 6 October	Individual Pupil Photographs – whole school and nursery	Tyne Photo will be in school to take individual and family group photographs.
Monday 9 October	Harvest Festival and Raffle	9:30am @St Andrews Church – all welcome All food donations will be given to the People's kitchen.
Tuesday 10 October	EYFS Stay and Play ending with Harvest songs and Celebration.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Monday 16 October	Year Four Fellside Initial 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.
Thursday 19 October	EYFS Disco – school fundraiser	EYFS DISCO 1 – 3pm
Thursday 19 October	School Disco – school fundraiser	Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 19 October 2017 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 30 October.		
Week commencing 30 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 1 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 8 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 8 November	Year 1 and 2 film Festival Sing @ Odeon Metrocentre	Further information to follow.
Thursday 9 November	Year 1 and 2 film Festival Sing @ Forum	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 15 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Thursday 16 November	Year 3 and 4 film Festival Diary of a Whimpy Kid: The Long Haul @ Forum	Further information to follow.
Friday 17 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 29 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Friday 1 December	EYFS Stay and Play - Decorations day	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
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	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 19 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
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
Friday 22 December	Big Foot Theatre – A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe	Morning pantomime performance
Friday 22 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30p - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.		

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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
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.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.		
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day	
Wednesday 21 March	EYFS Stay and Play – Easter / Spring Carousel	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief	Charity fundraiser
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
Monday 7 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
Wednesday 23 May	Reception Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 23-May 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.		
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 which will be issued on Friday 15 July.	
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.		

Year 3 swimming dates –autumn term 2017 – Mondays – 11 lessons

18 September	2 October	6 November
25 September	9 October	13 November
	16 October	20 November
	30 October	27 November
		4 December

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