

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 22 January 2016

It was lovely to welcome so many Year 2 parents and other family members into school for lunch this week. It was clear to see the children really enjoyed having you there and we are eagerly anticipating Year 1 families coming for lunch in March.

Year 1 children took part in a very exciting science workshop this week. Our budding scientists dressed up in white lab coats and protective glasses to take part in fun and challenging experiments investigating floating and sinking. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Patton and his colleagues from Proctor and Gamble for providing such a unique and inspiring learning opportunity. We look forward to welcoming P&G back in May when they will work with our Year 4 children.

This week, I would like to close by asking for your support in keeping everyone safe during drop off and collection times. In the letter sent out on Parentmail earlier this week, I highlighted issues we have experienced recently that could easily lead to a serious accident. If you have to come to school by car, please park considerately and safely and, if you can, park a little distance away and walk the final stretch.

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



**'Shine A Light' – Thursday 24 March 2016** – I mentioned in last week's newsletter that we would look to bring another show to school using the monies raised by recent fund raising activities. I am pleased to let you know that West End in Schools will visit us on the afternoon of Thursday 24 March to perform their new musical - 'Shine a Light'. The overall theme of the show is overcoming fear of the unknown.

**Summer Fete – Date for your Diary!** At their meeting last week, The Friends set the date for this year's summer fete as Saturday 16 July 2016. This is always a very popular and well attended event – book the date in your diary now!

**World Book Day – Thursday 3 March and Sport Relief Fund Raising Day – Friday 18 March** Next week the School Council will meet with Mrs Burton to talk about how we will celebrate both these days in school. Look out for more news soon.

## Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium funding – is your child eligible?

Did you know that just registering your child for free school meals means that the school gets extra money? The government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families to do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. You can register for FSM if you get any of these benefits:

- Income support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employed Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and the family's annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) is not more than £16,190
- The guarantee element of state pension credit

Since September 2014, all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 have been provided with a free meal under the government 'universal infant free school meals' (UIFSM) scheme. However, if you think you are entitled to claim for FSM as detailed above, no matter what year group your child is in, it is important to our school that you register for this benefit. Where a child is entitled to and claims FSM we can then register them for Pupil Premium funding. Children entitled to FSM are also entitled to other benefits including free milk at break time.

You can apply for this benefit online – [www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm) or telephone FSM on 0167 623592 or call into the school office for a paper application form.

**Parent Consultation Meetings** will be held during week commencing 7 March 2016. A letter offering appointment times will be sent out in early February.

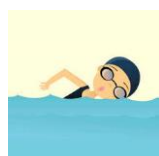
**Fellside Residential (Y4 – May 2016) Payment Schedule** – the payment schedule for those paying in instalments is included on the diary page for your information. Instalment 2 is due by Monday 8 February 2016.

**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
<b>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</b>		
Wednesday 2 March	Y1 Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Week commencing 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings will be held during w/c 7 March 2016	Information will be sent out
Friday 18 March	Sport Relief – Fundraising Event	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
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016.</b>		
Monday 11 April	Y3 swimming – first of 11 lessons during the summer 2016 term; last lesson Monday 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.	
<b>School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016</b>		
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
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2016 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.</b>		
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	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.</b>		

Fellside May 2016 - Payment Schedule	
Amount	Due By
£42.25	Monday 11 January 2016
£42.25	Monday 8 February 2016
£42.25	Monday 7 March 2016
£42.25	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 – 10 lessons

11 January	1 February	7 March
18 January	8 February	14 March
25 January	22 February	21 March
	29 February	

### 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	

Don't forget to visit the School Website: [www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)

