



Friday 11 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

What a beautiful half term, and start to Summer Term 2 we have had. The sunshine has brought a sense of Summer to school and we have had a really lovely first week back. Next week it is the British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week and we will be thinking about making healthier choices in our diets.

Our final half term of the school year is packed with lovely things. We are really hoping that Covid restrictions do not interrupt our plans, but we will keep an eye on the latest advice and keep you updated in as timely manner as we can, and as things develop. In order to enjoy all these lovely things and to get the most out of our learning in the next five weeks, we are really focussing on positive behaviour across school and we hope you will continue to support this at home too.

We are underway with our transition plans - I was excited to write to our new EYFS families for September 2021, setting meeting dates and making plans to welcome them to the Corbridge family! Plans are underway with the Middle School to help us ensure the children have a settled and positive start. The children enjoyed a visit from Mrs Armstrong this week which was very positive and helped answer some really sensible questions they had.

It is with sadness we are saying goodbye to Miss Jewitt at the end of this term as she is taking a step back from teaching. Miss Jewitt has been a fantastic member of staff who has touched the lives of many children and families. She has served our school with such commitment, enthusiasm and dedication over her years with us and we wish her all the best in her future adventures.

It is always difficult to replace a fantastic teacher but I am very pleased to say that Mrs Melanie Errington will be joining us in September as our full-time Reception Class Teacher. Mrs Errington has worked with us before in her NQT Year covering a maternity leave post, so we already know she shares our vision and values and will be a fantastic member of the team. She is a phenomenal EYFS practitioner with over 15 years working in schools and she will join us for the academic year.

Our second goodbye at the end of the Summer term will be to Mr Carr (Year 4), as his temporary appointment comes to an end in August. I am very thankful for all he has given to the families and children over these last five terms and through such challenging times. Mr Carr will be a miss in school but he has built friendships which will not be lost, and we wish Mr Carr well with his future teaching journey.

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Rutherford to the teaching team. Mrs Rutherford is a well known and respected member of staff already, as she has been working as a TA in school for the last two years. Mrs Rutherford brings a wealth of experience and skills in teaching, learning, leadership and management. She has been appointed to teach our Year 4 children from September. Mrs Sommerville will also be teaching our fantastic Year 4's for one day of the week. Without a doubt I know they will have a fantastic year together.



I would like to take this chance to congratulate Miss Florek and Mrs Burton as they will be undertaking some further management roles next year and working across our school's partnership. As they will not be assigned to a class next year it was vital we secured experienced and confident teachers who can be part of our middle leadership team. Our fantastic Miss Baxter will be teaching in Year 1 from September and we are looking forward to introducing you to Miss Latimer who will be teaching Year 2 and Mrs Younger who will be teaching in Year 3. Transfer day will be with us before we know it and the children will all enjoy the day with their new teachers and the other adults who will be in the classrooms with them next year – it is all very exciting!

We are looking forward to a smooth transition into September 2021. We are aiming to further strengthen the team with the appointment of an apprentice and an additional teaching assistant before the end of this term. With so many well known faces in school, and the appointment of three new faces joining the teaching team for the academic year of 2021-22, I know we will have a fantastic year and we hope once again we can be back together and share our spaces as one family.

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 14 June 2021 will be Week 3 of our [menu](#).

REMINDER - COVID SAFETY MEASURES:

All of our safety measures will remain in place. Please remember to observe the one way system when dropping off and collecting your children. We appreciate the continued use of face coverings, unless you are exempt. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Diary Dates: *Dates in red are new dates which have been added*

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 28 September 2020	INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering and we ask that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others.	
HALF TERM		
June 2021		
Tuesday 22 June	Year 4 – Beamish Visit	More information to follow
Tuesday 22 June	New Reception Parents Meeting (4:30pm)	More information to follow
Monday 28 June	Year 4 - Activity Day Visit to Kingswood Centre	Letter and Info Issued
Tuesday 29 June	New Nursery Parents Meeting (4:30pm)	More information to follow
Wednesday 30 June	Year 1 – Visit to Matfen Woods	More information to follow
July 2021		
Thursday 1 July	Year 4 - Summer Games Evening at Corbridge Middle School	Covid allowing - more information to follow
Friday 2 July	Year 3 - Visit to Roman Army Museum & Vindolanda	More information to follow
Monday 5 July	Art Day	More information to follow
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 7 July	EYFS – Hexham Book Festival	More information to follow
Thursday 8 July	Year 2 – Tynemouth Aquarium/Beach Visit	More information to follow
Tuesday 13 July	Year 4 - Show Day	More information to follow

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Tuesday 13 July	Year 4 - Leavers Lunch	
Tuesday 13 July	Year 4 - Leavers Event (4pm - 6pm)	More information to follow
Thursday 15 July	EYFS Songs & Reception Graduation (9am - 9:45am)	More information to follow
Thursday 15 July	EYFS Sports Day (9:45am - 10:30am)	More information to follow
Thursday 15 July	Sports Day (pm)	More information to follow
Friday 16 July	Last Day of School - School Closes for Summer Break	
September 2021		
Monday 6 September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 September	School Re-opens following Summer Break	

