

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 13 October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

It was fantastic to see so many families join the children at St Andrew's Church on Monday to celebrate Harvest Festival. The children made us very proud and they told me they enjoyed sharing celebration songs with you. Thank you to everyone for donating so generously and taking time to let staff know that the service was enjoyed. It is lovely to hear all your positive feedback.

We are holding two open mornings for parents and carers of children due to start nursery or reception classes in September 2018 (See dates below). If you have a child due to start in either class and would like to come along please contact the school office to book a place. Or if you have friends/relatives with children due to start nursery/school next year please mention the open mornings to them.

We are all looking forward to our disco on Monday. Money raised from the event will be used to cover some of the cost towards special workshops in school on Anti-Bullying week which runs from 13 – 17 November. All children encounter difficulties with friendships at times in their school and clubs but we can assure you we do not tolerate bullying at Corbridge CE First School. We work hard to ensure children are confident to speak out so problems can be solved and we also try to ensure children can understand the difference between being bullied and someone being unkind. The workshops will really add to our Anti-Bullying provision.

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



**School closes for half term at 3.00pm on Thursday 19 October 2017 and reopens on Monday 30 October 2017.**

## OPEN MORNINGS

**FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN DUE TO START NURSERY OR RECEPTION CLASSES  
IN SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 9.30-10.15am**

**Thursday 30 November 2017 at 9.30-10.15am**

**School Disco – Monday 16 October 2017** – The children will be playing party games and we will be providing lots of music for them to dance to. If your child would like to attend but you have not returned the reply slip, please speak with the school office on Monday morning. We are also still looking for parent helpers – if you would like to take charge of the microphone and be our DJ we would love for you to get in touch!

**Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Gift** – During one of our assemblies next week the children will hear about Operation Christmas Child. They will bring home a leaflet in their book bag giving further information about the project. If you would like to participate in this activity, please drop your filled shoebox off at school by Friday 10 November. We will then make arrangements for the boxes to be collected from us. For more information to share with your child visit:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**Friday 3 November – Bonfire Themed lunch** – **sausages in a bun for main course, and for dessert there will be chocolate brownies.** If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on the above day (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 Monday 30 October.

**Saturday 14 October – Corbridge Parish Hall – The Hannon Murphey School of Irish Dance...** invites you to a coffee morning between 11am and 1pm. Head along for tea, coffee and cakes and enjoy the display by the Corbridge and Chadca Dancers.

**'Bring a Parent/Carer to Lunch Day'** – During Autumn 2 there will be an opportunity for children in each year group to 'bring a parent/carers to lunch'. We will send out letters to each year group when it is nearer to their turn but you can check your child's lunch date on the newsletter diary page. Mrs Dobson, our Cook, and her team provide the children with a tasty and nutritious meal every day and I hope you will be able to come along and try them too.

**Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added regularly (in red) 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 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.
Tuesday 17 October	Year Four Visit – Teaching Trees	Please return permission form and payment by Monday 16 October.
Thursday 19 October	Year Four Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Monday 16 October	EYFS Disco – school fundraiser	EYFS DISCO 1 – 3pm
Monday 16 October	School Disco – school fundraiser	Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm If you can come along to help – please let the office know.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 19 October 2017 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 30 October.</b>		
Week commencing 30 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be returned Tuesday 17 October. Please check your child's bag.
Wednesday 1 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 3 November	Bonfire Night Themed Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
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	Reception Class Film Festival Sing @ Forum	Further information to follow.
Friday 10 November	Operation Christmas Child Shoe box Appeal	Boxes to be returned to school
Tuesday 14 November	Anti-Bullying Week – School Workshops. Big Foot Theatre Company	All pupils will take part in this special event through the school day.
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
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Themed Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
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.

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



Date	Event	Notes
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 If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Friday 22 December	Big Foot Theatre – A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe	Morning pantomime performance
Friday 22 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.</b>		
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
Friday 26 January	Year Three Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
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.
Friday 9 February	Special Valentine's Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.</b>		
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day	
Friday 9 March	Year Two Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
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
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief Special Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Special Easter Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC)
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.</b>		
<b>Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday</b>		
Week commencing 16 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 2 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	9:10am
Tuesday 8 May (AMENDED)	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



Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:10am
Friday 18 May	Year One Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 23 May	Reception Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 23-Friday 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.</b>		
Friday 15 June	Early Years' Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
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	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.</b>		

**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

