

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 7 July 2017

We've had another brilliant week in school. On Transfer Day Year 4 children visited their new middle school and other year groups spent time with their new class teacher. It is an exciting time as the children prepare to take their next step. This academic year has again seen so many positive achievements for our school and seeing the children thriving, both academically and socially, and happy in school makes all the hard work very worthwhile.

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Miss Beresford, one of our teaching assistants. I would like to thank Miss Beresford for all her hard work and dedication during the seven and a half years she has worked at our school. She has, without a doubt, helped many of our children 'be the best they can be' and we will all miss her. Miss Beresford is leaving to take on a new challenge and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best in this new chapter in her life.

Only two more weeks to go ... with lots of activities and events still to take place!

*J. Ainsley*

Miss J Ainsley  
Head Teacher



**Parentmail Upgrade – important information!** As we move to Parentmail's latest platform we need you to re-register with Parentmail. All those who are marked on our SIMS database as having parental responsibility, will receive an email or text message from Parentmail – when you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message. You must re-register to continue using Parentmail. If you have not received any contact from Parentmail by Monday 17 July please contact the school office.

**Friday 21 July 2017 – last day of term activities!** Last year we organised activities for the children to enjoy on the last day of the summer term. We are organising a similar day this year! Riverside Falconry will be joining us from 1.00pm. Classes will each have a turn to go out to see the birds and reptiles the company is bringing along and there will then be a Birds of Prey display at 2.00pm. Parents are very welcome to join us at 2.00pm for this. We have also booked a bouncy castle for the children to enjoy both during and after school.

School will finish at the usual time of 3.00pm and children must be collected by their parent/carer from the playground as normal. Parents and carers are then very welcome to come onto the school field with their child/ren for end of term celebrations from 3:00pm to 4.00pm. If the weather is as good as last year parents and children are welcome to have a picnic on the field. We hope this will be a lovely end to the term and I would ask for your support in supervising your children. Your child will be in your care following the handover from the class teachers at 3.00pm.

**Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning – Tuesday 18 July – Refreshments from 9.00am – graduation at 9.30am** - parents and carers are invited to attend the graduation assembly at 9.30am in the school hall. Once you have dropped your child in nursery, please come into school via the office – we will be serving tea and coffee from 9.00am. The children will sing a selection of songs before they receive their graduation certificates. The Nursery sports morning will follow on immediately after the graduation assembly.

**Parent Online Safety Session – Tuesday 18 July 2017 – 5.00pm** – we are committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the internet. John Devlin, ICT e-safety consultant with Northumberland County Council, will run an e-safety session for parents on 18 July. I hope that you will be able to come along as we are very keen to support parents in ensuring their children keep safe online. If needed, we will hold a follow up session where parents can bring along devices to be shown how to monitor them. Please let us know if you are able to attend by returning the reply slip on the letter sent out earlier this week or email the school office at [admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)

**Year 4 Leavers' Celebration – Thursday 20 July – Refreshments from 9.00am – show starts at 9.15am** – Year 4 are very much looking forward to welcoming their families to their celebration event. The stage is in place and rehearsals are underway for what will be a marvellous celebration of their time at Corbridge First School. Please enter school via the main office from 9:00am. The office area is very busy during 9:00 and 9:15am but we will try to get you inside as swiftly as possible. Don't forget your tissues....we will all have a tear in our eye.



**Parent Survey** - A parent survey will be included in your child's report envelope next week (reports being sent home on Friday 14 July). The governors and I are interested in hearing your opinion of the school and we would appreciate if you could complete and return the survey to us by Thursday 20 July. The results of the survey will help us to evaluate and plan future priorities as well as celebrating our strengths.

**Milk Orders – Autumn Term 2017** - Letters and reply slips went out last week detailing the cost of milk for the autumn term 2017 - £14.90. If you would like to order milk for your child please let us have your reply slip and payment by Friday 14 July 2017. We can still accept orders for milk after this date but milk will not be available for late orders until the second week of the autumn term.



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From time to time we send out fliers promoting activities your children might be interested in participating in. This week, you will receive a flier 'Good Sports @ Tyne, Rede & Coquet' offering multi-sports sessions during the summer holidays. Or, if your child, is interested in golf and would like more information about a summer junior golf camp at Matfen Hall contact the school office and they will be able to send a leaflet with further information home with your child.

We hope by distributing leaflets we can strengthen existing and build up new links with local organisations and clubs. However, as we do not carry out any checks on these organisations, we would state that Corbridge First School is not making a recommendation or endorsement of the information or services being provided.

### Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 17 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 17 July (weather permitting). The playground gate will be opened at 1.25pm for parents to join us on the field. There will be a carousel of activities to allow all the children to compete as part of a team, followed by an individual sprint race to allow individuals to shine. Certificates will be awarded to recognise some individual achievements which will be displayed on the school website.	
	The children have been split into four teams – <b>Green</b> <b>Blue</b> <b>Yellow</b> and <b>White</b> and we would be grateful if your child could wear a t-shirt in the colour of their team – a letter detailing your child's team has now been sent home.	
Tuesday 18 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
<b>Tuesday 18 July</b>	<b>Parent Online Safety Session – 5.00pm</b>	
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 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	<b>Friday 21 July 2017 – last day of term activities!</b> Last year we organised activities for the children to enjoy on the last day of the summer term. We are organising a similar day this year! Riverside Falconry will be joining us from 1.00pm. Classes will each have a turn to go out to see the birds and reptiles the company is bringing along and there will then be a Birds of Prey display at 2.00pm. Parents are very welcome to join us at 2.00pm for this. We have also booked a bouncy castle for the children to enjoy both during and after school.	
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School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

**Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library....and get £100 for yourself.** This takes less than 2 minutes...honestly! Click on <http://po.st/schools17> - fill in your name, email, postcode and our school name ...it's as simple as that!

The closing date is Monday 31 July 2017 at 11:59pm.

