

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers


Friday 17 June 2016

It's been a very busy week across school. I'm pleased to report the children all completed their five health week challenges. Hopefully they have shared what they have learned with you so that you can continue to encourage them to lead a healthy lifestyle. This is important learning not just for now but for life.

The children also enjoyed a story telling performance this week when Don White from the Schools' Library Service came into tell us about the great explorer Ernest Shackleton and his journey across Antarctica. Mrs McGowan tells me that after a fantastic role play session with Year 2 they wrote amazing diaries about the epic journey.

Transition to the middle school is an exciting time for the children and we always try to make sure they are prepared and are looking forward to their move. We have had two events in school this week. The first was a writing session with staff from Corbridge Middle School who told me they were very impressed with both the children's creative writing and their enthusiastic attitude. We also hosted a 'Question Time' event with a panel of Year 5 pupils which our Y4s very much enjoyed. Meanwhile, children moving to St Joseph's Middle School are looking forward to an afternoon of rounders next week at their new school – a great opportunity to meet the staff and their new classmates.

Of course, for every child leaving...we have a new one arriving. This week we welcomed our new nursery parents into school to hear all about their child's start in September. Exciting times for all.


Head Teacher



School Fete – Saturday 2 July ... only two more weeks to go.... Can you help with a donation?

All donations will be gratefully received and can be dropped at the school office or taken by the class teacher. We are hoping for...

- Plants / seedlings / cuttings for our plant stall (please drop off the day before the fete)
- Good condition toys, books and teddies
- Tombola prizes – chocolates, wine, toiletries...
- Outgrown school uniforms (to be available for donations rather than for sale)
- Cakes, tray-bakes, cupcakes etc (a letter will be sent the week of the fete as a reminder)

Summer Fete Raffle tickets – will be distributed on Friday 24 June – please return them to us by Friday 1 July.

I have my fingers crossed for a sunny day and look forward to seeing you all and having a really good time with the children.

Curriculum – Parent Information Leaflets – the summer term 2 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 2015-2016 page. The leaflet is posted on the Curriculum Letters page. I hope you find them informative. If you would prefer a printed copy please contact the school office. Topics being covered this term are as follows:

Nursery	Under the Sea	Reception	Pets	Year 1	The Seaside – past and present!
Year 2	Fly away on Holiday	Year 3	Stone to Iron Age	Year 4	Ancient Greece



Lost Property/Uniform - We would love to re-unite with their owners, some, if not all, of the many sweatshirts and other items currently stored in lost property. To help with this, we will put all lost property out under the canopy after school each afternoon next week (20-24 June). If you are missing any items please come and have a look.

Any sweatshirts/other uniform items not claimed by Friday will be sold at the summer fete on 2 July.

To help reduce the number of items that find their way to lost property, please ensure that all of your child's school uniform/PE kit/coat etc is clearly marked with their name. We can return items much more easily when they are named!

Year Four Football News...a group of our Year 4 children took part in the Beaufront First School 6-a-side football tournament on Saturday 11 June. The children played really well and won all of their games. Well done! Thank you to Mr Tiffin for helping organise the afternoon - he has told me the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school. We've posted a photograph of the children on the galleries page of our website [Y4 Football success at Beaufront](#)

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
Wednesday 22 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service – Newcastle Cathedral
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016
Wednesday 27 June	Hexham Book Festival Cartoon Workshop – Kev F Sutherland will be running a workshop with Year 4. He draws for the Beano amongst many other comics and the theme will be Romans. He will help the children learn to draw in cartoon style and put together a cartoon strip. Sounds like a great afternoon!
Tuesday 28 June	Reception Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office
Wednesday 29 June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office
Thursday 30 June	Year 1 visit to the seaside – more information to follow soon!
Friday 1 July	Year 4 – Hexham Partnership Sports' Festival – Wentworth Leisure Centre
Saturday 2 July	School Summer Fair
Tuesday 5 July	<p>Transfer Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher Nursery is closed on 5 July as children due to start nursery in September 2016 will be having their visit day. Children due to join our Reception class will be having their welcome day and meeting their teacher. If your child is joining our Reception class in September, please bring them to the school playground for 9.15am. Their welcome visit runs from 9.15am to 12 noon. They will have their lunch in school as usual that day.
Wednesday 6 July	Year 3 – Visit to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead – tour and art workshop – information to follow soon.
Monday 11 July	The Kosmic Krew Science Theatre Show – Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 12 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 12 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.
Wednesday 13 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 at the beginning of week commencing 11 July.
Friday 15 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert – 9.15am
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.	

Year 3 swimming dates - summer term 2016 – Mondays

Swimming has been cancelled on Monday 27 June due to a schools' swimming gala taking place that day.

20 June	4 July
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LAST CALL for any Sainsbury's Active Kids – please donate your vouchers to us – we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment.

