

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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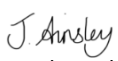
Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 20 January 2017

As you will see from the news item below, we have now started the process to recruit a caretaker. We hope to be able to make an appointment by the end of February and anticipate that the successful candidate will join us early March. This will, of course, depend on completion of pre-employment checks and any notice period they may be required to give their current employer. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in the post, full details can be downloaded from the NE Jobs website [Caretaker - Corbridge First](#).

One of our Governors, Monica Philbrick, is off to India in February to work with 'Reaching the Unreached' – a far reaching charity working in remote areas of Tamil Nadu in South India to provide a brighter future for thousands of the most disadvantaged children and families living in marginalised, rural communities. Mrs Philbrick is coming into school on Monday 23 January to talk to our Y3 children about her visit and to ask them to write letters to take to some of the children she will be meeting. Hopefully some of the children in India will send back replies and Y3 can set to work on the computer translating and discovering. Mrs Philbrick will also come in after her visit to tell us how she got on. We will be sharing photographs with the children from Mrs Philbrick's previous visit – you can see them on our galleries page [Reaching the Unreached](#)

Finally, we didn't have a lot of snow fall last week but there was just enough to roll a few snowballs, make a mini snowman and to have a snowball throwing competition! I hope you enjoy the photos we've posted on our galleries page.... [January snow](#)

  
Head Teacher



## **Caretaker - Permanent, full time post - 37 hours per week (split shift)**

**Band 4 (points 18-21) - £17,891 - £19,939; On-site accommodation available**

The Governors of Corbridge Church of England First School are seeking to appoint an outstanding school caretaker. We invite applications from candidates with some previous experience and proven skills. We are looking for a caretaker who will become part of the team, be committed, reliable and fully involved in whole school improvement. The role will require the successful candidate to lead by example and present as a positive role model to inspire and motivate our children to achieve their full potential in school. We need a dedicated and hardworking individual who shares the school values and aims, and can promote our Christian ethos within the school community. Further information and an application pack can be downloaded from the NE Jobs website [Caretaker - Corbridge First](#) or to request a printed copy of the application pack telephone 01434 632534 or email [admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)

**Year 1 parents – Phonics Information Session – Wednesday 25 January at 2.40pm** – In June the children will take part in the National Phonics Screening Check. The screening check is an indicator of how well children can use the phonics skills they have learnt so far to read words. We hope you will be able to come along to this session when we will provide you with further information on the process and how you can help your child with their phonic skills. The playground gate will be open from 2.35pm to allow you to make your way to the classroom. Please let us know if you are unable to attend so that we can ensure the information shared at the meeting is passed on to you.

**Year 3 parents and carers** are invited to join their child for a special learning session on Thursday 26 January from 9.05 to 10.30am. As part of our Design Technology learning this term, we will be asking you to work alongside your child to make a sandwich! Please return the reply slip on the letter sent earlier this week to let us know if you are able to attend. This will help us make provision for someone to work alongside any children who don't have a family member able to attend.

**Fundraising for Charity** – learning to give is an important lesson and it makes me very proud when our children show genuine kindness and thought for others. This week, one of our youngest children in school handed me an envelope with a little note and some money from his piggy bank to give to 'children who need it most'. We will put this money to the funds we raise on Red Nose Day – 24 March. Thank you Harry!

**Narnia** – if you are looking for an evening out, two of our ex-pupils – Grace Tiffin and Jessica Stephenson, are appearing in this production at The People's Theatre on 4 February 2017 at 7.30pm (features the Hannon Murphy Irish Dance School and Feet First Dance).

**Girls' After School Football – the session on Friday 27 January has been cancelled. The cost of this session will be deducted from the summer term fees.**

*Diary dates are printed on the next two pages....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.*

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

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 25 January	Year 1 parents and carers are invited to a phonics information session at 2.40pm. The playground gate will be open from 2.35pm to allow you to make your way to the classroom.	
Thursday 26 January	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 27 January	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	
Thursday 2 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 9 February	Reception parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser	
Wednesday 15 February	Y3 – Volcanoes Workshop at the Centre for Life, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Further information to follow
Thursday 16 February	Early Years Banquet – more details will follow	
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.		
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	
Friday 17 March	Y3 visit to the Corbridge Roman Site and Museum – Roman Site Community Art Project – more information will be sent out to Y3 parents about this project in due course.	
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	Charity fundraiser
Week commencing 3 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Tuesday 4 April	Nursery Stay and Play session	Parents invited to stay and play with their child.
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 7 April for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 24 April.		
Monday 1 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 23 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 24-Friday 26 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 24 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly (afternoon)	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers’ Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
Saturday 1 July	Summer fete	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day - Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Friday 7 July	Corbridge has got Talent – Family Night! – school fundraiser	
Monday 17 July	Sports’ Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 18 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
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 Friday 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers’ Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

### Year 3 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2017

9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April
16 January	13 February	13 March	
23 January	27 February	20 March	
30 January		27 March	

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



Year 4 – Fellside Payment Schedule – as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
Option 1	£160 – payment in full to be received by Monday 12 December 2016	
Option 2	Payment in 4 instalments	
	Amount	Due by
	£40.00	Monday 12 December 2016
	£40.00	Monday 6 February 2017
	£40.00	Monday 6 March 2017
	£40.00	Monday 3 April 2017

