

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Thursday 19 October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term seems to have disappeared before us, but on reflection it has been another really enjoyable and successful half term in school. I really appreciated all the positive feedback shared by our Early Years families following the stay and play sessions last week. It appears fun was had by all.

We also had a really good turnout at the Year 4 Fellside residential information evening and we are now asking parents/carers to confirm if their child will take part. The children always really enjoy the visit. It offers them the chance to participate in activities such as canoe rafting, archery, ghyll climbing and problem solving and is such a positive experience.

The school disco proved a great success with over 80 children taking part in the evening! Our thanks go out to Mrs Charlton, Mrs Reid and Mrs McNally for their support and I would also like to thank all the staff who made the disco possible. We raised the fantastic sum of £238 which will help fund our anti bullying workshops in November.

We are hoping a record number of bags will be returned next half term in our "Bag 2 School" fundraiser so please spread the word. Any bin bags can be used to return donations so if you have time for an autumn clear the more bags returned the merrier. Money raised from the collection will help fund the Christmas performance taking place in school for all the children to enjoy. The performance is entitled "A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe" and we know the children will enjoy watching the show.

The second half of the autumn term is always an exciting one, especially as we get nearer to Christmas and the much anticipated nativity plays. I look forward to seeing you all soon, following the well-deserved break for all the staff and the children. I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Staffing Update:

Today we officially say goodbye and good luck to Miss Pattison as her maternity leave begins following the half term holiday. We wish her well and can't wait to meet the new addition to her family when the baby arrives. We have secured the skills of a lady called Mrs Geddes, who has a wealth of experience and great references. She will be working alongside Mrs Orrick to support in Year 1 class and I know she will be a positive addition to the team.

When we return after the break we welcome back Mrs Sommerville as her maternity leave has come to an end. Mrs Sommerville will return to her post as class teacher in Year 1 but in a part time capacity. Miss Jewitt will remain in post, also in a part time capacity, which will give us the benefit of two skilled teachers within the Year 1 team next half term.

School Meals Costs (Nursery, Years 3 and 4) – second half of the autumn term 2017 – Thank you to all the parents and carers who have paid and continue to pay on time for school meals. Not only does it help with balancing our school meal registers each week it also saves valuable office time in chasing arrears. The cost for school meals for the second half of the autumn term 2017 is

Year 3 and Year 4 – 40 lunches x £2.20 = £88.00

Nursery – please refer to the nursery school meals letter on the school website/parent mail

If there is a credit or debit on your child's school meals account, your child will have a note home in their book bag today detailing how much you need to subtract/add to the amount shown above to balance their account.

**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

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
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 19 October 2017 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 30 October.		
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.	Letters have now been sent - please reply by Wednesday 1 November 2017
Wednesday 8 November	Year 1 and 2 Film Festival Sing @ Odeon Metrocentre	Letters have now been sent - please return payment and permission Wednesday 1 November 2017
Thursday 9 November	Reception Class Film Festival Sing @ Forum	Letters have now been sent - please return payment and permission by Wednesday 1 November 2017
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	Letters have now been sent - please return payment and permission by Wednesday 1 November 2017
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.
Wednesday 29 November	School Immunisation Team – Flu Vaccine (R, 1, 2, 3, 4)	Further information to follow Permission forms will be sent out
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.
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.

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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
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.		
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.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.		
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)
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.		
Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
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
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-May 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	

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Date	Event	Notes
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.		
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	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.		

Year 3 swimming dates –autumn term 2017 – Mondays – 11 lessons

30 October	6 November	13 November
20 November	27 November	4 December

