

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 16 June 2017

I am delighted to let you know that our parent governor vacancy has now been filled. Mr Andrew Neal, who has two children at our school, will serve a second term as a parent governor. Andrew is currently Vice-Chair of our Governing Body and we look forward to him continuing to provide valuable support to our school. We will also be welcoming Liz Collins to our Governing Body this term – she has been appointed as a Foundation Governor by Newcastle Diocesan Education Board. Liz has recently retired after 40 years as a middle school teacher and as well as being the Chief Guide with St Andrew's Church she is involved in a wide range of activities in the Corbridge community. The Governing Body plays a vital role in the functioning of the school and also helps to make big decisions about the school's long term goals. We are very lucky at Corbridge First School to have governors with a wide range of skills to provide guidance in all aspects of school life including specialist areas such as finance, premises and curriculum.

Only one week until our summer fete – thank you for all the donations and help we have received to date. We would be extremely grateful for donations for our plant stall – plants/seedlings/cuttings can be dropped off with us on Friday 23 June. If you would like to bake cakes/biscuits for us to sell, please drop off goodies with us on Friday 23 June or on the morning of 24 June. Please remember not to include nuts in any of your baking! Thank you.



Finally, raffle tickets have now been sent home. Please return ticket stubs with monies and any unsold tickets to us by Friday 23 June. If you require additional tickets please ask at the office. Thank you to everyone for your support – the staff have all got their fingers crossed for a dry day and we hope you and the children will be able to come along to enjoy the day with us.

J Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher



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!

Staffing News... I am delighted to tell you that we have a new teacher joining us in September. Mrs Hutchinson will be teaching our new Reception class. Mrs Hutchinson is looking forward to spending time with the children on transition day (4 July). Mrs Wood, our nursery teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to our school. She has helped us to make improvements to our Early Years provision, developing resources and inspiring learning opportunities to ensure the children enjoy their early years' experience and achieve their full potential. We wish her well in her new ventures – we will all miss her! Full details of all staffing for next year will be published soon.

Big Lottery Fund Success! Following an application to the Big Lottery Fund, I am delighted to let you know that we have been awarded £9,995 to build a multi-sensory play setting to improve our outdoor natural environment and provide a safe play space for the children. Ideas so far include a fire pit, bush craft nature area with seating, wooden play den, wildlife area with pond, climbing wall and a wooden play den shelter. We will let you know when work is due to start – we are very excited and eagerly anticipating the work being completed.

Curriculum – Parent Information Leaflets – the summer term 2 leaflets are now posted on the school website. Click on the [Teaching and Learning](#) tab and select your child's year group. 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 office. Topics being covered this term are as follows:

Nursery	Around the World: Hot and Cold	Reception	Around the World – Food and Festivals	Year 1	Hot and Cold
Year 2	Holidays	Year 3	The Romans	Year 4	Groovy Greeks

Lunchtime Football Club – please note that Quid-A-Kid has now finished for the summer term. The club will start up again in September – we will circulate information at the start of the autumn term.

Summer Fete – Saturday 24 June 2017 – 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 (please drop off on Friday 23 June or on the morning of the fete)

A Midsummer's Evening in Corbridge – Thursday 22 June from 5.00pm - Midsummer Market, Traditional Fun, Street Food, Live Music, Late Night Shopping and more...

Diary dates are printed on the next page....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 21 June	Nursery and Reception – Visit to Kirkley Hall Zoo – full day visit – please return permission slips and payment by Friday 16 June.	
Wednesday 21 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents of children due to join Reception in September 2017	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral.	
Thursday 22 June	Dental Survey – children aged 5 in Reception/Year 1 – consent forms will be sent out	
Saturday 24 June	Summer fete	
Tuesday 27 June	Year 2 visit to Gibside – please return permission slips and payment by Wednesday 21 June.	
Thursday 29 June	Y4 – Annual Partnership Festival – Wentworth Leisure Centre – rugby based games, 10 pin bowling, quad kids athletics, Zumba exercise – organised by Queen Elizabeth High School – more information to follow – Please note that due to this event not finishing until 2.45pm, Y4 children will need to be collected from the school yard at the slightly later time of 3.30pm.	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day <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 4 July as children due to start nursery in September 2017 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. 	
Thursday 6 July	Picnic Lunch and Teddy Bears – Mrs Dobson, our Cook, will be providing a special 'Picnic' school lunch. For the main course there will be a choice of sandwich (tuna, cheese or ham), juice (apple or orange) and vegetable sticks (carrot or cucumber) as well as ready salted crisps and flapjack. Weather permitting the children will have lunch outside. If your child usually has a packed lunch we will send a note home nearer to the time to ask if your child would like a school picnic lunch. Teddy Bears Welcome! Children are welcome to bring along their teddy bear or other soft toy to join them at the picnic. Please ensure that teddy is wearing a secure tag with your child's name so that they don't get lost!	
Friday 7 July (afternoon)	Years 1 and 2 – Hey Piggy Piggy – show at QEHS for KS1 children about money, materials and warm homes, with animation, live music and action (commissioned and funded by the National Energy Action charity).	
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.	
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 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.		

Monday swimming lesson dates for the summer term 2017

24 April	8 May	5 June	3 July
	15 May	12 June	
	22 May	19 June	

