

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 27 January 2017

At the end of the spring term we will be saying farewell to Mrs Thompson, one of our Y2 teachers. After almost eighteen years of dedicated service to Corbridge CE First School, she is off to seek out new opportunities and pursue her talents as an artist. We will all miss Mrs Thompson around school and wish her the very best in her new ventures.

To ensure a smooth transition for the children, we have already confirmed our staffing plan for after the Easter break. Miss Jewitt will teach Y1 on a full time basis and Miss Storey will teach Y2 on a Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursdays and Fridays.

We are really looking forward to this evening's family quiz night – we will let you know how it went in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, I would like to thank the local businesses that so generously donated brilliant prizes – The Angel of Corbridge, Il Piccolo and the Wentworth Leisure Centre.

Many of our Reception and Nursery children took part in the NCC Early Years 55 Stories at Bedtime challenge. Whilst we did not win a main prize this time, I am very pleased to let you know that Frankie in Reception won a runner-up prize of a book and a certificate for our school.

Finally this week, if you have a moment, click onto our website – we've just updated the front page banner – it looks great! [School Website](#)

J. Ainsley
Head Teacher



Valentines Disco and Party Games – Tuesday 14 February 2017 – 3.00-4.30pm – watch out for a letter coming out next week with more information and ticket prices.

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 2017 ... please donate your vouchers to us ... we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment for the children. Last year we managed to purchase trowels, mini rakes, a spade and brush for our Early Years children. Every little helps! In Sainsbury's Local stores you'll get one voucher for every £5 you spend and in Sainsbury's supermarkets you'll be given one voucher for every £10 spent at the till.



Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join their child for a special learning session on Thursday 2 February from 9.00 to 10.30am. Parents will be working alongside their children in a 'Maths is Fun' problem solving session. 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.

Our special learning sessions have again proved very popular this year. Year 3 parents and other family members joined the children yesterday in a design technology focussed lesson working alongside the children to make sandwiches. Thank you for your positive feedback – here's just a few of the comments you made:

'enjoyed spending time in a lesson, sharing the learning experience together...and eating the sandwich!'

'enjoyed the interaction and seeing the learning process'

'great interaction and learning opportunity for the parent to see how the children learn and how the lesson is structured'

'good to see how the children work as a group and as individuals'

We also welcome your suggestions for future sessions... incorporating a maths element to work out the sandwich costs is a great idea!

Y4 – Tag Rugby Competition – Friday 3 February – As part of their enrichment project, Class 8W at Corbridge Middle School are organising a tag rugby tournament to take place on the afternoon of Friday 3 February. Our Y4 children will take part in the tournament. The children will need to have their outdoor PE kit in school that day as well as outdoor trainers suitable for the field.



Schools Go Smarter and Northumberland's Parking Team have produced a film to highlight how the parking behaviours of parents and carers impact on the safety of children at school drop off and pick up times and to inform parents and schools about the role of Northumberland's camera enforcement vehicle. The camera enforcement vehicle is used to assist with the enforcement of illegal parking on school keep clear markings outside of our schools. Your support in parking considerately and helping to keep our children safe is very much appreciated - please follow the link to view the film. [Be a Smarter Parker in Northumberland](#)

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
Thursday 2 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session – Maths is Fun problem solving session – 9.00-10.30am.	
Friday 3 February	Y4 – Tag Rugby Competition at Corbridge Middle School – 1.15-2.45pm. The children will need to have their outdoor PE kit in school that day as well as outdoor trainers suitable for the field.	
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 – 3.00-4.30pm	
Wednesday 15 February	Y3 – Volcanoes Workshop at the Centre for Life, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	
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	

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

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