

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week here at CFS, with good news stories to share. This week we have tweeted special achievements, events and celebrating learning in school. From bird watching to puppet making, marvellous maths and amazing phonics – we have a lot to celebrate.

Unfortunately I missed the Year 2 Family Learning session on Thursday morning but after talking to the children, seeing the photographs and reading the feedback forms, I can see it was enjoyed by all. Click [here](#) to see the gallery. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to welcoming Year 3 families next week.

Some Year Three and Four children took part in a gymnastics competition today and Mrs Hutchinson was very proud of them all.

Final special news for the week is to officially congratulate Miss Storey, one of our Class Two teachers, as she is expecting a baby. One of the benefits of part time teachers is maintaining stability in absences. I would like to thank Mrs McGowan who has agreed to work fulltime for the final half term of the summer when Miss Storey's maternity leave will begin.

J. Ainsley
Head Teacher



Sing2Sing is an annual event, organised by the Deaf Health Charity Sign Health, which raises essential funds to help vulnerable deaf children and adults. We will be learning to sing and sing the song – Friends Forever, over the next two weeks. On Friday 9 February we hope to all perform the song in the playground, weather permitting and we would love you to join in! You can practice the song with your children at home, just click the logo to be taken to the video.....



This weekend enjoy taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 27 - 29 January 2018. The children in the Early Years have really enjoyed taking part through this week. Find more information at on their Website: [All you need to know.](#)

Education in the West

Over the past couple of weeks Andrew Neal, the Chair of Governors, and I have attended Northumberland County Council led meetings and Hexham Partnership meetings in relation to an initial consultation regarding the future of education here in the west of Northumberland. The Hadrian Learning Trust have posted their [Initial Consultation Report](#) which is live on their website. It reports the majority of responses were against their proposal of closing Hexham Middle school and changing their age range to become a secondary school, thus introducing a two tier model to the Hexham Partnership. Despite the negative responses, they have declared their next stage is to begin a formal consultation on the proposal. One of their reasons for moving ahead was based on a relative small number of responses. The courant have a "yes / no" poll on their site as to whether they should be moving ahead. Have your say: <http://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/home>.

The County Council have also begun a consultation, so we appreciate this could become quite confusing. When all information is available, and the consultations are open to you as stakeholders, we will hold open meetings to give you information and answer questions to help you decide how you wish to respond the proposal.

Nut Free School – a reminder that we are a NUT FREE zone so please support us by ensuring your child's packed lunch or snacks are 'nut free'.

Are your contact details up to date? Please remember to let us know about any changes to your contact details – change of address, home, mobile or work phone numbers etc.



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Fellside Payment Schedule - as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
Option 1	£162.00 - payment in full to be received by Monday 22 January 2018	
Option 2	Payment in 4 instalments	
	Amount	Due By
	£42.00	Monday 22 January 2018 Thank you for the payments
	£40.00	Monday 26 February 2018
	£40.00	Monday 26 March 2018
	£40.00	Monday 23 April 2018

Year 3 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2018

15 January	5 February	5 March	2 April
22 January	12 February	12 March	
29 January	26 February	19 March	
		26 March	

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
Thursday 1 February	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	A letter has now been sent out – please reply by as soon as possible.
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day	E-safety Events will take place in school.
Wednesday 7 February	EYFS Stay and Play - Inspire	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. A letter has now been sent out, please reply by Wednesday 31 January.
Thursday 8 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	A letter has now been sent out – please reply by Monday 29 January.
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.
Friday 9 February	Sign2Sing	Charity Fundraising event. More details to follow
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.		
Monday 26 February	Bags2School Textile Collection	Raising funds for a summer workshop in school. More details to follow.
Wednesday 28 February	Year 3 Healthy Eating Sandwich Workshop.	The children will receive a workshop in school. The event is sponsored by Warburtons. A letter has now been sent out - please return the attached permission slips as soon as possible.
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day	
Wednesday 7 March Save the date!	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	5:30pm – 7pm Further information to follow.
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.
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.

Date	Event	Notes
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	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-Friday 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
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,	
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.		

Please contact the school office if you require large type formats of any school produced documentation. School can also provide help with reading any documentation.