

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 24 March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow...we've had a brilliant Red Nose Day! We all really enjoyed creating and decorating sweet treats to sell and I know many of the children are also looking forward to trying to 'beat the goalie' after school today! We really have had a fantastic day and at the same time raised funds for a great charity – we will let you know next week how much we raised. Thank you all for your support.

Each class worked really hard on their Easter Garden poster designs. Well done to the ten children who went along with Mrs Orrick on Wednesday afternoon this week to build our Easter Garden in the grounds of St Andrew's Church. Despite it being a very cold and wet afternoon Finn and Harry (Reception), Jemima and Finn (Y1), Abi and Daisy (Y2), Katie and Edward (Y3) and Annie and Freddie (Y4) showed great enthusiasm and good team work. I hope you will be able to take time to go along to see the garden ...but if you can't make it you can still enjoy the photographs we've posted on the galleries page of the school website [Easter Garden](#)

Whilst our school wasn't one of this term's Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge winners, I would like to say well done to all our pupils and parents for making that extra effort to walk, cycle and scoot to school!

Appointment times for parent consultation meetings have been sent home with your child today...please check the book bags.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher



Reading Buddy Volunteers wanted! We would be very interested in hearing from any parents/carers or grandparents who might have a little spare time to read with some of our children on a 1:1 basis or in small groups. We already have a small team of reading buddies but would love to be able to offer the opportunity to even more of our children as those who do take part really enjoy and benefit from this scheme.

If you can help, please call into the school office to leave your details and availability or telephone 01434 632534 or email admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk. As part of our commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils, we would need to ask volunteers to complete an Enhanced DBS Disclosure check.

Easter Celebration - You are all welcome to join us at **St Andrew's Church at 1.30pm on Friday 7 April** for our Easter celebration and to also mark the end of our spring term. At the end of the service, children may go home with parents/carers. If you are unable to attend, we will bring your child back to school and follow the normal routine for end of day collection. If you are available to walk to or from the church with your child's class please speak to your class teacher.

We will have an **Easter Raffle** this year. Tickets will be sold in church and the draw will be made at the end of the service. The money collected will be used to help further stock the reading shed, which we will have up and running in the summer term.

Milk Orders for the summer term 2017 – Please return milk orders by Friday 31 March. We can accept orders after this date but milk will not be available for late orders until the second week of the summer term as we have to confirm our order with the dairy at the start of week commencing 3 April.

Dance Club now full for the summer term! If you wish for your child to attend dance club in the future please contact Molly directly (07943804161 or mlstroyan@yahoo.co.uk) and she will put your child's name and a contact number on a waiting list and let you know when a space comes up.

Mothering Sunday Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 26 March at 10.00am – all welcome.
Coffee, juice and biscuits will be served after the service.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 ... please donate your vouchers to us ... we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment for the children

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
Monday 27 March	Y3 – swimming – water safety week – the children will need shorts and a t-shirt in addition to their usual swimming costumes.	
Week commencing 3 April	Appointment slips will be sent home on Friday 24 March.	
Tuesday 4 April	9.00-10.30am - Nursery Stay and Play session – information has now been sent out.	
Tuesday 4 April	Y4 will take part in a one day workshop run by the Royal Institute of British Architects to learn about sustainable communities, and design & build their own sustainable town.	
5 April to 7 June 2017	Y3 and Y4 will take part in cricket coaching sessions on Wednesday mornings – 7 sessions run by Active Northumberland/Northumberland Cricket Board	
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		
Wednesday 26 April	Y4 – Fellside Residential Visit – parents and Y4 children invited to come into school at 3.05pm to hear more about the Fellside residential visit.	
Tuesday 2 May	Charity Fundraising – Tynedale Hospice; Cathy Bates will be coming along to talk to the children about the work at the hospice. We'll be giving each of the children one of the hospice's very cute animal pen pals and we would be very grateful for a suggested donation of £1 from parents for these.	
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Christian Aid Week – 14 to 20 May 2017		
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 10 May (afternoon)	Y3 walk to Corbridge Roman Site to see Cavalry Exhibition	
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	Y3 – Visit to Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda	
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 - Y4 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 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 second half of the spring term 2017

13 March	27 March - water safety week – the children will need shorts and a t-shirt in addition to their usual swimming costumes.
20 March	3 April


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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This week's School 360 highest house point scorers are printed below.

POSITION	HOUSE NAME	POINTS
1	 Blue	88
2	 Yellow	85
3	 Green	82
4	 Orange	73

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