

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 9 November 2018

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and I would like to welcome you all back to what will be a great term in school, and with the community.

The children have returned refreshed and happy, and during learning walks this week, it is still evident they are enthused and challenged by their learning.

I would like to thank the staff team and parent volunteers who made the school disco a fantastic success this week. We really need parent support for these events. Many thanks to the 7 families who volunteered, and those who offered or stated they could help on another occasion. There will be many more opportunities to get involved this term – including preparing our raffle hampers, decorating trees for the Christmas Tree Festival, helping to run the stall at the Corbridge Christmas Event or joining Movie Night. We hope lots of families can get involved.

This half term is full of exciting events and learning opportunities and next week we conclude our exploration of Remembrance with the children, as well as celebrating Children in Need and undertaking focused learning related to respect and Anti-Bullying Week.

Enjoy your weekend,

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher

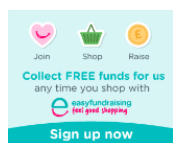


Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Gift – Thank you to all who have already created a shoe box. If you would like to participate in this activity, please drop your filled shoebox off at school by Monday 12 November. We will then make arrangements for the boxes to be collected from us.

Cold Weather - As the weather starts to get colder, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat in school every day for outdoor play. Please remember to label all items – coats, hats, gloves etc - as this makes it much easier for us to return lost belongings to their owner!

50 Books at Bedtime - From the 5 November to the 24 December there are 50 sleeps. We would love mums, dads and carers to read with their child at least one story at bedtime, every night. We have sent out information about this initiative earlier this week, and have sent home printed forms for you to record your story times. If you take part in this challenge, please return your completed form to us by Monday 14 January 2019. We will hold a prize draw on Friday 18 January where one family will win a special prize.

David Walliams visit to Forum Books at Corbridge - This week we received a lovely gift of signed books, a photograph and a handwritten, personalised message from David Walliams. Unfortunately he cannot make it in to school as he is already committed to be in a school in Newcastle. We are delighted he took the time to acknowledge our request and I would like to thank all families and friend of our school who helped spread the word on Twitter.



Easy Fundraising – You're raising for Corbridge C of E First School - Northumberland

In the last 30 days your cause has raised **£9.23** and recruited **9 new supporters**.

Please don't forget to sign up to give your support!

Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added in red so please check each

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week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2018-2019

Date	Event	Notes
Week commencing 12 November	Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is 'Choose Respect'.	Further information to follow.
Monday 12 November	Remembrance Event for pupils in school.	Further information to follow.
Monday 12 November	Operation Christmas Child - shoe boxes to be returned.	One again we will take part in the shoe box appeal. Information now shared.
Tuesday 13 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Class letter has now been sent.
Tuesday 13 November	Year 3 to Kirkley Hall Zoo	Class letter has now been sent.
Wednesday 14 November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception Class to Year 4.	Please return the permission slip to ensure your child receives the vaccination.
Thursday 15th November.	Year 2 visit to Corbridge library. 1pm – 2:45pm (in school for normal lunch)	– No payments needed.
Friday 16 November	BBC Children In Need Day Non- Uniform Day and Bake Off!	Charity fundraiser – Letter has now been sent.
Tuesday 20 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Letter has now been sent.
Tuesday 27 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Letter has now been sent.
Tuesday 27 November	EYFS – Stay and Play	Nursery and reception parents invited to school. Letter has now been sent.
Tuesday 4 December	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 4 December	Bags to School to be collected.	Information and bags now shared.
Monday 10 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.30am
Tuesday 11 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Tuesday 11 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	1.30pm
Wednesday 12 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 13 December	EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon	1-3pm Further information to follow.
Thursday 13 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	3 – 4:30pm Further information to follow.
Tuesday 18 December	Reception & Nursery Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 18 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 19 December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Thursday 20 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 21 December	Christmas Pantomime – Pinocchio Big Foot Productions	Fundraising will cover any expense – No payments requested.
Friday 21 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 8 January 2019.		
Tuesday 15 January	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 22 January	Nursery parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch. (11:30am)	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 5 February	Internet Safety Day	Further information to follow.
Thursday 14 February	Special Lunch – Valentine's Day	Further information to follow.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 15 February for half term and reopens on Monday 25 February.		

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Date	Event	Notes
Week commencing 25 February	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Friday 1 March	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 3 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day	Further information to follow.
Friday 15 March	Comic Relief Special lunch day	Charity fundraiser
Friday 5 April	SPECIAL LUNCH – Easter Lunch	Further information to follow
Friday 5 April TBC	Easter Celebration at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 5 April for the Easter break and reopens on Tuesday 23 April.		
Friday 3 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	2:30pm
Monday 6 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Friday 10 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	2:30pm
Week beginning 13 May	Year 2 SATs Assessment Week	Further information to follow
Week beginning 13 May	Christian Aid Week	
Friday 17 May	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 2 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Wed 22 – Fri 24 May	Year Four Residential - Fellside	Further information to follow
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 24 May for half term and reopens on Monday 3 June.		
Week beginning 10 June	Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week	Further information to follow
Friday 14 June	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 1 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Friday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 21 June	Reception Class Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 28 June	SPECIAL LUNCH Reception lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Saturday 29 June	Summer Fete	11am - 2pm
Wednesday 10 July	SPECIAL LUNCH Teddy Bear's Picnic	Further information to follow
Monday 15 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 16 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 17 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 12 July.	
Thursday 18 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
Friday 19 July	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 4 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 19 July for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 3 September 2019.		

Year 3 swimming dates –autumn 2 term 2018 – Wednesdays – 5 lessons

7, 14, 21 and 28 November	5 December
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