

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 29 April 2016

As we move into May we are starting to prepare for our new Reception and Nursery children joining us in September. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to information evenings to introduce them to the staff and school routines. The children will, of course, also have opportunities to explore their new school/nursery. We do still have September places available in our newly refurbished nursery so please do contact the school office if you have not already done so.

Although 'The Friends' of the school has now disbanded we really want to ensure we have a Corbridge CE First School Summer Fair. The new date of the summer fair will be Saturday 2 July 2016. The staff, governors and children are all very keen to go ahead. We will be looking for parents, carers and members of the community to help us prepare for the fair and also to help out on the day. Without parent involvement and support we will not be able to go ahead as the great success of the fetes gone by has been a result of excellent work by the Friends. I will be writing to you all soon to ask for your active support, the greater the involvement the greater the day, and I know we can plan a great day!

Enjoy the long weekend and we will see you on Tuesday.

J. Ainsley



Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher

Amendment to term dates 2016-17 – the term dates have been reprinted at the end of this week's newsletter.
The only change is that school closes for the summer break at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016.
Wednesday 20 July is a teacher training day.

Zoolab will be in school on Wednesday 11 May to run workshops with our Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 classes. For Nursery and Reception, this visit builds on the Early Years 'minibeast' topic this half term. They will be finding out what a minibeast is, what they have inside them, how are our bodies like/unlike theirs....and lots more. Zoolab will be bringing a variety of minibeasts for us to look at and touch including a giant millipede, giant snail, cockroaches and a tarantula. Without a doubt this will be a highlight of the minibeast topic and we can't wait to share photographs with you on the website.

For Years 2 and 4, the workshops will link to topics being covered by the children during the second half of the summer term. The Year 2 workshop will cover how our bodies move linking to their topic of 'Animals including humans'. The Year 4 workshop will cover habitats to link to their topic of 'All living things'.

Class Assemblies – we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to class assemblies on the dates detailed below. Please enter school via the office.

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 4	Friday 20 May	9.10am
Year 3	Thursday 26 May	2.30pm
Reception	Tuesday 28 June	9.10am
Year 1	Wednesday 29 June	9.10am
Year 2	Wednesday 29 June	2.30pm

Year 4 Rocket Science – update - Will Leicester win the League, will Newcastle be relegated, will the blue or the red rocket seeds grow best? These are all big questions. I can't tell you about the first two but I can tell you about the rocket. Year Four children have told me that both sets of seeds have already germinated. After a week it looks like the seeds from the blue packet are a tiny bit ahead of the red but the children don't want to commit just yet as to which they think spent time in space. More updates to follow!

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

DIARY DATES.....see over the page for dates for your diary.....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Event	Notes
School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016		
Wednesday 11 May	Zoolab – workshops for Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4	
Monday 16 May	Y4 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Workshop and Activities – focus will be ‘States of Matter’	Workshop and activities run by Proctor and Gamble
16 to 20 May - Christian Aid and Walk to School Week.		
Tuesday 17 May	Walk to School Week and Christian Aid Week are both taking place during week commencing 16 May 2016. On Tuesday 17 May we would like to ask the children and staff to wear their happiest shoes to school and donate £1 to Christian Aid. The children can wear their brightest shoes or brighten up their shoes with jazzy laces, or bling up their trainers or wellies or just wear the shoes that make them happiest! We would also like to encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school that day. We will try to arrange a place where we can all meet – perhaps the school allotment – and walk into school together. We will send out further information nearer the time.	
Friday 20 May	Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Tuesday 24 May	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Information to be sent out
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
Thursday 26 May	Year 3 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.		
Monday 13 June	Schools’ Library Service – story telling session (Nursery to Year 4)	
13-17 June	British Nutrition Foundation – Healthy Eating Week – we will be promoting healthy eating and drinking, being active, food provenance and cooking in school.	
Wednesday 15 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016	
Wednesday 22 June	Year 4 Leavers’ Service – Newcastle Cathedral – information will be sent out	
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016	
Tuesday 28 June	Reception Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
Saturday 2 July	School Summer Fair	
Tuesday 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Tuesday 12 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 12 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.	
Wednesday 13 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 at the beginning of week commencing 11 July.	
Friday 15 July	Year 4 Leavers’ Concert – 9.15am	
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.		

Year 3 swimming dates - summer term 2016 – Mondays – 11 lessons

11 April	9 May	6 June	4 July
18 April	16 May	13 June	
25 April	23 May	20 June	
		27 June	

Don't forget to visit the School Website: www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk



**CORBRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016/17**

<u>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</u>
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016</u>	
Summer 2016	Tuesday 19 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016</u>	
October Mid-Term 2016	Thursday 20 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016</u>	
Christmas/New Year 2016/2017	Friday 16 December 2016	Tuesday 3 January 2017
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017</u>	
Spring Mid-Term 2017	Thursday 16 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017</u>	
Easter 2017	Friday 7 April 2017	24 April 2017
<u>MAY DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 1 MAY 2017</u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017</u>	

