

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 14 July 2017

The hall has been buzzing with the children's singing this week. As well as Year 4 rehearsals being well underway for their leavers' celebration assembly, the nursery children have also been practising songs for their graduation assembly on Tuesday 18 July. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for both these events – I've heard fantastic singing in the hall all week and we can't wait to share it with you.

School reports and parent surveys have been sent home with the children today. The governors and I are interested in hearing your opinion of the school and we would appreciate if you could complete and return the survey to us by Thursday 20 July. If you have any concerns arising from your child's school report there is an opportunity for parents to drop in to see their child's teacher between 3.00 and 4.00pm on Wednesday 19 July.

As we prepare for the end of term we are also preparing to say goodbye to Mrs Shevlin as she will not return after the summer holidays. She has transformed the administration within school in just under three years and is now looking forward to enjoying some time studying and following her horticultural interests. I would like to thank her for all her dedication and support and wish her well in her future adventures.

One more week to go...but still lots happening – check the diary dates for events involving your child ... we've got our fingers crossed for fine weather for our sports afternoon on Monday!

Enjoy the weekend.

J Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley

Head Teacher



Parentmail Upgrade – important information! All those marked on our SIMS database as having parental responsibility, should now have received a text or email from Parentmail - please just follow the instructions in the message to re-register with Parentmail. You must re-register to continue using Parentmail. If you have not received any contact from Parentmail by Monday 17 July please contact the school office.

John Muir Award Club – at a special assembly this week the Y4 children who attended this club gave a very informative and interesting presentation to their parents and all of our children. They told us all about the tasks and activities they took part in- Mr Harrison then congratulated and presented them all with their discovery award certificates. Well done to Jessica, Eddie, Jonathan, Thomas, Annie-Grace, Olivia E, Amy, Grace and Jack. Thank you to Mr Harrison too for running this club – we hope to be able to offer it again during the summer term 2018!

Year 4 – Polo Shirt signing! - As in previous years, I know the Year 4 children are looking forward to asking their friends and teachers to sign their polo shirt as a memento of their time at Corbridge First School. You might want to bear this in mind when you are choosing their clothing for the last day of school!



Medication – letters will be sent home towards the end of next week to the parents/carers of children who have medication stored in school. All medication (including inhalers/epi-pens) should be collected from the class teacher by 3.00pm on Friday 21 July. Any medicines not collected will be disposed of. Medication can then be returned to school at the start of the autumn term when a new updated 'administering medicine' form should be completed.

Music Tuition – Violin/Guitar – 2017-2018 – if your child would like to continue/start music tuition in September please return the reply slip on the letter that was sent out earlier this week and deposit of £20.00 by Wednesday 19 July.

Summer Reading Challenge – libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the long summer holidays. The summer reading challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free to take part. This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Animal Agents – illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator – Tony Ross. As children read library books on the summer reading challenge they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells! Call in at the library in Corbridge or Hexham for more information or click on the link [Summer Reading Challenge 2017](#)

Parent Online Safety Session – Tuesday 18 July 2017 – 5.00pm – there's still time to let us know if you would like to come along to this session – just return the reply slip on the letter sent last week or email the school office at admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Activities in the community this summer

- Hexham Abbey Flower Festival – 21-23 July (10.00am to 5.00pm) – Hexham Abbey and Grounds – for more information go to www.hexhamabbey.org.uk/flowerfest - amazing flower displays, a host of activities and family fun on the Cloister lawn, children's craft and entertainment in the marquee.
- Family Fun Day in aid of Charlotte Straker Project, Corbridge Youth Initiative, Corbridge Cricket Club on Sunday 27 August at Corbridge Cricket Clubhouse – 12.30pm until late.

From time to time we send out fliers promoting activities your children might be interested in participating in. We hope by distributing leaflets we can strengthen existing and build up new links with local organisations and clubs. However, as we do not carry out any checks on these organisations, we would state that Corbridge First School is not making a recommendation or endorsement of the information or services being provided.

Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 17 July	<p>Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 17 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.</p> <p>The children have been split into four teams – Green Blue Yellow and White and we would be grateful if your child could wear a t-shirt in the colour of their team – a letter detailing your child’s team has now been sent home.</p>	
Tuesday 18 July	<p>Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning – Refreshments from 9.00am – graduation at 9.30am - parents and carers are invited to attend the graduation assembly at 9.30am in the school hall. Once you have dropped your child in nursery, please come into school via the office – we will be serving tea and coffee from 9.00am. The children will sing a selection of songs before they receive their graduation certificates. The Nursery sports morning will follow on immediately after the graduation assembly.</p>	
Tuesday 18 July	Parent Online Safety Session – 5.00pm	
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	<p>Year 4 Leavers’ Celebration – Refreshments from 9.00am – show starts at 9.15am – Year 4 are very much looking forward to welcoming their families to their celebration event. The stage is in place and rehearsals are underway for what will be a marvellous celebration of their time at Corbridge First School. Please enter school via the main office from 9:00am. The office area is very busy during 9:00 and 9:15am but we will try to get you inside as swiftly as possible. Don’t forget your tissues....we will all have a tear in our eye.</p>	
Friday 21 July	<p>Last day of term activities! Last year we organised activities for the children to enjoy on the last day of the summer term. We are organising a similar day this year! Riverside Falconry will be joining us from 1.00pm. Classes will each have a turn to go out to see the birds and reptiles the company is bringing along and there will then be a Birds of Prey display at 2.00pm. Parents are very welcome to join us at 2.00pm for this. We have also booked a bouncy castle for the children to enjoy both during and after school.</p> <p>School will finish at the usual time of 3.00pm and children must be collected by their parent/carer from the playground as normal. Parents and carers are then very welcome to come onto the school field with their child/ren for end of term celebrations from 3:00pm to 4.00pm. If the weather is as good as last year parents and children are welcome to have a picnic on the field. We hope this will be a lovely end to the term and I would ask for your support in supervising your children. Your child will be in your care following the handover from the class teachers at 3.00pm.</p>	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library....and get £100 for yourself. This takes less than 2 minutes...honestly! Click on <http://po.st/schools17> - fill in your name, email, postcode and our school name ...it's as simple as that! The closing date is Monday 31 July 2017 at 11:59pm.

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

