

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

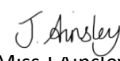
Friday 3 March 2017

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. We have a lot packed in over the second half of the spring term and I know it is going to fly past.

We had a brilliant World Book day yesterday – the children and staff looked fantastic in their costumes and it was really lovely to see the older and younger children mixing together in paired reading activities. The children told me they enjoyed their visit to Forum Books and I know many of them took the opportunity to swap their voucher for one of the £1 World Book Day books. We raised £114 from our dress up day and we will put this towards purchasing seating for our outdoor reading shed. Reading is a vital skill and is so enjoyable we should encourage every child to develop and grow and inspire their interest. Thank you for your support. Thank you too to all the parents/carers who helped walk the children to and from Forum Books – as always, we couldn't do it without you!

Well done to all the children in Years 3 and 4 who completed a woodland scene/collage over the half term break. We were able to send off five of the collages to be entered into the John Davidson Pipes Sustainability in School competition – well done to Frances and Charlie in Y4 and Nuha, Ben and Ella in Y3 who were selected this time.

We didn't manage to make a caretaker appointment as we had hoped to do this week. We'll let you know how we are going to move forward in making a permanent appointment to this very important role in school as soon as we are able to.


Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher



Prompt start to the day - please help us ensure that the children can start their learning on time every day. Children should be on the playground and in their line at 8.55am. Thank you for your support.

Year 4 residential visit to Fellside – for those paying in instalments, the third instalment of £40.00 is due for payment on Monday 6 March 2017. Please make cheques payable to NCC. Thank you.

Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels – our school will again take part in the Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge which encourages children to travel actively to school – like walking, cycling and scooting – to help keep them fit and healthy as well as competing with other schools. The Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge will run for two weeks from Monday 6 March to Friday 17 March. Throughout the challenge, by travelling actively to school at least once a week, each child can achieve points. As well as the children keeping active and having fun, our school will have the chance to win one of three fabulous prizes, with first prize worth £750. The challenge is inclusive, so don't worry if you child has to come by car, they can Park and Stride and still gain points; and there will also be points for those who complete a circuit around the playground.

Special Lunch – Friday 10 March 2017 - Each year group has an opportunity during the school year to vote for their 'favourite school lunch' to be served. Reception children will have their favourite school lunch served on Friday 10 March 2017. They have chosen *Fish fingers, for the main course; and for dessert, chocolate crispies*. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on 10 March (cost £2.20 – Nursery, years 3 and 4; free for other year groups under Universal Meal Scheme) please send a note and payment to the school office by Wednesday 8 March.

Mothers' Day messages – the Hexham Courant is opening its pages so that every child can have their mother's day message printed for their mum to see. The messages will be printed in the issue due out on Friday 24 March. The message will appear with just the children's first name and initial of their surname if there are two or more children in the same class with the same forename.

Easter Garden Project – during week commencing 13 March, each class will be creating a class Easter Garden poster to be displayed in church during Easter. The focus of the posters will be 'What Easter Means to Us'. Our Easter Garden will then be built in the grounds of St Andrew's Church on the afternoon of 22 March. Ten children, two from each class from Reception to Y4, will be chosen to go along to help create the garden. We will choose children who have shown enthusiasm, good team work and commitment to the project.

Bag2School – Please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details of items that can be included. In addition to raising much needed funds this will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Please return filled bags back to us on Wednesday 15 March 2017 – they will be collected from us just after 9.00am on Thursday 16 March.

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 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 6 March to Friday 17 March	The Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge is back – we'll be encouraging everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to school for two weeks in March in order to earn points and for our school to have a chance of winning one of three fabulous prizes.	
Tuesday 14 March	Height and weight checks for children in Reception - National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).	
Wednesday 15 March	Deadline for return of Bag2School donations to be handed in to school.	
Friday 17 March	Y3 visit to the Corbridge Roman Site and Museum – Roman Site Community Art Project – more information will be sent out to Y3 parents about this project in due course.	
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	Charity fundraiser
Week commencing 3 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Tuesday 4 April	Nursery Stay and Play session	Parents invited to stay and play with their child.
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		
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Christian Aid Week – 14 to 20 May 2017		
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
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	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 children 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 spring term 2017

9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April
16 January	13 February	13 March	
23 January	27 February	20 March	
30 January		27 March	

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







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

★★★ TOP HOUSE ★★★


1st
319 POINTS


Green


2nd
259 POINTS


Yellow

3rd
248 POINTS


Blue

4th
210 POINTS


Orange

