

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 9 March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

While I observed some teaching this week and encountered children looking for signs of spring, it seems unbelievable the snow we encountered just last week. I thank you for your understanding at the unfortunate school closure and am pleased to say it is good to be back to normal.

Good learning continues to be all around us and the teachers are looking forward to sharing the children's progress and achievements with you in the parent meetings when we return following the Easter break. Appointment letters will be sent in due course.

Work on the allotment is back on track, and the children are really enjoying opportunities to be involved in building this special place. You will notice some further developments in the grounds also. The installation of an outdoor classroom, climbing wall, nature area and fire pit are all underway through allocation of the grant we secured from the "Big Lottery Funding". We want to continue the fantastic outdoor learning opportunities that we provide in Early Years to all of the children across the school, by utilising our wonderful grounds to further enhance the full and balanced curriculum we offer.

If you would like to get involved in any projects or have expertise in areas you would like to help us with please get in touch!

Enjoy your weekend.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



**School Dinners:** Week beginning 12 March will be Week 4 of [our menu](#).

Thank you for all your suggestions for the menu. Mrs Dobson will be trialling some tasters next week.

**Nut Free School – a reminder that we are a NUT FREE zone so please support us by ensuring your child's packed lunch or snacks are 'nut free'.**

**Are your contact details up to date?** Please remember to let us know about any changes to your contact details – change of address, home, mobile or work phone numbers etc.

Fellside Payment Schedule - as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
Option 1	£162.00 - payment in full to be received by Monday 22 January 2018	
Option 2	Payment in 4 instalments	
	Amount	Due By
	<b>£42.00</b>	<b>Monday 22 January 2018</b>
	<b>£40.00</b>	<b>Monday 26 February 2018</b>
	£40.00	Monday 26 March 2018
	£40.00	Monday 23 April 2018

## Year 3 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2018

15 January	5 February	5 March	2 April
22 January	19 February	12 March	
29 January	26 February	19 March	
		26 March	

*Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added regularly (in red) so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.*



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## Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2017-2018

Date	Event	Notes
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.</b>		
Date to be arranged	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	We have sourced some <i>amazing</i> prizes and have a great Quiz Master so we hope to find a new date soon.
Wednesday 14 March Re-arranged	World Book Day	Information has been shared. Children are to come to school in their pyjamas or dressed up as their favourite book character for a donation of £1.00. Children from Y1 – 4 will visit Forum Books.
Thursday 15 March	Parent / Community Meeting to review the NCC and HLT consultations.	The meeting will be in school. <b><u>We will send notification of the rooms being used when we have final numbers.</u></b>
Friday 16 March Re-arranged	Year 3 Healthy Eating Sandwich Workshop.	The children will receive a workshop in school. The event is sponsored by Warburtons.
Saturday 17 March	Northumberland County Council's Consultation drop in event.	Hexham Mart between 10am and 3pm
Saturday 17 March	Alom Shaha brilliant children's science event!	Corbridge Parish Hall from 2pm – see the poster for details on the last page of this week's newsletter.
Monday 19 March	Early Years trip to Forum Books. Afternoon visit	Information has been shared.
Wednesday 28 March	EYFS Stay and Play – Easter / Spring Carousel	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session.
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief	Further details to follow soon.
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief Special Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Special Easter Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time TBC)
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.</b>		
<b>Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday</b>		
Week commencing 16 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Monday 23 April	Year Four Fellside Meeting	Meetings start at 3:05pm. Please pick up your child as normal and then proceed to the classroom with them.
Tuesday 1 May 2018 Change of Day	Year 1 Class Assembly	9:10am
Tuesday 8 May	EYFS STEM session with Families.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:10am
Friday 18 May	Year One Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 23 May	Reception Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 23-Friday 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.</b>		
Thursday 13 June CHANGE OF DATE	Year 2 Class Assembly	9:10am
Friday 15 June	Early Years' Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 27 June	Year Four Leavers Service and the Cathedral	Service starts at 11am. Families are invited to attend – further details will be shared near the time.
Saturday 30 June	Summer fete	
Monday 16 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	

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Tuesday 17 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 18 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,	
Thursday 19 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.</b>		

**Please contact the school office if you require large type formats of any school produced documentation. School can also provide help with reading any documentation.**

## Forum Books

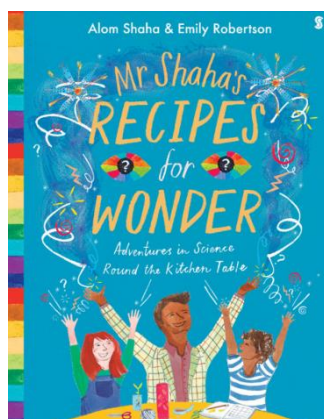


We are very excited to welcome Alom Shaha to Corbridge for a brilliant children's science event on Saturday March 17th!

With a few simple items from kitchen cupboards and the power of curiosity for some fantastic experiments, every child can be a scientist with the help of Mr Shaha and his recipes for wonder!

We'll be at Corbridge Parish Hall from 2pm. Alom - a teacher, science writer and film maker - will bring science to life and lead us through some experiments from his fizz popping new book! To celebrate British Science Week we are offering tickets at just £3 for adults & FREE for children! All the ingredients will be provided - we just need you!

Call us on 01434 632931 or pop into the bookshop at The Chapel to reserve your tickets!



**COMING SOON!**

March 13 - Graham Robb in conversation with Frank Cottrell-Boyce

March 21 - Mari Hannah launches her new book The Lost

April 6 - Diana Henry - How to Eat a Peach

April 18 - Tara Westover talking about her incredible life & book Educated

April 26 - A.J. Pearce with her debut novel Dear Mrs Bird