

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thursday 16 February 2017

Our Valentine's disco and games session was a huge success – the children had a really lively, fun time and we raised £368. Thank you to the staff and our parent helpers – Mrs Cabbage, Mrs Irwin, Mrs Rymarczyk, Mrs Charlton, Mrs Reid and Mrs Greenley – we couldn't have done it without you!

Y3 and Y4 were lucky with the weather for their outdoor woodland and scavenging activities and I am delighted to say that not one Prince, Princess or Knight was rained on during our Reception and Nursery medieval day. It's always great when the children are able to get out and about and blow away the winter cobwebs. They all seem to have a sudden burst of energy at this time of year as the weather starts to improve.

I hope you all have a good February half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 27 February.

J. Ainsley



Head Teacher

Uniform – price increase from 1 March 2017 - School Trends has advised that uniform prices will increase from 1 March 2017. To ensure good value for money we will be reviewing our school uniform provider within the next 12 months.

At the end of the newsletter this week, we've printed the term dates for 2017/18.

School Meals – second half of spring term (27 February to 7 April 2017) – the cost of school meals for the second half of the spring term is £66. Payment can be made at the start of each week or in one payment. Please make cheques payable to NCC. Please check your child's book bag today for a note of any credits/debits on your child's school meals account.



Come to school in your pyjamas or dressed up as your favourite book character- World Book Day/Visit to Forum Books – 2 March 2017 – come to school in your pyjamas or dressed up as your favourite book character for a donation of £1.00. We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book or bedtime story to share with the other children. We will be making a visit to Forum Books when the children will have the opportunity to redeem their World Book Day token for one of the special £1 World Book Day books or they can keep hold of the voucher to use against a different book. Pyjamas/costumes need to be warm enough for this and for being outside at break and lunchtimes! Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for older and younger children to mix together in paired reading activities as well as enjoying a favourite book with a cup of hot chocolate. Donations will go towards purchasing seating for our outdoor reading shed – waterproof bean bags etc

Reception – Helping your child to read – parent session on Thursday 2 March at 2.15pm – Mrs Burton invites parents to come into school to hear about how we teach early reading and how you can best support your child at home. Please enter school through the playground gates from 2.10pm.

Quid A Kid Lunchtime Football Club – if your child has signed up for this club, please make sure they have their kit with them on Wednesdays and Thursdays from and including 1 March.

Bag2School – we've now distributed the Bag2School bags so if you've got time over half term why not have a clear out and fill your bag with unwanted clothes/shoes etc. 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. **Please return any unused bags to us as soon as possible as we will be able to redistribute them.**

EASTER GARDEN POSTER COMPETITION ... information will follow after February half term!

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
Wednesday 1 March	Reception Class Hearing Tests – Northumbria Healthcare	
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day/Visit to Forum Books - come to school in your pyjamas or dressed up as your favourite book character for a donation of £1.00. We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book or bedtime story to share with the other children. We will be making a visit to Forum Books when the children will have the opportunity to use their World Book Day token. Pyjamas/costumes need to be warm enough for this and for being outside at break and lunchtimes! Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for older and younger children to mix together in paired reading activities as well as enjoying a favourite book with a cup of hot chocolate. Donations will go towards purchasing seating for our outdoor reading shed – waterproof bean bags etc	
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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. Watch out for more about this in the first newsletter after half term.	
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

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



★★★★ **TOP STUDENT** ★★★★★

 1st 20 POINTS	 Frances Weston-Hannah
 2nd 16 POINTS	 Thomas Wood
 3rd 15 POINTS	 Alexander Bennett

 ALL HOUSES		
POSITION	HOUSE NAME	POINTS
1	 Yellow	116
2	 Green	108
3	 Blue	103
4	 Orange	93

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SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017/18

<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 4 SEPTEMBER 2017</u>	
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
October Mid-Term 2017	Thursday 19 October 2017	Monday 30 October 2017
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2017</u>	
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017</u>	
Christmas/New Year 2017/2018	Friday 22 December 2017	Tuesday 9 January 2018
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018</u>	
Spring Mid-Term 2018	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2018</u>	
Easter 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018	16 April 2018
<u>MAY DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 7 MAY 2018</u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2018	Friday 25 May 2018	Monday 4 June 2018
Summer 2018	Friday 20 July 2018	Tuesday 4 September 2018
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018</u>	

