

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 13 September 2019

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the welcome meetings this week. If you could not attend and have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the class staff. The children will have another fun packed year of learning and opportunities which we are all looking forward to.

The autumn curriculum information leaflets are now posted on the school website (click on the [Teaching and Learning](#) tab, from the menu on the left hand side of the page select your child's year group 2019-2020 page). I hope you find the leaflets informative and help you to support your child at home with their learning.

School Council elections are underway and Playground Buddies will be interviewed and appointed this term to help ensure all children have a happy enjoyable playtime.

Mrs Orrick and the children have begun work in the allotment this week. If you would like to get involved or help out in the allotment please get in touch. You don't need to have experience in working allotments - just enthusiasm and a pair of hands to support the children to be active in the garden under Mrs Orrick's guidance!

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Mullins and Miss Storey on their lovely news. The ladies will both begin maternity leave in January 2020, and we cannot wait to meet their new babies! We will be appointing the best staff in their absence to ensure the children continue to thrive.

Have a lovely weekend.

J. Ainsley S Gray

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Year 3 Swimming:

Lessons start on Wednesday 18 September 2019. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school. Autumn Term lessons finish on Wednesday 4 December 2019.

Data Checking Sheets/Going Home Arrangements/Pupil Acceptable Use Policy/Home School Agreement – your child will have brought home the following document(s):

Data Checking Sheet - please check that the details we currently hold for your child on our database are accurate and up to date. Even if you have no changes to make please sign and return the document so that we have confirmation our data is up to date.

Going Home Arrangements - by completing and returning this form we can ensure that children are collected at the end of the school day by the appropriate person/organisation.

Pupil Acceptable Use Policy (Year 1 and Year 3 only) - children and parents to sign agreement to our ICT rules at school. We ask children/parents to complete a new agreement when they move from the Foundation Stage to KS1 or from KS1 to KS2.

Home School Agreement - children and parents to sign agreement, giving you the opportunity to talk to your child about school expectations and help them understand we can all positively work together. Please read through the documents and return them to school by Monday 16 September.



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



Volunteering in School:

We have a core group of parents and friends of Corbridge CE First School who volunteer weekly in school to support in our classes. Some of the roles have included listening to readers, changing library books, supporting in lessons.

Feedback has included: *"It is such a pleasure, and very rewarding to support the children and listen to them read."* *"I really enjoy art work and I look forward to coming into school each week!"* *"How could I not enjoy being in such a lovely school with lovely children?"* **If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please get in touch!**

Diary dates are printed below and new dates will be added in red so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2019-2020

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 17 September	Year 3 Workshop – Corbridge Roman Town	Workshop held in school
Friday 27 September	Individual and Sibling Photographs	AM
October 2019	INTERNATIONAL Walk to School Months	Events to be announced
Tuesday 1 October	Happy "Shoes" Day	Further Information to follow
Tuesday 1 October	Year 3 Workshop – Corbridge Roman Town	Workshop held in school
Friday 18 October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception Class to Year 4.	Please return the permission slip to ensure your child receives the vaccination by Monday 16 September
Monday 21 October	Parent Consultation Week	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Monday 21 October	Year 4 Parent / Family Meeting – 2:30pm Residential Information	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Drop In 3pm – 4pm Delivered by Sarah Donnison – Operation Encompass	Further information to follow via parentmail
Thursday 24 October	Harvest Festival and Raffle	1:30pm @St Andrews Church – all welcome Donations gratefully received for the West Northumberland Food Bank.
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 October 2019 for half term break and reopens on Monday 4 November 2019. PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Tuesday 5 November	Special Lunch Bonfire Menu	Further information to follow
Wednesday 6 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 6 November	School Disco – school fundraiser	Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm Further information to follow.
Friday 8 November	EYFS School Disco – During the afternoon session. Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend if they wish to join in.	1pm – 3pm Further information to follow.
Week commencing 11 November	Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is "Change starts with us"	Further information to follow.

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 11 November	Into Film Festival – YEAR 3 and 4 Cinema Visit (am)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 13 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 15 November	BBC Children In Need Day Children in Need Special Lunch	Charity fundraiser – information to follow.
Wednesday 20 November	Road Safety Week EYFS Road Safety “Hat Day”	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 November	Into Film Festival – YEAR 1 and 2 Cinema Visit (am)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 22 November	Road Safety Week EYFS Road Safety – Local Walk	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 27 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 4 December	Reception parents/carers invited to join us for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 4 December	Christmas Movie Night Fundraiser – Years 1 – 4	Further information to follow.
Friday 6 December	Christingle House Groups School Event	In School Event
Tuesday 10 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	1.30pm
Wednesday 11 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – Nativity Dress rehearsal	9.15am
Friday 13 December	Reception and Nursery – Nativity	9.15am
Friday 13 December	EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon Booking only necessary for nursery children who do not normally attend if they wish to join in.	1-3pm Further information to follow.
Tuesday 17 December	Reception & Nursery Christmas Party (am)	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 17 December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 18 December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 20 December	Christmas Pantomime Big Foot - Rapunzel	No cost to families – paid via fundraising
Friday 20 December	Carol Service at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 December 2019 for the Christmas break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 7 January 2020.		