

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 24 June 2016

We have now held welcome evenings for parents of the children due to join Nursery and Reception in September. We will soon be welcoming the children to their taster day in Nursery/Reception on Tuesday 5 July 2016. It is an exciting time for both parents and children. The positive feedback has also been most welcome so thank you for taking the time to speak with me.

Only one more week until the Parade and Fete – thank you for all the donations and help we have received to date. We would be extremely grateful for donations for our plant stall – plants/seedlings/cuttings can be dropped off with us on Friday 1 July. If you would like to bake cakes/biscuits for us to sell, please drop off goodies with us on Friday 1 July or on the morning of 2 July. Please remember not to include nuts in any of your baking. Thank you.



Finally, raffle tickets have been sent home with the children today. Please return ticket stubs with monies and any unsold tickets to us by Friday 1 July. If you require additional tickets please ask at the office. Thank you to everyone for your support – the staff have all got their fingers crossed for a dry day and we hope you and the children will be able to come along and enjoy the day with us.

J. Ainsley
Head Teacher



School uniform – school uniform and PE kit can be ordered online at schooltrends.co.uk – please allow 21 days for delivery during their peak summer season. The only items we will continue to sell from school are printed reading folders and printed PE/swimming bags (£3.60 each). These can be purchased from the school office. We will keep a small stock of items in school for sizing purposes. If you have any questions about uniform or need help with ordering please contact the school office.

Visits and financial contributions - The second half of the summer term is always packed with activities and visits and we hope that you agree that they are a valuable addition to the children's learning experience. The school and the children appreciate the financial contributions you make to ensure that all of these activities can take place. All the visits are detailed on the diary page. If you have any difficulty in paying for a visit please get in touch.

Cartoon Workshop – we are delighted that Kev Sutherland will be in school on Monday to run a cartoon workshop based on a Roman theme for our Year 4 children. We are very grateful that this workshop is being funded by the Mansio project. The workshop is to highlight the arrival of the Mansio touring arts project along Hadrian's Wall this summer. The Mansio is still due to visit Walltown Crag, Vindolanda and Hexham Abbey, amongst others. Listen to work by contemporary writers within the Mansio, and enjoy free workshops, talks and story-telling – [The Mansio Project](#)

Year 3 swimming – please remember that swimming will not take place on Monday 27 June as there is a schools' swimming gala at the pool that day. Eight of our Y3 children are participating in the gala and we will let you know how they get on. Year 3's last swimming lesson will take place on Monday 4 July.

School Fete Parade - Saturday 2 July – we will be gathering at St Andrew's Church at 1.30pm. We are inviting the children to dress up as one of God's wonderful creatures – a mini-beast, a bird, a fish or an animal and hope that you will be able to help them create a costume – it can be anything from a simple mask or head dress to a full outfit. If you have any concerns about providing something for your child to wear please let the class teacher know and we will help them to make a hat during play time.

***WRISTBAND ENTRY TO THE FETE** – Our 'all inclusive wristbands' are now on sale. The bands cost £5.00 and will give unlimited access to the Bouncy Castle, Giant Slide and Crazy Golf. To avoid queuing on the day, bands can be bought in advance – see the letter sent home with your child today.

DIARY DATES....see over the page for dates for your diary....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Event
Wednesday 27 June	Hexham Book Festival Cartoon Workshop – Kev F Sutherland will be running a workshop with Year 4. He draws for the Beano amongst many other comics and the theme will be Romans. He will help the children learn to draw in cartoon style and put together a cartoon strip.
Tuesday 28 June	Reception Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office
Wednesday 29 June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office
Thursday 30 June	Year 1 visit to the seaside – North Shields Lifeboat Station and Blyth Beach
Friday 1 July	Year 4 – Hexham Partnership Sports' Festival – Wentworth Leisure Centre
Saturday 2 July	School Summer Fete and Parade
Tuesday 5 July	<p>Transfer Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher Nursery is closed on 5 July as children due to start nursery in September 2016 will be having their visit day. Children due to join our Reception class will be having their welcome day and meeting their teacher. If your child is joining our Reception class in September, please bring them to the school playground for 9.15am. Their welcome visit runs from 9.15am to 12 noon. They will have their lunch in school as usual that day.
Wednesday 6 July	Year 3 – Visit to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead – tour and art workshop .
Monday 11 July	The Kosmic Krew Science Theatre Show – Search for the Kosmic Krystal – Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 12 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 12 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.
Wednesday 13 July	Summer Reading Challenge 2016 – Steph Penny from Corbridge Library will be in school to launch this year's summer reading challenge with the children.
Wednesday 13 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 at the beginning of week commencing 11 July.
Friday 15 July 2016	Year 2 visit to Gibside, Derwent Valley, including adult led Red Kite Ramble.
Friday 15 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert – 9.15am
Monday 18 July	Sustainable Sounds Workshops – this project has been made possible by a grant from the Ernest Cook Trust http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/ awarded to Core Music. Whole school music presentation (Nursery to 4). Workshops with hands on experience making music and instruments.
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.	

