

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 4 March 2016

Two weeks gone already...time is really flying this half term. It's been an exciting week in school announcing the winners of the healthy eating/good choices poster competition and the 'Extreme Reading Photograph' competition. The judging was, as always, very difficult. Congratulations to those that did win, but also to all of you who put in so much time and effort.

We had a brilliant World Book day yesterday with all the children and staff in their pyjamas. 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 £138.70 from our pyjama day and we will put this and the money raised from the Extreme Reading Photo Competition (£67) towards the refurbishment of the school library and the purchase of new books. 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.

Finally, it was good to welcome so many Year 1 parents and other family members into school for lunch this week. The dining hall was filled with lively chatter and smiles and we are eagerly anticipating Reception families coming for lunch in April.

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Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



Book Fair – 7-9 March 2016 - Forum Books (Kids) – The Book Fair will be open from 3.00-4.00pm on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 March; and from 3.00pm until late on Wednesday 9 March. We have parent consultations on these days so hopefully there will be time for you to call in with your child before or after your appointment. We will receive commission from all books bought at the fair and this will be put towards the refurbishment of the library.

Year 4 residential visit to Fellside – for those paying in instalments, the third instalment of £42.25 is due for payment on Monday 7 March 2016. Please make cheques payable to NCC. Thank you.

Healthy Eating/Good Choices poster competition – the winning designers are:

Reception	Ruby	Year 2	Archie Cate	Year 4	Seb Harvey
Year 1	Austen Emily	Year 3	Olivia Jessica		

The winning posters will now be sent to the printers to be made in to boards that we will display around the serving hatch in the hall. Healthy choices will be a continuing theme as we move into the summer term and you will hear more about this.

Extreme Reading Photo competition

First Prize - £10 book token – Ruby (Reception)

Second and Third Prizes - £5 book tokens – Emma (Reception) and Abi (Year 2)

Runner-ups in each class are

Reception	Ben	Year 1	Rachel	Year 3	Eddie
Year 2	Oliver	Year 4	Sadie		

We will be displaying the photographs in the school library – your enthusiasm and humour has been greatly appreciated and we hope that the photographs make the children smile as much as we did!

Fundraising EGGstravaganza – Friday 18 March 2016 – We have a full day of activities planned and I hope you will be able to help us raise funds for both Sport Relief and the British Heart Foundation. The children will bring home a printed letter giving full details of what we will be doing and how you can support their endeavours.

Easter Garden Competition - we hope the children enjoy this week's homework task to design an Easter Garden – check their homework book for further information. We are looking forward to seeing their ideas. The winning garden will be built in the grounds of St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 16 March 2016. We'll let you know next week who the winning designer is.

Sainsbury's Active Kids – please donate your vouchers to us – we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment.

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	Notes
Week commencing 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings - Appointment slips have been sent home. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need to rearrange your appointment.	
7 to 9 March	Forum Books Kids will host a Book Fair in school from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 March. The school will receive commission on all books purchased at the fair. We will put this towards the refurbishment of the school library.	
Friday 11 March	Year 3 visit Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum (payment due by 4 March)	
Monday 14 March	Nursery and Reception visit Hall Hill Farm (payment due by 4 March)	
Monday 14 March	Year 1 visit to the Great North Museum: Hancock (payment due by 7 March)	
Thursday 17 March	Year 2 parents and carers are invited to join the children for a special learning session (1.30-3.00pm) – the focus of the lesson will be 'Food around the world'.	
Friday 18 March	Activities to raise funds for Sport Relief and The British Heart Foundation. Sport Relief - £1.00 donation – children to come to school in sports kit (or dressed in red) and to bring in two hard boiled eggs and any extra trimmings necessary to decorate their egg in a sports them. British Heart Foundation – Skip to The Beat – all the children will be involved in a 5 hour non-stop skipping (Y1-Y4) and dancing (Nursery/Reception) from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Sponsorship forms have been sent home to be returned with funds raised by Monday 21 March 2016.	
Wednesday 23 March	Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join the children for a special learning session (1.30-3.00pm) – the focus of the lesson will be a 'Maths is Fun' problem solving session.	
Thursday 24 March	Nursery and Reception – Easter Carousel – parents and carers are invited into school to join their children in Easter activities – 9.00-10.00am. Please enter school via the office after dropping off your child in Nursery/Reception.	
Thursday 24 March	'Shine A Light' – show performed by West End in Schools	1.30pm – show for Reception to Year 4
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016.		
Monday 11 April	Y3 swimming – first of 11 lessons during the summer 2016 term; last lesson Mon 4 July	
Wednesday 20 April	Reception – Bring a parent/carer to lunch day	Information will be sent out
Friday 22 April	Penguinpig (E-Safety Puppet Show) – Traum Theatre will be in school to take workshops with Reception, Years 1 and 2; Prior to the workshops, Traum Theatre will perform their Penguinpig show to all classes (Reception to Year 4)	
Monday 25 April	Tyne Photo will be in school to take class photographs.	
School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016		
Monday 16 May	Y4 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Workshop and Activities – focus will be 'States of Matter'	Workshop and activities run by Proctor and Gamble
15 to 21 May	Christian Aid Week – we will be organising a fund raising event to support their work.	Information will be sent out.
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.		
Wednesday 15 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016	
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016	
Tuesday 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
Saturday 16 July	School Summer Fair	
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.		

Fellside May 2016 - Payment Schedule

Amount	Due By
£42.25	Instalment 3 - Monday 7 March 2016
£42.25	Instalment 4 - Monday 11 April 2016
Cheques payable to 'NCC' – please send payments (cash/cheque) in an envelope marked with your child's name + 'Fellside'.	

Year 3 swimming dates - spring term 2016 – Mondays

7 March
14 March
21 March

Year 3 swimming dates - summer term 2016 – Mondays – 11 lessons

11 April	9 May	6 June	4 July
18 April	16 May	13 June	
25 April	23 May	20 June	
		27 June	

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