

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 30 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super turn out for the EYFS "Stay and Play" this week. It was such a fantastic morning, I wish I could have joined in for longer! We appreciate your emails and feedback forms – the day certainly got us feeling Christmassy! It was lovely to read all the positive lunch comments from Tuesday this week also, when Year Two families joined us for lunch.

St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival begins today. The church is filled with 100 decorated Christmas trees displayed by businesses, schools and groups from the parish. Each of our classes had a tree to decorate and the children and families who went along yesterday to dress the class trees have done a lovely job. Thank you to Miss Clark and all the family members who took on this special role with their children. I encourage you all to make a visit, as the trees are amazing!

Finally, it is the "Christmas in Corbridge" event on Monday 4 December from 4:00pm. The children have helped package treats and prepare games in school for our stall – we are so pleased so many wish to help on the stall too. Please come along to spend your pennies and enjoy this magical night in the village. Money raised on the stall will be used towards the purchase of a much needed new music system for the hall.

As December arrives next week so may the snow and ice! We have a grit plan on display of the pathways we clear in school but we urge all families to take care in the snow and ice this winter. We will take the opportunity to let the children explore in the snow, if it is appropriate, so we ask for your continued support in wrapping them up warmly when they come to school.

Enjoy the weekend!

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



## Christmas Hamper Raffles:

Thank you to all families who have donated coloured gifts for the hamper raffles already. If you still wish to contribute please can you send in your parcels as soon as possible. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to come and get the hampers ready next week too. We really appreciate your support.

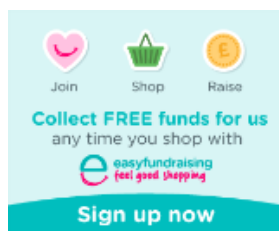
## St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival 1 to 4 December

Here's a link to the website to check opening times and events which are taking place this weekend:

<http://www.corbridgechurch.org.uk/>

## Corbridge Knitted Sheep Trail

The sheep are again off shopping in Corbridge this year. I am sure the children will enjoy finding them and letting the shepherd know where they have all wandered off to!



*Easy Fundraising – please click the picture to be taken to the log in page.*

Search Corbridge CE First school. Use an email address or log in with Facebook to create an account and then start shopping!  
All your support really helps!

**Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added 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 2018-2019

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 4 December	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Letter has now been sent.
<b>Tuesday 4 December</b>	<b>Bags to School to be collected.</b>	<b>Please have bags into school on Monday. Thank you for your support!</b>
Monday 10 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.30am <b>Tickets to be issued on Monday</b>
Tuesday 11 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	<b>9.15am</b> –Expected start time 9:30am <b>Tickets to be issued on Monday</b>
Tuesday 11 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	1.30pm <b>Tickets now issued.</b>
Wednesday 12 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm. <b>Tickets now issued.</b>
Wednesday 12 December	EYFS – Gibside Christmas Visit	Letter has now been sent.
Thursday 13 December	EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon	1-3pm Further information to follow.
Thursday 13 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	3 – 4:30pm Further information to follow.
Tuesday 18 December	Reception & Nursery Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 18 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 19 December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Thursday 20 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 21 December	Christmas Pantomime – Pinocchio Big Foot Productions	Fundraising will cover any expense – No payments requested.
Friday 21 December	Carol Service at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 8 January 2019.</b>		
Tuesday 15 January	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 22 January	Nursery parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch. (11:30am)	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 5 February	Internet Safety Day	Further information to follow.
Thursday 14 February	Special Lunch – Valentine’s Day	Further information to follow.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 15 February for half term and reopens on Monday 25 February.</b>		
Week commencing 25 February	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Friday 1 March	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 3 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day	Further information to follow.
Friday 15 March	Comic Relief Special lunch day	Charity fundraiser
Friday 5 April	SPECIAL LUNCH – Easter Lunch	Further information to follow
Friday 5 April TBC	Easter Celebration at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 5 April for the Easter break and reopens on Tuesday 23 April.</b>		
Friday 3 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	2:30pm
<b>Monday 6 May – school closed for Bank Holiday</b>		
Friday 10 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	2:30pm

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Date	Event	Notes
Week beginning 13 May	Year 2 SATs Assessment Week	Further information to follow
Week beginning 13 May	Christian Aid Week	
Friday 17 May	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 2 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Wed 22 – Fri 24 May	Year Four Residential - Fellside	Further information to follow
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 24 May for half term and reopens on Monday 3 June.</b>		
Week beginning 10 June	Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week	Further information to follow
Friday 14 June	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 1 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Friday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 21 June	Reception Class Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 28 June	SPECIAL LUNCH Reception lunch Choice	Further information to follow
<b>Saturday 21 June</b>	<b>Summer Fete – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b>	<b>11am - 2pm</b>
Wednesday 10 July	SPECIAL LUNCH Teddy Bear's Picnic	Further information to follow
Monday 15 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 16 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 17 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 Friday 12 July.	
Thursday 18 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
Friday 19 July	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 4 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 19 July for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 3 September 2019.</b>		

**Year 3 swimming dates –autumn 2 term 2018 – Wednesdays – 5 lessons**

7, 14, 21 and 28 November	5 December
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