

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 23 September 2016

Last year two fantastic parents volunteered to help with our library and also to be reading buddies with some of our children. We would love to be able to continue with the reading buddy scheme as it really helps us give those children who most need it a little extra 1:1 reading time. Please do get in touch if you think this is something you could get involved in – we would welcome help from parents or grandparents.

Letters are being sent home to remind parents of the School360 online learning platform and your child's username and password. This system provides our pupils with a fantastic set of tools and resources to help them bridge the gap between school and home. It would be great if parents could take time to look at the site with their child over the coming weeks.

Enjoy the weekend.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Library / Reading Buddy Volunteers wanted! We would be interested in hearing from any parents/carers or grandparents who might have a little spare time. We need help with

- displaying the books in the library creatively
- assisting the children with choosing their books
- reading with children on a 1:1 or small group basis

If you can help, please call into the school office to leave your details and availability or telephone 01434 632534 or email admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk. As part of our commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils, we would need to ask volunteers to complete an Enhanced DBS Disclosure check.

Roald Dahl literacy and creative writing competition – entries for this competition will be collected from us next week. If your child is taking part we must have their entry **by 3.00pm on Monday 26 September**.

Harvest Festival Celebrations – Monday 10 October 2016

Nursery will celebrate Harvest in school. The children will sing to parents and carers at collection time on Monday 10 October. Please arrive for 11.50am and enter through the nursery gate as normal. Children may wish to bring a contribution as detailed in the Reception to Year 4 arrangements and we will make sure it is taken along to the church.

Reception to Year Four - The children from Reception Class through to Year Four will attend St Andrew's Church at 9.30am to celebrate Harvest Festival. All parents and carers are welcome to come along. The children may wish to bring a contribution – fresh produce, or tins and packets of food. The children should bring this with them on the morning of the celebration to take with them to the church. If you are able to accompany us to support the children on our walk to the church please let class teachers know. We will be leaving school at approximately 9:05am.

My child is unwell – how long should they be kept away from school - When children are unwell, parents often ask us for advice on how long they should be kept away from school/nursery. For example, where a child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting the recommended period to be kept away is 48 hours from the last occurrence. This advice is taken from guidance produced by Public Health England – guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings. A copy of the guidance is posted on our website – [Public Health England - guidance](#) under the Information tab. The guidance covers all the illnesses and infections you are likely to come across...chickenpox, impetigo, ringworm, conjunctivitis, tonsillitis and many more. If you need any advice please continue to contact us but we hope this document is helpful.

Data Checking Sheets/Going Home Arrangements/Pupil Acceptable Use Policy – If you have not already done so, I would be grateful if you could return completed forms to us by Monday 26 September. Completion of these ensures that we hold the correct information for your child.

Diary dates are printed on the next two pages....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 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 29 September	2.30pm - Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting	Parents and carers are invited to meet with Mrs Burton to hear about the class routines, year group expectations and how you can support your child at home. Please
Friday 7 October	Individual Pupil Photographs – whole school and nursery	Tyne Photo will be in school to take individual and family group photographs.
Monday 10 October	Nursery parents are invited to come along to hear the children sing harvest songs at collection time - please enter through the nursery gate as normal at 11.50am.	
Monday 10 October	Harvest Festival – Reception to Year 4	9:30am @St Andrews Church – all welcome
Friday 14 October	School Disco Night – school fundraiser	All welcome – further details to follow
Tuesday 18 October (morning)	Nursery and Reception – Stay and Play session	Parents/carers invited to a stay and play session with their child. Further details to follow.
Thursday 20 October	NSPCC – Stay Safe Speak Out assemblies for Reception to Year 4	NSPCC team in school to talk to our children about keeping safe.
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 31 October.		
Week commencing 31 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 2 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Thursday 3 November	Parent Voice – parent meetings	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 November	Into Film Festival - Year 4 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Kubo and the Two Strings	
Wednesday 16 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Friday 18 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser
Tuesday 22 November	Into Film Festival - Years 2 and 3 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Pete's Dragon	
Wednesday 23 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Thursday 24 November	Into Film Festival - Reception and Year 1 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see The Princess and The Frog	
Wednesday 30 November	Nasal flu vaccinations – Years 1, 2 and 3	Information/permission forms will be circulated by Northumberland Health Care Trust.
Wednesday 30 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Monday 5 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 6 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Thursday 8 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Friday 9 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	
Monday 12 December	Pantomime – Aladdin – Every Cloud Entertainments	Afternoon pantomime performance for Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 13 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	
Wednesday 14 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 16 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30p - all welcome (date and time TBC)
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 16 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.		
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 19 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session

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Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 26 January	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 27 January	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	
Thursday 2 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 9 February	Reception parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.		
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	
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.
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC)
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	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 16 May	Year 2 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	
Saturday 1 July	Summer fete	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day - Year 4 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 Friday 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 swimming dates –autumn term 2016 – Mondays – 10 lessons

19 September	3 October	7 November
26 September	10 October	14 November
	17 October	21 November
	31 October	28 November

