

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 11 March 2016

We have recently welcomed two new members to our governing body. Monica Philbrick joins as a Parochial Church Council Foundation governor and Laura Horn will be joining as a Local Authority governor. Laura has two children at the school and is an experienced teacher who will bring a wealth of helpful knowledge. Monica is an active and committed Anglican within the Parish of Corbridge. She has experience of working in schools and business and her skills will further strengthen the team. The Governing Body plays a vital role in the functioning of the school and it is important that there is good range of skills as we look to governors to provide guidance in all aspects of school life including specialist areas such as finance, premises and curriculum.

When we return from the Easter holidays, the children in the Early Years will experience a beautifully refurbished nursery. We are busy finalising plans with the contractors at the moment choosing flooring and fittings.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



Thank you to Forum Books Kids for hosting such a fantastic book fair this week. The selection of books was amazing. We will use the commission from the fair to fund a visit from author Rob Biddulph for Reception and Year 1 classes on 22 March and to extend our range of texts in KS2. Thank you to everyone who purchased books.

Our Easter Garden competition produced some fantastic designs. Thank you to everyone for sharing their ideas with us. The overall winner of the competition is Rosa in Year 4. Class winners are detailed below:

Reception	Harry C	Year 2	Alfie	Year 4	Rosa – overall winner
Year 1	Hugh	Year 3	Jessica		Jonah – class winner

Milk Orders for the summer term 2016 – letters have gone out this week detailing the cost of milk for the summer term 2016. Please return milk orders by Friday 18 March. We can accept orders after this date but milk will not be available for late orders until the second week of the summer term as we have to confirm our order with the dairy at the start of week commencing 21 March.

Friday 18 March - Help us 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 theme.

British Heart Foundation – Skip to The Beat - from 9.30am to 2.30pm we will have non-stop skipping or dancing taking place. All the children will have assigned sessions and play their part in reaching our goal of 5 hours of non-stop movement! Sponsorship forms have been sent home and need to be returned with funds raised by Monday 21 March 2016 if you wish to support this event.

HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal for Schools – so far we've received just over 30 orders for commemorative medals. If you would like to order one please send in your order by Monday 14 March. An order form can be picked up from the office or from the school website.

School Meal Menus – menus can be viewed on the school website (go to Information/School Meals/Menus). We've recently revised the menus and the main course vegetarian option is now shown.

Be a Chorister for a Day – singing with the Abbey Choir – Sunday 20 March 2016 (2.00-5.30pm) Experience singing at Hexham Abbey during a free afternoon of fun, learning and making music. This event is for boys aged 7-9 (Years 2-4) and girls aged 11-13 (Years 7 to 9). You don't need to be an experienced singer, you just need to love singing and enjoy being part of a team. For more info or to book a place call Sally McRobie on 602031 or email admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk

Messy Church – this Sunday – 13 March at 3.00pm – Messy Love – a story about a son who left home, and about his dad and his brother (also known as the story of The Prodigal Son) with story time, activities and games. All welcome – St Andrew's Church.

Egg Painting Competition – The Angelfish Fish & Chip Takeaway is running an egg painting competition. Free to enter, eggs need to be with The Angelfish on Good Friday for judging on Saturday. For further information call in at The Angelfish.

Free! Fun! Childcare for 2 year olds! Evidence shows that good quality childcare for 2 year olds provides real benefits in terms of children's early language skills, physical, social and emotional development which will benefit them in later life. If your child is 2 before 31 March 2016, find out if you could be entitled to up to 15 hours of free childcare for your 2 year old from April 2016 by visiting www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare or calling 01670 623592.

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
Monday 14 March	Year 3 will take part in a water safety session at the pool – the children will need t-shirts and shorts to wear over their normal swim wear that day.	
Monday 14 March	Nursery and Reception visit Hall Hill Farm	
Monday 14 March	Year 1 visit to the Great North Museum: Hancock	
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 theme. British Heart Foundation – Skip to The Beat - from 9.30am to 2.30pm we will have non-stop skipping or dancing taking place. All the children will have assigned sessions and play their part in reaching our goal of 5 hours of non-stop movement! Sponsorship forms have been sent home and need to be returned with funds raised by Monday 21 March 2016 if you wish to support this event.	
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	

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

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

