

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 30 September 2016

I know autumn has definitely arrived when I hear the children starting to practise their songs for our Harvest celebrations and I see Mrs Orrick and the Year One children bringing back lots of lovely fruit and vegetables from our allotment. Our Harvest Festival celebrations are on Monday 10 October and we hope the children will be able to bring a contribution to be distributed to those in need.

After reviewing our school attendance and punctuality figures this week, I am pleased to report our annual attendance at 97.4% is above the national average and also an improvement on last year's figure. The punctuality of children is good and I appreciate the efforts you make to ensure the children are in their class line at 8:55am. Getting your child to school on time really helps ensure they can get the most out of their learning time as lessons start promptly at 9.00am.

Finally, congratulations to Milly in Year 3 for winning 'Best Sunflower' at Corbridge Village Show.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Special Lunch Days

Friday 7 October – Year 4 Favourite Lunch – this year, each year group will have an opportunity during the school year to vote for their favourite school lunch to be served. Year 4 will have their choice served on Friday 7 October - chicken nuggets for the main course and marble cake for dessert.

Thursday 20 October – Bonfire Themed lunch - beef burgers for the main course and chocolate and marshmallow crispies for dessert.

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on either of the above days (cost £2.20 – Nursery, Years 3 and 4; free for other year groups under Universal Meal Scheme) please send a note and payment to the school office no later than Wednesday 5 October.

Individual and Family Photographs – Friday 7 October 2016 - Book the hairdresser, iron the polo shirt and combs at the ready....Tynephoto will be in school next Friday to take individual and, where there are siblings in school/nursery, family photographs. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase photographs and, of course, they always make a good Christmas gift for other family members.



Year 2 Visit to Corstopitum – Thursday 6 October 2016 – the children are currently learning about local history and will be visiting the oldest historical site in Corbridge. We will be leaving at 1.00pm and will be back in school for 3.00pm. Please ensure that the children have a waterproof coat and suitable footwear for walking that day!

Spare clothes – wanted! Children in our Nursery and Reception classes do from time to time need an emergency change of clothes if they get wet or dirty from messy play or if they are sick or have a toileting accident. We would be very grateful for donations of any spare clothes your child has outgrown that would be suitable for us to use in the Early Years classes – particularly leggings, trousers with elastic waists, tops, socks and underwear. Please drop off any donations with your child's class teacher or at the office.

Nursery and Reception – Stay & Play Session – Tuesday 18 October 2016 - Parents/carers are invited to a stay and play session with their child – 9.00-10.30am. Please come into school via the office after dropping your child off in nursery/reception. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall for you to enjoy before joining the children.

Year 4 – Middle School Applications – the NCC admission portal is now open for Year 4 parents to apply for their child's middle school place. The portal closes on 31 October. Applications received after this date are considered late. Visit the NCC website for information, handbooks and applications forms – [school admissions](#). Paper forms are available on request from the School Admissions Team – telephone 01670 624889.

Year 3 – Junior Bake Off Event at Matfen Hall – Wednesday 19 October – watch out for more information being sent out next week!

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 6 October	Year 2 visit to Corstopitum (1.00-3.00pm)	
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 - 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	Nursery and Reception – Stay and Play session	Parents/carers invited to a stay and play session with their child – 9.00-10.30am. Please come into school via the office after dropping your child off in nursery/reception.
Wednesday 19 October	Year 3 – Junior Bake Off Event at Matfen Hall	More details to follow soon!
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	1.30pm - 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



Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 19 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
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	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
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

