

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

You wouldn't believe the Christmas week we have had – it has been noisy but absolutely fantastic. Everyone really enjoyed the pantomime on Friday – colourful costumes, catchy songs and lots of audience participation! Christmas parties followed on Tuesday and Wednesday and each class raised the roof in their own particular way. But, without a doubt, my favourite this week has been listening to the children practise their songs for our Carol Service at St Andrew's Church. I hope that you will be able to join us on this afternoon to join in with them.

This week our Year 4 children went to sing Christmas songs at both Primlea Court (retirement and sheltered housing) and Charlotte Straker residential and nursing care home in Corbridge. They did a great job and I am very proud of them all. The children who attended the Memory Café at the parish hall this week also brightened the start to Christmas for all the visitors with their lovely singing.

We have had various school fundraising events this term. One of our key strengths is the support we receive from you and we very much appreciate and value this. We use this additional money to enrich the learning resources and environment of our pupils – there are many areas of school life that have benefited from the additional support. After the holidays the children will come back to school with new interactive touch screens in their classes funded partially from fundraising effort.

Many thanks for all the kind gifts and cards to wish us all a Merry Christmas. Your support and best wishes is again gratefully received.

Finally, Christmas is the occasion to extend the message of love, sincerity and care. Our families and friends are the most important things in our lives and Christmas is the ideal opportunity to spend time together. Have a lovely time and see you all in the New Year when we re-open on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Merry Christmas!

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Dear Parents, Children, Staff and Carers,

As the autumn ends, Christmas brings us joy and lifts our spirits from the cold and damp weather. On behalf of the governors I would like to say thank you to Miss Ainsley, the school staff and the pupils of Corbridge First School for their hard work throughout the term. I would also like to say thank you for the support that we receive from parents/carers, the Church and the community in making a difference to so many young lives.

Let us remind ourselves Christmas is a time of year when the spirit of kindness means so much for ourselves and others. Let us embrace this by ensuring that we enjoy ourselves but also take time to look out for those closest to us and those less fortunate than ourselves.

We look forward to the New Year with our school continuing to grow and flourish.

Finally, from all the governors of the school, I would like to wish all parents/carers and pupils, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely,
Andrew Neal
Chair of Governors

This week's TWEETS – Christmas parties, singing in the community, Christmas DVDs, Christmas Lunch Day, A Christmas Caroling Catastrophe! Christmas Jumper Day and our Carol Service at St. Andrews. Follow us at:

<https://twitter.com/CorbridgeFirst>

School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added regularly (in red) so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2017-2018

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 18 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 25 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 26 January	Year Three Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 1 February	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 8 February	EYFS Stay and Play - Inspire	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Thursday 8 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 8 February	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.
Friday 9 February	Special Valentine's Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.		
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day	
Friday 9 March	Year Two Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 21 March	EYFS Stay and Play – Easter / Spring Carousel	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session.
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief	Charity fundraiser
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief Special Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Special Easter Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC))

Date	Event	Notes
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.		
Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Week commencing 16 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 2 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	9:10am
Tuesday 8 May	Year Four Fellside Meeting	Meetings start at 2.30pm. Please enter school via the playground gate and proceed to the classroom door. The gate will be open from 2.25pm.
Tuesday 8 May	EYFS STEM session with Families.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 May	Year 2 Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:10am
Friday 18 May	Year One Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 23 May	Reception Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 23-Friday 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.		
Friday 15 June	Early Years' Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Saturday 30 June	Summer fete	
Monday 16 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 17 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 18 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,	
Thursday 19 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.		

Please contact the school office if you require large type formats of any school produced documentation. School can also provide help with reading any documentation.

