

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 3 November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been good to welcome so many of you into school this week for parent consultation meetings – I hope you found them informative and helpful. I thank you all for the positive feedback which is very encouraging to hear when we are all working so hard to make sure every child can achieve their full potential. Some concerns have been raised over privacy during meetings and I appreciate this being brought straight to my attention. Waiting areas will not be in the hall next term where meetings are taking place. If you were not able to make the appointment please ensure you rearrange with the class teachers.

We also enjoyed welcoming Year 4 parents and other family members into school for lunch this week. Again thank you for all the positive comments and constructive feedback. The dining hall was filled with lively chatter and smiles and we are eagerly anticipating the other class lunches this half term.

It is good to see some shoe boxes arriving in school for the appeal. The children are so proud they help others and they enjoy watching the videos of the children receiving the boxes. Thank you for your support with these charities, £139.99 was raised for Christian Aid in the harvest collection.

If you still wish to complete a box with your child we will be taking the boxes in school next week.

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



**Friday 17 November – Children in Need** - the children will have a special 'Children in Need' themed lunch – pizza or chicken nuggets with chips and sides and Pudsey Bear biscuits for dessert.

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on this day (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 by Tuesday 14 November.

**School Meals Payments (Nursery, Years 3 and 4) – second half of the autumn term** - If you have not already made a payment for this half term's school meals, could I please ask you to do so on Monday 6 November. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

**Year 3 – Bring a parent/carer to lunch – Wednesday 8 November** – if you have not already replied and would like to attend please contact the school office as soon as possible.

**Remembrance Day** – we will talk to the children at an assembly next week about why the act of remembrance matters and why we wear poppies at this time. The children and staff will observe a time of silence on Friday 10 November at 11.00am.

**Children in Need – The Big Spotacular – “Do Your Thing”**

The children are excited about this fundraising event and have reported through their school councillors how they wish to raise money. Non uniform is included with pupil prizes as well as a baking sale (as they really enjoyed this in 2015!). More detailed information will be on its way soon on parent mail.

**Bags to School** – bags are piling up! The bags will be collected on Thursday 9 October.



Our Bags of Help collection is well underway at Hexham Tesco. Please remember to add your token if you are shopping!

**OPEN MORNINGS  
FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN DUE TO START NURSERY OR RECEPTION CLASSES  
IN SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 9.30-10.15am**

**Thursday 30 November 2017 at 9.30-10.15am**

*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
Wednesday 8 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	If you have not already replied and would like to attend please send reply slip and payment to the school office as soon as possible.
Wednesday 8 November	Year 1 and 2 Film Festival Sing @ Odeon Metrocentre	If you have not returned the permission slip and payment please do so no later than Monday 6 November
Wednesday 8 November	"Bags to School" bags to be sent in to school in time for the collection on Thursday 9 October 2017	Any bin bags / black bags can be used if the one bag sent home was not enough.
Thursday 9 November	Reception Class Film Festival Sing @ Forum	If you have not returned the permission slip and payment please do so no later than Monday 6 November
Friday 10 November	Operation Christmas Child Shoe box Appeal	Boxes to be returned to school
Tuesday 14 November	Anti-Bullying Week – School Workshops. Big Foot Theatre Company	All pupils will take part in this special event through the school day.
Wednesday 15 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Letters have now been sent out – please return the reply slip and payment by Monday 6 November
Thursday 16 November	Year 3 and 4 film Festival Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul @ Forum	If you have not returned the permission slip and payment please do so no later than Monday 6 November
Friday 17 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Look out for a letter next week with more information.
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Themed Lunch	If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on this day please send a note and payment to the school office by Tuesday 14 November.
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 29 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 29 November	School Immunisation Team – Flu Vaccine (R, 1, 2, 3, 4)	Further information to follow Permission forms will be sent out
Friday 1 December	EYFS Stay and Play - Decorations day	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Monday 11 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 19 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 21 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser 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.



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Friday 22 December	Big Foot Theatre – A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe	Morning pantomime performance
Friday 22 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.</b>		
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.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.</b>		
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. Further information to follow.
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)
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.</b>		
<b>Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday</b>		
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 (AMENDED)	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-May 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	

Don't forget to visit the School Website: [www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)



Date	Event	Notes
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.</b>		
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 which will be issued on Friday 15 July.	
Thursday 19 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.</b>		

**Year 3 swimming dates –autumn term 2017 – Mondays – 11 lessons**

30 October	6 November	13 November
20 November	27 November	4 December

