

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thursday 20 October 2016

I may have said this before, but it really has been another very busy week in school! We enjoyed welcoming Reception and Nursery parents into school for a stay and play session with their children and I really appreciate all the positive feedback families have shared. Mrs Sommerville held her Year 1 parent consultation meetings and I hope you found these both informative and helpful.

We also had a really good turnout at the Year 4 Fellside residential information evening and we are now asking parents/carers to confirm if their child will take part. In past years, the children have really enjoyed the visit. It offers them the chance to participate in activities such as canoe rafting, archery, ghyll climbing and problem solving.

The school disco and party games evening proved a great success with over 100 children taking part! Thank you to Mrs Dickinson for co-ordinating the disco and to all the staff, parents and volunteers who supported in running the event. We raised the fantastic sum of over £200 and the school council will be meeting to make final decisions on the purchase of a reading den in our outdoor area for all children to access.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term break with the children. I'm already looking forward to the second half of the autumn term - it is always an exciting one especially as we get nearer to Christmas and the much anticipated nativity plays.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



School closes for half term at 3.00pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 and reopens on Monday 31 October 2016.

School Meals Costs (Nursery, Years 3 and 4) – second half of the autumn term 2016 – Thank you to all the parents and carers who have paid and continue to pay on time for school meals. Not only does it help with balancing our school meal registers each week it also saves valuable office time in chasing arrears. The cost for school meals for the second half of the autumn term 2016 is

Nursery* - 34 lunches x £2.20 = £74.80

Year 3 and Year 4 – 35 lunches x £2.20 = £77.00

**Nursery children will have their Christmas Party on the morning of Wednesday 14 December and will therefore not have a school meal that day. Parents will be asked to send their child in with a plate of party food that morning.*

If there is a credit or debit on your child's school meals account, your child will have a note home in their book bag today detailing how much you need to subtract/add to the amount shown above to balance their account.

Wellington Boots (Reception to Year 4) ...to allow us to make sure our outdoor provision can be used as fully as possible, please arrange for your child to bring in a pair of wellington boots that can be kept in school. This will ensure that the children can access the outdoor areas and equipment no matter what the weather. Please ensure the wellington boots are clearly labelled with your child's name and in a labelled bag that can be hung over their peg. We would like to start this from Monday 31 October.

Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels – our school will take part in an exciting new challenge with Schools Go Smarter to encourage children to travel actively to school – like walking, cycling and scooting – to help keep them fit and healthy as well as competing with other schools. The Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge will run for four weeks from Monday 31 October to Friday 25 November 2016. Throughout the challenge, by travelling actively to school at least once a week, each child can achieve points. As well as the children keeping active and having fun, our school will have the chance to win one of three fabulous prizes, with first prize worth £1,000. The challenge is inclusive, so don't worry if your child has to come by car, they can Park and Stride and still gain points; and there will also be points for those who complete a circuit around the playground. We will send a reminder letter out on Parentmail when we get back on 31 October.

Nursery and Reception – 55 Books at Bedtime – the Early Years Northumberland team are running their 'Books at Bedtime' challenge again this year. From the 31 October to the 24 December there are 55 sleeps; they are asking mums, dads and carers to read to their child at least one story at bedtime, every night. We will send out a reminder about this initiative at the start of term and will send home printed forms for you to record your story times. If you take part in this challenge, please return your completed form to us by Monday 16 January 2017. Early Years will hold a prize draw on Monday 23 January where one family will win an annual family pass to 7 Stories in Newcastle and one child from each locality will win a £20 book token.

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...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.

Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 31 October.		
31 October to 25 November	Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge	A Schools Go Smarter challenge to encourage children to travel actively to school – walking, cycling and scooting.
Week commencing 31 October	Parent Consultations	
Wednesday 2 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Letters have now been sent out – please reply by 20 October if you would like to come along.
Thursday 3 November	Parent Voice – parent meetings	Further information to follow.
Friday 4 November	Operation Christmas Child – shoe box appeal	If you would like to participate in this activity, please drop your filled shoebox off at school by Friday 4 November. We will then make arrangements for the boxes to be collected from us.
Monday 7 November	Reception children – vision screening Northumbria Healthcare letters have now been distributed – you only need to let us know if you do not wish your child to have an eye test or if they already attend the hospital eye department.	
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	
Tuesday 15 November	Open Morning for parents/carers of children due to join nursery or Reception in September 2017 – 9.30am for Nursery parents; 11.00am for Reception class parents	
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	
Friday 25 November	Open Morning for parents/carers of children due to join nursery or Reception in September 2017 – 9.30am for Nursery parents; 11.00am for Reception class parents	
Monday 28 November	Nursery and Reception – Christmas Pottery Decoration workshops	More information to follow
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.		

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



Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Monday 16 January	Reception and Nursery - Deadline for '55 Books at Bedtime' forms to be returned to school	
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

