

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 15 April 2016

A warm welcome back at the start of the summer term ... and hopefully it won't be too long before we are able to enjoy some 'warm' weather.

Diary dates will be updated over the next few weeks – dates to be added will include sports day, class assemblies and the Year 4 Leavers' concert. We know everyone enjoys the sports day so keep an eye out for this being added.

Our Early Years' parents and carers may have noticed the smell of fresh paint as they dropped off their children this week. The contractors finished the refurbishment on schedule and I would like to thank those staff who volunteered to come in at the end of the holiday to help us clean and make sure everything was in place for the children returning on Monday. As well as the builders painting the walls and doors, fitting new flooring and toilet cubicles, we have also bought lots of new nursery furniture and equipment including my own particular favourite - a fantastic new play kitchen. Thank you too to Mr Lee, our caretaker, who has assembled all of the flat pack furniture - no mean task!

The refurbishment of our Early Years is part of our focus following the recent Ofsted report. Improvement in our Early Years provision was highlighted and we are working hard to build upon our safe and happy learning environment. Developing resources and inspiring learning opportunities will ensure the children enjoy their early years' experience and achieve their full potential.

*J. Ainsley*

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



**2016-17 Term Dates are detailed on page 3 of this week's newsletter – they are also posted on our website.**

**Reminder - School Meals – first half of the summer term (11 April to 27 May 2016)** – the cost of school meals for the first half of the summer term is: Nursery and Year 3 - £71.40; Year 4 - £65.10 if taking part in the Fellside residential or £71.40 if not going to Fellside.

**Curriculum – Parent Information Leaflets** – the summer term 1 curriculum information leaflets are now posted on the school website (the Nursery leaflet will be published on Monday 18 April). Click on the [Teaching and Learning](#) tab, from the menu on the left hand side of the page select your child's year group 2015-2016 page. The leaflet is posted on the Curriculum Letters page. I hope you find the leaflets informative. If you would prefer a printed copy please contact the school office. Topics being covered this term are as follows:

<b>Nursery and Reception</b>	Creepy Crawlies	<b>Year 1</b>	Hot and Cold	<b>Year 2</b>	Famous Faces
<b>Year 3</b>	Explosive Earth	<b>Year 4</b>	Slavery		

## **Penguinpig – E-Safety Puppet Show and Workshops – Friday 22 April 2016**

Traum Theatre will be in school next week to run e-safety workshops with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Prior to the workshops Traum will perform an e-safety based puppet show to all the children (Rec to Year 4). Whilst the show is primarily aimed at younger children it will be a good opportunity to reinforce the message to our Year 3 and 4 children about using the internet safely and responsibly.



**Class Photographs will be taken on Monday 25 April 2016.** Further details on how to purchase photographs will follow – these are treasured memories!

**Corbridge in Bloom - update on our children's artwork** The members of Corbridge in Bloom are so keen to display as much of the children's artwork as possible, they are hoping that several of the Corbridge traders (as well as Stobos) will be able to show some pieces in their windows for about 3 weeks in July and August. They are also hoping to hold an exhibition in the Parish Hall. I'll let you know when I hear more from them.

**Young Musicians Programme** – if your child is an aspiring young musician, they may be interested in taking part in the YMP. There are programmes for young people aged 4-19, both audition and open access. Means tested financial assistance is available. Closing date for applications is 29 April 2016. For more information see [www.sagegateshead.com/ympe](http://www.sagegateshead.com/ympe)

**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
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016.</b>		
Tuesday 19 April	Y4 – Fellside Residential – parents and carers and Y4 children are invited to come into school at 6.00pm to hear more about the visit. Please enter school via the office.	
Wednesday 20 April	Reception – Bring a parent/carer to lunch day – letters have now been sent out – please return the reply slip with your payment if you would like to come along.	
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.	
<b>School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016</b>		
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.
Tuesday 24 May	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Information to be sent out
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May	Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2016 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.</b>		
Wednesday 15 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016	
Wednesday 22 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service – Newcastle Cathedral – information will be sent out	
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	
Wednesday 13 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 at the beginning of week commencing 11 July.	
Saturday 16 July	School Summer Fair	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.</b>		

### 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.**

**PLEASE SEE OVER THE PAGE FOR 2016-2017 TERM DATES**



**CORBRIDGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**  
**SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016/17**

<u><b>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</b></u>	<u><b>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</b></u>	<u><b>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</b></u>
<u><b>TEACHER DAY</b></u>	<u><b>MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016</b></u>	
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
<u><b>TEACHER DAY</b></u>	<u><b>FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016</b></u>	
October Mid-Term 2016	Thursday 20 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
<u><b>TEACHER DAY</b></u>	<u><b>FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016</b></u>	
Christmas/New Year 2016/2017	Friday 16 December 2016	Tuesday 3 January 2017
<u><b>TEACHER DAY</b></u>	<u><b>FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017</b></u>	
Spring Mid-Term 2017	Thursday 16 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
<u><b>TEACHER DAY</b></u>	<u><b>FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017</b></u>	
Easter 2017	Friday 7 April 2017	24 April 2017
<u><b>MAY DAY</b></u>	<u><b>MONDAY 1 MAY 2017</b></u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
<u><b>TEACHER DAY</b></u>	<u><b>MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017</b></u>	

