

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 10 June 2016

Welcome back to the final half term in 2015-16! We have some fantastic events and visits taking place to support learning and I am looking forward to welcoming you to class assemblies and, of course, the much anticipated, highly entertaining Year 4 Leavers' Concert.

I am delighted to tell you that we have a new teacher joining us in September. Mr Harrison will be teaching Year 4. He met the children very briefly this week and is looking forward to spending time with them on transition day (5 July). He has promised he will find time to visit the school again before he officially starts so he will be a familiar face to the children. Full details of all staffing for next year will be published soon.

It's only three weeks to the school fete and there is a lot to do. Please do get in touch if you can offer any assistance either before or on the day as we have quite a few opportunities available! The school does rely on your support for events like these.

Enjoy the weekend.

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



**Fathers' Day messages – published in Hexham Courant on Friday 17 June** – the Hexham Courant is opening its pages so that every child can have their father's day message printed for their dad to see – we've sent them our children's messages this week. Don't miss this edition on 17 June – the messages are truly wonderful.

**Picnic Lunch and Teddy Bears – Wednesday 15 June** - Mrs Dobson, our Cook, will be providing a special 'Picnic' school lunch. For the main course there will be a choice of sandwich (tuna, cheese or ham), juice (apple or orange) and vegetable sticks (carrot or cucumber) as well as ready salted crisps and flapjack. Weather permitting the children will have lunch outside. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school meal that day (cost £2.10) please send a note and payment to the school office no later than Monday 13 June. **Teddy Bears Welcome!** Children are welcome to bring along their teddy bear or other soft toy to join them at the picnic. Please ensure that teddy is wearing a secure tag with your child's name so that they don't get lost!

**British Nutrition Foundation - Healthy Eating Week – 13-17 June 2016** – during the week teachers will be promoting healthy eating and drinking and being active. The children will take part in five daily challenges with a focus on behaviour change –

Day	Challenge
Monday	Eat Breakfast!
Tuesday	Eat 5 Fruit/Veg a Day
Wednesday	Drink plenty
Thursday	Get active
Friday	Try something new – each class will discuss whether to try a new food or to take part in a new activity

**School Meal cost from September 2016** – the cost of a school meal will be increasing at the start of the autumn term to £2.20 (currently £2.10). Mrs Dobson, our cook, provides nutritious and well balanced meals and she has recently developed the menus in line with current advice on healthy eating. The majority of our children enjoy a cooked school lunch and we hope that this will continue.

**Sunshine and Showers** - The weather can be unpredictable even though it is officially summer! Please ensure that your child is prepared for all weathers but particularly if the weather is warm - sun lotion applied before school and a sun hat to wear at break and lunchtimes. Please also ensure your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day so that they can easily access water throughout the day.



**Year 4 Rocket Seed Experiment** – the final results have been collected and submitted. Leading scientists from the RHS and European Space Agency will interpret the results and draw possible conclusions. Y4 have predicted that the red seeds went to space as they grew the tallest!

## Community News

- The next Messy Church will be a Messy Picnic on 10 July. The June Messy Church has been cancelled due to the event in the Parish Hall to celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

**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
Monday 13 June	Schools' Library Service – story telling session (Nursery to Year 4)	
13-17 June	British Nutrition Foundation – Healthy Eating Week – we will be promoting healthy eating and drinking, being active, food provenance and cooking in school.	
Wednesday 15 June	Teddy Bears' Picnic lunch – weather permitting, Mrs Dobson will be providing the children with a special 'picnic' themed lunch. Children are welcome to bring along their teddy bear or other soft toy to join them at the picnic. Please ensure that teddy is wearing a secure tag with your child's name so that they don't get lost.	
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	
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Reception class in September 2016	
Tuesday 28 June	Reception Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Wednesday 29 June	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
Thursday 30 June	Year 1 visit to the seaside – more information to follow soon!	
Friday 1 July	Year 4 – Hexham Partnership Sports' Festival – Wentworth Leisure Centre	
<b>Saturday 2 July</b>	<b>School Summer Fair</b>	
Tuesday 5 July	<div>Transfer Day</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher</li><li>• Nursery is closed on 5 July as children due to start nursery in September 2016 will be having their visit day. Children due to join our Reception class will be having their welcome day and meeting their teacher.</li><li>• If your child is joining our Reception class in September, please bring them to the school playground for 9.15am. Their welcome visit runs from 9.15am to 12 noon. They will have their lunch in school as usual that day.</li></ul></div>	
Wednesday 6 July	Year 3 – Visit to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead – tour and art workshop – information to follow soon.	
Tuesday 12 July	Sports Day will take place at 1.30pm on 12 July (weather permitting). The playground gate will be opened at 1.25pm for parents to join us on the field. There will be a carousel of activities to allow all the children to compete as part of a team, followed by an individual sprint race to allow individuals to shine. Certificates will be awarded to recognise some individual achievements which will be displayed on the school website.	
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.	
Friday 15 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert – 9.15am	
School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.		

### Year 3 swimming dates - summer term 2016 – Mondays – 10 lessons.

Swimming has been cancelled on Monday 27 June due to a schools' swimming gala taking place that day.

11 April	9 May	6 June	4 July
18 April	16 May	13 June	
25 April	23 May	20 June	

*Sainsbury's Active Kids – please donate your vouchers to us – we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment.*

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

