

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 15 July 2016

The Year 4 Leavers' assembly is always a highlight in the school year and this year was no exception. I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed looking back over their time at Corbridge First School and sharing their memories with their families. Thank you for the wealth of surprises you sent in to us – the good luck messages and photographs delighted the children and made the whole morning even more special. Thank you to Mrs Burton, Miss Beresford, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Orrick for all their hard work. We wish Year 4 the very best of luck as they go off to join their middle schools in September.

Thank you to all those who have returned their child's report reply slip and the parent survey. If you haven't returned yours there is still time to do so. I will review the parent surveys during the summer break. In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your many positive comments. We have achieved so much this year and we will continue our journey in September to work towards becoming an outstanding school!



The children are looking forward to the many fun activities we have planned to finish off the term. On Monday Newcastle Community Football will be in school for sports with each class and all the children will also be taking part in music workshops. Then on Tuesday we've booked a bouncy castle and crazy golf for the children to enjoy both during and after school. School will finish at the usual time of 3.00pm and children must be collected by their parent/carer from the playground as normal. Parents and carers are then very welcome to come onto the school field with their child/ren for end of term celebrations from 3:00pm to 4.00pm. The children will have free access to a bouncy castle, crazy golf and balloon animals. We will have a tuck shop where the children can purchase sweets (and we have a few ice-lollies too). We hope this will be a lovely end to the term and I would ask for your support in supervising your children. Your child will be in your care following the handover from the class teachers at 3.00pm.

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



**Office – Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July** - Mrs Shevlin is out of school on the last two days of term. The office will be staffed from 8.45am each morning and will close at 3.15pm. Our admin email account will not be monitored on these two days so if you need to contact us please phone or call at the office.

**Year 4 – Packed Lunch – Monday 18 July** - Year 4 will walk to the allotment to have a picnic lunch to celebrate the end of their 'living things' science topic. Please remember to send your child to school with a packed lunch on Monday.

**School Meals – First Half of Autumn Term 2016** - The daily cost of a school lunch from September is £2.20. The cost for school meals for the first half of the autumn term 2016 is as follows:

Nursery	30 lunches x £2.20 = £66.00
Year 3 and Year 4	33 lunches x £2.20 = £72.60

Payment for meals should be made on the first day back after a holiday break. Parents can choose to pay for the cost of the full half term or to pay on a weekly basis. Cheques are to be made payable to NCC.

**School Meals – Refunds where account in credit for 2015-16.** School meal registers will be balanced on Tuesday 19 July. Where a child has a credit on their account, the amount will be refunded to the parent/carers. If your child's account is in credit they will have a small brown envelope home with them on Tuesday containing the amount to be credited.

**Medication** - All medication (including inhalers/epi-pens) should be collected from the class teacher by 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July. Any medicines not collected will be disposed of. Medication can then be returned to school at the start of the autumn term when a new updated 'administering medicine' form should be completed.



**Sports Day** - We enjoyed a fantastic sports day this week. Thank you to all the staff for ensuring that everything ran so smoothly and to the Queen Elizabeth High School students who also supported the event. The children all did their bit for their team and I am proud of them all. The Yellow Team were the overall winners with 115 points. It was a close competition with the Blue Team scoring 111, the Green Team 110 and the White Team 107. I hope that the parents and other family members who were able to attend enjoyed the event as much as we did. Your support is very much appreciated. Please remember that it is important if you took photographs at the event that you do not post pictures of any of our children other than your own on any social media websites e.g. Facebook, Instagram etc.

See over the page for information about this summer's reading challenge – the Big Friendly Read...



### **The Reading Agency and Libraries present The Big Friendly Read – Summer Reading Challenge 2016**

Steph Penny from Corbridge Library will be in school on Tuesday next week to talk to the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Please encourage your children to sign up and keep reading over the summer. To celebrate Roald Dahl's centenary, this year's challenge is called 'The Big Friendly Read' and features some of his best-loved characters. The aim of the challenge is to get children to sign up at their local library and read six books during the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children 4 – 11 years. Children can sign up at any Northumberland Library. It is completely free to sign up and the children will receive a colourful starter pack to keep track of their reading.

#### **DIARY DATES....the last events for this term .....**

<b>Diary Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 18 July	Sustainable Sounds Workshops – this project has been made possible by a grant from the Ernest Cook Trust <a href="http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/">http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/</a> awarded to Core Music. Whole school music presentation (Nursery to 4). Workshops with hands on experience making music and instruments.
Tuesday 19 July	Summer Reading Challenge 2016 – Steph Penny from Corbridge Library will be in school to launch this year's summer reading challenge with the children. To celebrate Roald Dahl's centenary, this year's challenge is called 'The Big Friendly Read' and features some of his best-loved characters.
Tuesday 19 July	2.45-4.00pm – family fun on the school field – balloons, bouncy castle, crazy golf.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016.</b>	

