

Corbridge Church of England First School

St Helen's Lane, Corbridge, Northumberland NE45 5JQ

Telephone: 01434 632534 Fax: 01434 634568

Email: admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Miss Jennifer Ainsley

Chair of Governors: Mr David Watson



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 13 May 2016

We've had another fantastic week in school. The highlight of the week has without a doubt been our visit from Zoolab. We gathered all the children in the hall for a special assembly so that everyone had the opportunity to see some of the creatures – snakes, rats, tarantula, giant African snail...and lots more. The teachers have told me the workshops with the children were excellent. They really enjoyed the opportunity to look and touch – a great learning experience that links well to this term's topic work. Thank you for your support - as I mentioned last week, we can't take advantage of these activities without your help! We've posted some photographs from the event on the galleries page of our website – take a look!

It's Happy Shoesday on Tuesday next week (17 May) – we are looking forward to seeing lots of happy shoes in school. Read on for more news about Walk to School Week and fund raising for Christian Aid.

Enjoy the weekend.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



Walk to School Week – Monday 16 to Friday 20 May – Years 1 to 4 will be taking part in 'Strider's Walk in the Wild' – a five-day challenge that aims to encourage pupils to enjoy the benefits of regular walking. The teachers have some great resources to use in class including fun challenges focusing on a different animal from around the world each day. Each child will be given a walking diary on Monday to record how far they walk and it also includes lots of great activities. I hope that everyone will be able to take up the challenge to walk every day during the week – fresh air and exercise can really improve a child's happiness and wellbeing.

If you live too far away to walk the whole way, why not try to team up with a friend who lives in Corbridge. Maybe you could park near to where they live and walk the remainder of the way into school with them?

Tuesday 17 May 2016 - Happy Shoesday and raise funds for Christian Aid - It is also Christian Aid Week (16 to 20 May) so on Tuesday 17 May we would like to ask the children and staff to wear their happiest shoes to school and donate £1 to Christian Aid. The children can wear their brightest shoes or brighten up their shoes with jazzy laces, or bling up their trainers or wellies or just wear the shoes that make them happiest! We would also like to encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school that day.

Monday 16 May 2016 – Y4 Science Workshops and Activities

We are looking forward to welcoming Procter and Gamble back into school on Monday. This time they will be running science workshops and activities with our Year 4 children. The focus for the afternoon will be 'States of Matter'. It's a great way for the children to take part in hands-on workshops that are fun, informative and inspirational. Thank you to our governor, Andy Patton, for organising this.

Friday 20 May 2016 - Year 4 class assembly – don't forget it's the Year 4 class assembly at 9.10am on Friday 20 May. Once you have dropped your child off please come into school through the main door by the office. We are looking forward to seeing you then.

Watching and waiting - The children in Year 4 and Reception are busy watching and waiting ... Y4 are watching the rocket which is coming along nicely – red is shooting ahead at 95mm with blue lagging behind at 75mm. The Y4s who gave me this week's update think it is the red packet seeds that travelled to space! Meanwhile the Reception children are busy watching their very hungry caterpillars grow bigger and are recording what they see in their caterpillar/butterfly diaries. We are expecting their amazing transformation into chrysalides to take place next week and we hope to have our butterflies fluttering their wings before we break up for half term!

Year 4 Residential Visit - Fellside – 25-27 May – please remember to return the Cumbria Outdoors parental consent form to us by Monday 16 May. It's less than 2 weeks until the children set off on what is always an exciting and fun trip. Mrs Burton will write to parents and carers with a few last reminders at the end of next week.

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

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 16 May	Y4 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Workshop and Activities – focus will be ‘States of Matter’	Workshop and activities run by Procter and Gamble
Monday 16 May	Y4 – Homework Project – deadline for completion.	
Tuesday 17 May	Walk to School Week and Christian Aid Week are both taking place during week commencing 16 May 2016. On Tuesday 17 May we would like to ask the children and staff to wear their happiest shoes to school and donate £1 to Christian Aid. The children can wear their brightest shoes or brighten up their shoes with jazzy laces, or bling up their trainers or wellies or just wear the shoes that make them happiest! We would also like to encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school that day.	
Friday 20 May	Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.10am – please enter via the school office	
Friday 20 May	Class Photographs – deadline for return of orders and payments.	
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	
Thursday 26 May	Year 3 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please enter via the school office	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016.		
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	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 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	
Saturday 2 July	School Summer Fair	
Tuesday 5 July	Transfer Day – Year 4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher	
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 – 11 lessons

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

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

