

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 26 February 2016

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. The second half of the spring term is very short but very busy! We have a lot packed in over the next four weeks and I know they are going to fly past.

The children have worked hard on their healthy food/good choice posters over the holiday week and we will be choosing our winning posters soon. We have also thoroughly enjoyed sharing their 'Extreme Reading Photo' entries – thank you for your enthusiasm and good humour – the photographs have made us all smile this week. We will announce the winners on World Book Day and we can't wait to share the photos with you on our website.

Refurbishment of the school library is well underway and it won't be too long before the children are able to enjoy a much brighter and inviting area to read in. It is all the more rewarding to know that your contributions are helping us to achieve this.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley, Head Teacher



Prompt start to the day - please help us ensure that the children can start their learning on time every day. Children should be on the playground and in their line at 8.55am. Thank you for your support.

Midday Supervisory Assistant – 6 hours per week – term time – salary £1,832-£1,910 - We are looking to appoint a part time midday supervisory assistant. The role will include supporting children in the dining hall as well as supervision of and leading games in the playground and dealing with accidents and incidents. Further details and an application form are available on our website or ask at the school office for further information. The closing date for applications is Friday 4 March 2016.

Thank you to

- *Corbridge Tandoori for their donation of £70 to The Friends of Corbridge First School and thank you to everyone who went along and ate in the restaurant or had a take-away!*
- *Corbridge Village Show for their donation of £100 to spend on our school allotment. We will put the funds towards developing raised beds/purchase of compost and pruners. We are extremely lucky to have a school allotment and I know the children really enjoy their time there – this half term it is Year 1s turn to visit on Monday afternoons.*

Curriculum – Parent Information Leaflets – the Spring Term 2 curriculum information leaflets are now posted on the school website. 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.

People Who Help Us – this half term the topic of learning for children in Nursery and Reception is 'People who help us'. We are lucky to have parents who are Police Officers, Dentists, Doctors, Farmers and we are looking forward to them coming into school to talk to the children about their work. We will also have a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service on Monday 7 March ... complete with Fire Engine ... and hose!



Come to school in your pyjamas - World Book Day – Thursday 3 March 2016 – all the classes will be taking part in specially planned activities throughout the week leading up to World Book Day. The children have decided they would like to promote bedtime stories and come to school dressed in their pyjamas, with their favourite book, for a donation of £1.00. The children will also be making a visit to Forum Books that day so pyjamas need to be warm enough for this and for being outside at break and lunchtimes! Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for older and younger children to mix together in paired reading activities as well as enjoying a favourite book with a cup of hot chocolate!

Book Fair – 7-9 March 2016 - Forum Books (Kids) will be running our spring term book fair and it will be open for you to visit with your child after school on Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 March. We have parent consultations on these days so hopefully there will be time for you to call in with your child before or after your appointment. We will receive commission from all books bought at the fair and this will also be put towards the refurbishment of the library.

Year 1 – Let's Do Lunch! We would like to invite parents/carers (or grandparent/aunt/uncle if you are unable to attend) of Year 1 children to join them for lunch on Wednesday 2 March. A roast dinner will be served. If you would like to come along please complete the reply slip on the letter sent home with your child earlier this week and return it with your payment.

Sport Relief – Friday 18 March 2016 – this year the children will be taking part in a sponsored skipping event. More details will be sent out soon when the children will also bring home a sponsor form. All money raised will be donated to Sport Relief and The British Heart Foundation.

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates

| Diary Dates | Event | Notes |
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| Wednesday 2 March | Year One parents and carers are invited to join the children for lunch. | |
| Thursday 3 March | All year groups – come to school dressed in your pyjamas with your favourite book – donation of £1.00 to go towards the purchase of new books for our refurbished library. | |
| Week commencing 7 March | Parent Consultation Meetings - Appointment slips have been sent home. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need to rearrange your appointment. | |
| 7 to 9 March | Forum Books Kids will host a Book Fair in school from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 March. The school will receive commission on all books purchased at the fair. We will put this towards the refurbishment of the school library. | |
| Friday 11 March | Year 3 visit Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum (payment due by 4 March) | |
| Monday 14 March | Nursery and Reception visit Hall Hill Farm (payment due by 4 March) | |
| Monday 14 March | Year 1 visit to the Great North Museum: Hancock (payment due by 7 March) | |
| Thursday 17 March | Year 2 parents and carers are invited to join the children for a special learning session (1.30-3.00pm) – the focus of the lesson will be 'Food around the world'. | |
| Friday 18 March | Sport Relief – Fundraising Event - The children will be taking part in a sponsored skipping event. More details will be sent out after half term when the children will also bring home a sponsor form. All money raised will be donated to Sport Relief and the British Heart Foundation. | |
| Thursday 24 March | Nursery and Reception – Easter Carousel – parents and carers will be invited into school to join their children in Easter activities – 9.00-10.00am | Further information will be sent out. |
| Thursday 24 March | 'Shine A Light' – show performed by West End in Schools | 1.30pm – show for Reception to Year 4 |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 for the Easter Break and re-opens on Monday 11 April 2016. | | |
| Monday 11 April | Y3 swimming – first of 11 lessons during the summer 2016 term; last lesson Mon 4 July | |
| Wednesday 20 April | Reception – Bring a parent/carer to lunch day | Information will be sent out |
| 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. | |
| School closed - May Day – 2 May 2016 | | |
| 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. |
| Wed 25 to Fri 27 May | Year 4 – Fellside Residential Visit | |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 27 May 2015 for half term break and re-opens on Monday 6 June 2016. | | |
| Wednesday 15 June | 6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents/carers of children joining Nursery in September 2016 | |
| 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 | |
| Saturday 16 July | School Summer Fair | |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016 for the summer break. School re-opens on Tuesday 6 September 2016. | | |

Fellside May 2016 - Payment Schedule

| Amount | Due By |
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| £42.25 | Instalment 3 - Monday 7 March 2016 |
| £42.25 | Instalment 4 - Monday 11 April 2016 |
| Cheques payable to 'NCC' – please send payments (cash/cheque) in an envelope marked with your child's name + 'Fellside'. | |

Year 3 swimming dates - spring term 2016 – Mondays

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| 22 February | 7 March |
| 29 February | 14 March |
| | 21 March |

Year 3 swimming dates - summer term 2016 – Mondays – 11 lessons

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| 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

