

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 10 February 2017

It seems a little odd to start off this newsletter talking about Christmas but we are very excited to give the children the opportunity to take part in the Royal Mail's national Christmas Stamp Design Competition 2017. The overall winners of the competition will see their design made into one of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Christmas stamps for 2017. There are also great prizes for pupils whose designs are shortlisted with prizes for their schools as well. The competition theme is 'What Does the Christmas season mean to you'. Reception, Years 3 and 4 will complete their entry as an optional homework task whilst Years 1 and 2 will be working on their entries during an art lesson. We'll be posting off our entries at the beginning of week commencing 13 March.

Whilst on the subject of competitions, Years 3 and 4 are taking part in the John David Pipes (JDP) scavenger hunt. Each year JDP invites schools to participate in this Sustainability in Schools competition. Miss Florek will take Y3 down to the river in Corbridge next week to scavenge for leaves, twigs, sticks, feathers and any other materials they can find to create their own woodland scene/collage. JDP have provided the children with a woodland adventure pack with all they need to scavenge the materials for their artwork and we are really looking forward to seeing what they design. Y4 children will be scavenging for their materials on their Teaching Trees visit to Matfen Woods on 15 February. Our best five will be entered into the competition.

J. Ainsley



Head Teacher

**School 360** - All the children have access to this learning platform and it is great to see that some children are using it at home and collecting points while they learn. Teachers also award points to children in school and we thought we should share the winners with you so we will do this each Friday on the final page of our newsletter. If you need any more information about School 360 please speak with your child's class teacher.

**Bag2School** – we've now distributed the Bag2School bags so if you've got time over half term why not have a clear out and fill your bag with unwanted clothes/shoes etc. Please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details of items that can be included. In addition to raising much needed funds this will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Please return filled bags back to us on Wednesday 15 March 2017 – they will be collected from us just after 9.00am on Thursday 16 March. **Please return any unused bags to us as soon as possible as we will be able to redistribute them.**

**Nursery and Reception - come to school dressed as a character from Medieval Times - Thursday 16 February 2017** The children are invited to come to school on Thursday 16 February dressed as a character from Medieval times - for example, a Prince, Princess, Queen, Knight or even a dragon! Nursery and Reception will spend some time together in the hall as a celebration of their hard work this half term. We plan to tell stories, join in ring games, learn traditional dancing and maybe take part in some jousting at our Knight school. We will end the session with a small banquet - please provide a small treat (either a piece of fruit, a biscuit or a small cupcake) - the children will be having lunch as normal. Please remember we are a nut free school! See the letter sent out earlier this week for more details.

**Lunchtime Football Club will resume after the February half term break on Wednesday 1 March.** Places are being offered to children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. All sessions will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 12.30-1.00pm. If your child would like to attend please return the booking form sent out earlier this week along with your payment. If you require further information please contact the school office.

**Northumberland Libraries are offering free half term workshops for children** in libraries throughout the county as part of the Books and Art Programme delivered in partnership with Hexham Book Festival. All events are available to book online for free – just visit Northumberland Libraries at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**EASTER GARDEN POSTER COMPETITION ... information will follow after February half term!**

**Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 2017 ... please donate your vouchers to us ... we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment for the children**

**Diary dates are printed on the next page....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.**

## Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser – 3.00-4.30pm – Reception to Year 4	
Wednesday 15 February	Y4 – visit to Matfen Woods – Royal Forestry Society Teaching Trees woodland visit. <b>Y4 are also taking part in the JDP Scavenger Hunt and will collect materials for their collages during this visit.</b>	
Wednesday 15 February	Y3 – Volcanoes Workshop at the Centre for Life, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	
Thursday 16 February	<b>Y3 – JDP Scavenger Hunt – the children will walk to the river in Corbridge to scavenge for materials – leaves, twigs, feathers etc to create a woodland scene/collage back at school. The children will need a warm coat and wellies. Please also give your child a small snack to have during the morning e.g. a piece of fruit or a healthy snack – this needs to be in a sealed bag. Remember we are a nut free school! See full details on the Parentmail message sent out earlier this week – information is also posted on our website</b>	
Thursday 16 February	<b>Nursery and Reception – come to school dressed as a character from Medieval times – a Prince, Princess, Queen, Knight or even a dragon. The children can bring in a small treat (e.g. a piece of fruit, a biscuit or a small cupcake) to enjoy at the end of our celebration of our hard work this half term. See full details of this event on the letter circulated on 8 February and posted on our website.</b>	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.</b>		
Wednesday 1 March	Reception Class Hearing Tests – Northumbria Healthcare – letters will be sent out with more information/opt out form	
Thursday 2 March	<b>World Book Day/Visit to Forum Books</b> - come to school in your pyjamas or dressed up as your favourite book character for a donation of £1.00. We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book or bedtime story to share with the other children. We will be making a visit to Forum Books when the children will have the opportunity to use their World Book Day token. Pyjamas/costumes 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. Donations will go towards purchasing seating for our outdoor reading shed – waterproof bean bags etc	
Wednesday 15 March	Deadline for return of Bag2School donations to be handed in to school.	
Friday 17 March	Y3 visit to the Corbridge Roman Site and Museum – Roman Site Community Art Project – more information will be sent out to Y3 parents about this project in due course.	
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	Charity fundraiser
Week commencing 3 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Tuesday 4 April	Nursery Stay and Play session	Parents invited to stay and play with their child.
5 April to 7 June 2017	<b>Y3 and Y4 will take part in cricket coaching sessions on Wednesday mornings – 7 sessions run by Active Northumberland/Northumberland Cricket Board</b>	
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 7 April for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 24 April.</b>		
<b>Monday 1 May – school closed for Bank Holiday</b>		
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Christian Aid Week – 14 to 20 May 2017		
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 23 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 24-Friday 26 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 24 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.</b>		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly (afternoon)	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers’ Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
Saturday 1 July	Summer fete	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day - Y4 children visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher.	
Friday 7 July	Corbridge has got Talent – Family Night! – school fundraiser	
Monday 17 July	Sports’ Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 18 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 19 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 on 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers’ Concert	
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.</b>		

Year 3 Monday swimming dates for the spring term 2017

9 January	6 February	6 March	3 April
16 January	13 February	13 March	
23 January	27 February	20 March	
30 January		27 March	

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Year 4 – Fellside Payment Schedule – as detailed in the letter sent out payment can be made in full or in instalments as detailed below		
Option 1	£160 – payment in full to be received by Monday 12 December 2016	
Option 2	Payment in 4 instalments	
	Amount	Due by
	£40.00	Monday 12 December 2016
	£40.00	Monday 6 February 2017
	£40.00	Monday 6 March 2017
	£40.00	Monday 3 April 2017



★ ★ ★ **TOP STUDENT** ★ ★ ★

**1st**

**50 POINTS**

Isabelle Horn

**2nd**

**49 POINTS**

Abigail Irwin    Ben Parkinson

**3rd**

**48 POINTS**

Emily Rutherford

POSITION	HOUSE NAME	POINTS
1	Yellow	493
2	Blue	488
3	Orange	455
4	Green	454

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