

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 18 November 2016

First of all, I would like to apologise unreservedly for the inconvenience and disruption the change of date for the KS1 and KS2 Christmas show has caused some of our parents. I fully understand that many of you have to organise and reschedule busy work diaries and appreciate that a change of date only makes this more difficult. We do our very best to share plans and dates as early as possible and try to keep any changes to the absolute minimum. On this occasion the change of date was dictated by unavoidable circumstances.

We hosted our first open morning on Tuesday and I was so proud to show parents and carers around our fantastic school. The children are a real credit to us. We are looking forward to our second open morning on Friday next week when I know the children will again show us at our best.

Well done to our 'Calm School Code' poster designers. All the entries were fantastic and they will be displayed in school to help remind the children of our code. A special congratulations to Michael (Year 2), Caitlyn (Year 3) and Frances (Year 4) as their designs are off to the printers!

Finally, today's non-uniform day in aid of 'Children in Need' was indeed 'spotacular'! The children impressed in their spottiest outfits and we raised £134.00. Thank you for your support.

J Ainsley

Head Teacher



Hopefully we won't see any severe weather either before or after the Christmas break but just in case we do please read the 'severe weather conditions – information for parents/carers' sent out on Parentmail earlier this week.

Christmas Hamper Raffle – This is a really simple fundraiser that has proved very popular in past years. Each class has been allocated a colour and all the children in each class are then invited to bring in an item of that colour for their class hamper. Items for the hampers can be sent in from Monday 21 November. Raffle tickets will then be sold at each of the Christmas play performances with the hampers raffled at the end of the performances. All proceeds will go towards the funding of food technology resources to help ensure we can include baking in our curriculum. If you are struggling with the colour allocated you can always be creative and wrap your item in paper of the right colour!

If you can help with putting the hampers together on Friday 2 or Monday 5 December or with selling raffle tickets at the Christmas play performances please speak to your child's class teacher.

Christmas Show information - Only two weeks to go until our nativity plays. They are always one of the highlights of the school year. The children have started their rehearsals and we are looking forward to seeing all their enthusiastic work come together for an amazing performance when the curtain rises on the big day. The teachers will be asking you for help with costumes and I would like to thank you for your support – we couldn't do it without you! Ticket information will be sent out on Monday.

Year 1 – Bring a parent/carer to lunch – Wednesday 23 November – if you have not already replied and would like to attend please contact the school office before the end of the school day on Monday 21 November.

Author Visit – Simon Bartram – we are looking forward to welcoming Simon into school on Thursday 8 December. Following a whole school presentation to tell the children about his books and his work as an illustrator and author, he will then spend some time reading stories to our children in Nursery and Reception. Y2 know Simon's books featuring Bob the Man on the Moon well as they read them when they were in Y1. Thank you to Mrs Wood, our Nursery teacher, for arranging Simon's visit.

Nursery and Reception – Christmas Decoration Workshop – if you have not already done so please return your Rainbow Pottery Painting order form to us on Monday 21 November. This will allow us time to place our order with Rainbow Pottery ready for the workshop on 28 November 2016. If you need a copy of the order form please contact the school office.

Christmas Fayres – if you're looking for a day out with the family, both Hexham Priory School and Corbridge Middle School have Christmas Fayres planned. Hexham Priory School's is on Saturday 26 November from 10.00am to 2.00pm – lots of activities including Santa's Grotto, craft stalls, face painting and family activities. Corbridge Middle is holding its fayre on Saturday 3 December from 1.30-3.30pm.

Diary dates are printed on the next two pages....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 22 November	Reception Parent Meetings from 3.15-5.15pm – sign up to appointment times in Nursery/Reception.	
Tuesday 22 November	Into Film Festival - Years 2 and 3 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Pete's Dragon	
Wednesday 23 November	Nursery and Reception – Beep Beep Day – children to come dressed in bright clothes and donate a suggested £1 to Brake. See letter sent out on Parentmail for further information.	
Wednesday 23 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Thursday 24 November	Reception (2.00-3.30pm) and Nursery Parent Meetings – sign up to appointment times in Nursery/Reception.	
Thursday 24 November	Into Film Festival - Reception and Year 1 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see The Princess and The Frog	
Friday 25 November	Open Morning for parents/carers of children due to join nursery or Reception in September 2017 – 9.30am for Nursery parents; 11.00am for Reception class parents	
Monday 28 November	Nursery and Reception – Christmas Pottery Decoration workshop. Nursery parents/carers invited to join their child from 9.00-11.15am; Reception parents/carers invited to join their child from 1.00-3.00pm. Please see the letter circulated for full details.	
Wednesday 30 November	Nasal flu vaccinations – Years 1, 2 and 3	Information/permission forms will be circulated by Northumberland Health Care Trust.
Wednesday 30 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch – letters have now been sent out – please reply by Friday 25 November if you are able to attend.	
Monday 5 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 6 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Wednesday 7 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 8 December	Author Visit – Simon Bartram will be in school to talk about his books and his work as an illustrator and author. Whole school presentation followed by reading stories to our children in Reception/Nursery.	
Friday 9 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	
Monday 12 December	Y4 will visit Primlea Court (retirement and sheltered housing) and Charlotte Straker residential and nursing care home to sing Christmas Carols.	
Monday 12 December	Pantomime – Aladdin – Every Cloud Entertainments	Afternoon pantomime performance for Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 13 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	
Wednesday 14 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Parties	
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 16 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 16 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.		
Thursday 12 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Monday 16 January	Reception and Nursery - Deadline for '55 Books at Bedtime' forms to be returned to school	
Thursday 19 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 26 January	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 27 January	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	
Thursday 2 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 9 February	Reception parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session

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



Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 14 February	Valentine Disco – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 16 February for half term and reopens on Monday 27 February.		
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	
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.
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC)
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 7 April for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 24 April.		
Monday 1 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Tuesday 16 May	Year 2 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	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
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 - Year 4 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 Friday 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

Year 3 swimming remaining dates for autumn term 2016 – Mondays

21 November	28 November
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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

Please contact the school office if you require large type formats of any school produced documentation. School can also provide help with reading any documentation.

