

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 26 May 2017

It's been another busy and exciting half term at Corbridge First School. I can't believe we only have one more half term before we break up for the long summer holidays. I've watched the children develop and progress during the year and it's great to see them growing in confidence through their learning experiences.

I am delighted to be able to confirm that following interviews earlier this month, we have now appointed a new Caretaker. Mr Gardner will take up his post immediately after half term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him to our school – he has worked in a Caretaker role for a number of years and we know he will be a great asset to our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Frank who has been helping us with caretaking duties over the last six months. His hard work has been very much appreciated and we wish him well for the future.

Finally, as you know, it is today that we say goodbye to one of our teaching assistants – Mrs Harrison. We wish her well in her new ventures!

I hope the children have a well-deserved rest over the half term and you enjoy your time as a family. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5 June.

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher



Year 4 Residential Visit - As we write, we are looking forward to welcoming back our Year 4 children this afternoon from their activity filled adventure at Fellside. I am sure the Year 4 parents and carers will be looking forward to hearing all their stories as much as I am. Hopefully there will also be some good photographs that we can share on our website.

School Meals – second half of summer term (Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July) – the cost of school meals for the second half of the summer term is detailed below. Please check your child's book bag for a note of any credits/debits on your child's school meals account.

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| Nursery x 35 or 34 days | 35 days - £77.00 - this includes lunch on 4 July when the children will spend the morning with their Reception class; and also includes a school packed lunch for the Kirkley Hall Zoo visit on 21 June 2017; or 34 days - £74.80 If you would prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch for the visit on 21 June (rather than opting for a school packed lunch) |
| Year 3 x 34 days | £74.80 (the children will need to bring a packed lunch for their visit to Vindolanda on 14 June) |
| Year 4 x 33 days | £72.60 (the children will be out of school for lunch on 2 days during the second half of the summer term – transfer day on 4 July and will be taking part in the Hexham Partnership Festival on 29 June (the children will need to bring a packed lunch for this activity)) |

Pupil Voice Conference – Year 4 pupils, Frances, Olivia E, Finn and Marcus, represented our school at this year's annual Hexham Partnership Pupil Voice Conference. They completed a carousel of activities including Drama with the Big Foot Theatre Workshop and ICT tasks allowing the children to explore the theme of 'Refugees'. The children will share their experience with the whole school during a worship before the end of the summer term. Miss Beresford accompanied the children and took this rather nice photograph of them... [Pupil Voice Conference May 2017](#)

Class Photograph Proofs - The deadline for orders is Tuesday 6 June 2017 or you can order photographs online.

1st Corbridge Brownies have some spaces for any girl aged 7 or over to join after May half term. The group meet on a Monday evening from 6.15pm to 7.30pm in Corbridge First School hall. For further information contact Linda E Hunter – lehunter@btinternet.com

Don't forget it's the Summer Fair on Saturday 24 June 2017 – 12 noon to 2.00pm

If you or anyone you know would like to take a stall at the fete please contact the office on 01434 632534 or email admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Plant Stall Donations – the children have been sowing and potting ready for the summer fete plant stall. We would be very grateful for any donations parents/carers can make for our plant stall...we'll ask for contributions to be brought to school on Friday 23 June or on the morning of the fete.

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 |
|--|--|-------|
| Wednesday 14 June | 6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents of children due to join Nursery in September 2017 | |
| Wednesday 14 June | Y3 – Visit to Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda | |
| Wednesday 14 June | Year 2 Class Assembly (now 9.15am) | |
| Wednesday 21 June | Nursery and Reception – Visit to Kirkley Hall Zoo – full day visit – more information to follow after half term | |
| Wednesday 21 June | 6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents of children due to join Reception in September 2017 | |
| Wednesday 21 June | Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral | |
| Thursday 22 June | Dental Survey – children aged 5 in Reception/Year 1 – consent forms will be sent out | |
| Saturday 24 June | Summer fete | |
| Tuesday 27 June | Year 2 visit to Gibside – details to be circulated after half term. | |
| Thursday 29 June | Y4 – Annual Partnership Festival – Wentworth Leisure Centre – rugby based games, 10 pin bowling, quad kids athletics, Zumba exercise – organised by Queen Elizabeth High School – more information to follow nearer the time | |
| Tuesday 4 July | Nursery closed due to Transfer Day | |
| Tuesday 4 July | Transfer Day - Y4 visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher. | |
| Friday 7 July (afternoon) | Years 1 and 2 – Hey Piggy Piggy – show at QEHS for KS1 children about money, materials and warm homes, with animation, live music and action (commissioned and funded by the National Energy Action charity). | |
| 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 | |
| School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September. | | |

Monday swimming lesson dates for the summer term 2017


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| 24 April | 8 May | 5 June | 3 July |
| | 15 May | 12 June | |
| | 22 May | 19 June | |

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 ... please donate your vouchers to us ...we've extended the deadline – please send in your vouchers to us by Friday 9 June.





This week's School 360 highest house point scorers are printed below.

| POSITION | HOUSE NAME | POINTS |
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| 1 |  Blue | 321 |
| 2 |  Yellow | 271 |
| 3 |  Green | 268 |
| 4 |  Orange | 232 |

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