

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 9 December 2016

We have had a fantastic week in school. I've listened to the children practising their songs and words last week and as a result of all their hard work the children presented to us wonderful Christmas shows! It was really lovely to welcome so many of you into school for the performances and I hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. The Hexham Courant photographer came along to the KS1/KS2 dress rehearsal so look out for a picture of our Y4 children appearing in the paper soon ... in the meantime we've posted photographs from both the Early Years and the KS1/KS2 Christmas shows on our website - [Early Years Christmas Show](#) [KS1/KS2 Christmas Show](#)

We have lots of exciting activities planned for next week including a performance of Aladdin on Monday afternoon and class Christmas parties on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are also looking forward to our Carol Service at St Andrew's Church next Friday at 1.30pm. I hope you will be able to join us at what is always a great end to the autumn term and the start of the Christmas break.

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our Sweet Treats stall at Monday's late night shopping event in Corbridge. The giant teddy was won by Luca in Y1 who gave him the name 'Snowbear'.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



**Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 15 December 2016** - The children are invited to wear their festive knits on Thursday and to donate a suggested £1 for Save the Children. Remember there's no need for everyone to splash out on snazzy new knits, you could just help your child spruce up an old sweater or sweatshirt with tinsel, baubles or pompoms!

**Simon Bartram, author and illustrator**, came into school yesterday and he was brilliantly bonkers! The children in Years 1-4 absolutely loved Simon's presentation and storytelling. Simon read two of his stories to the children – Man on the Moon and the follow up to this book - Bob's Best Ever Friend. Both books are fantastically illustrated by Simon and are very funny. They feature Bob, a man who lives on Earth but works on the Moon. Simon has hidden aliens in every picture but the story says Bob knows "there's no such thing as aliens." The children found this really amusing and they really enjoyed looking for them in the pictures. Simon also spent time in our Early Years reading stories and drawing aliens. The morning was a great success and we are very grateful to Simon for coming into school and inspiring the children to write and illustrate their own stories. Thank you too to Mrs Wood, our Nursery Teacher, for organising the visit. We've posted a few photographs on the website to share with you... [Simon Bartram Author Visit](#)

**Class Christmas Hamper Raffles** – Thank you for your very generous donations – we were able to put together six fantastic class hampers to raffle at the Christmas performances. We hope the lucky winners enjoy their prizes! The money raised from this fundraiser will go towards the funding of food technology resources.

**The Christmas Post Box** - the last posting day is 13 December. After this date we would ask that children hand out cards either before or after school in the play yard.

**Carol Service at St Andrew's Church – Friday 16 December – 1.30pm** – we hope you will be able to join us at the Carol Service. At the end of the service, children may go home with parents/carers. If you are unable to attend, we will bring your child back to school and follow the normal routine for end of day collection.

## Reading books, book bags, PE kits and homework

- There will be no homework to complete during the Christmas break. Reading books will not be changed in the final week. Please continue to encourage your child with their reading during the holidays. I am sure many will receive some lovely books to share over Christmas.
- PE kits will be sent home during week commencing 12 December
- **Friday 16 December** – book bags are not needed

**Milk** – if you wish to order milk for your child for the spring term, please return your order form and payment by Monday 12 December. We can accept orders after this date but milk will not be available for late orders until the second week of the spring term as we have to confirm our order with the dairy at the start of next week.

*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
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) -	Children can bring their party clothes to change into after lunch. All the children will be given an empty plate on Friday 9 December to fill with party food they would like to eat – <b>not</b> food to share.
Wednesday 14 December	Reception & Nursery (am)	Children can come to school in party clothes if they wish. All the children will be given an empty plate on Friday 9 December to fill with party food they would like to eat – <b>not</b> food to share.
	Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Parties	Children can bring their party clothes to change into after lunch. All the children will be given an empty plate on Friday 9 December to fill with party food they would like to eat – <b>not</b> food to share.
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Lunch – Mrs Dobson, our Cook, will prepare a Christmas lunch for the children.	
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
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	Super Splash Heroes – a fun interactive pantomime performance and workshop funded by Northumbrian Water for Reception to Y4	
Friday 7 April	Easter Service at St Andrew’s Church	1.30pm - all welcome
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	

Don't forget to visit the School Website: [www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk)



Date	Event	Notes
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	
<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	

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

**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.**

