

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 14 October 2016

We are holding two open mornings for parents and carers of children due to start nursery or reception classes in September 2017. These will be on Tuesday 15 November and Friday 25 November (9.30-10.15am for parents with children due to start nursery and 11.00-11.30am for parents with children due to start in Reception). If you have a child due to start in either class and would like to come along please contact the school office to book a place. Or if you have friends/relatives with children due to start nursery/school next year please mention the open mornings to them.

On Thursday next week, a representative from the NSPCC will speak to the children at assembly time about the Speak out. Stay Safe. Programme. This is a nationwide programme for primary school-aged children. The children will hear about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. If you would like any more information about this programme you can find it on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/schools. I would also like to remind parents and carers that they should not hesitate to speak to me if they ever have any concerns with regard to a child's safety or well-being – I am the designated Child Protection Officer for CFS or in my absence the contact is Mrs Burton.

It was fantastic to see so many families join the children at St Andrew's Church on Monday to celebrate Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone for donating so generously. We've posted some photographs from the celebration on the galleries page of our website for you to enjoy.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



School closes for half term at 3.00pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 and reopens on Monday 31 October 2016.

'Bring a Parent/Carer to Lunch Day' – During November there will be an opportunity for children in each year group to 'bring a parent/carers to lunch'. We will send out letters to each year group when it is nearer to their turn but you can check your child's lunch date on the newsletter diary page. Mrs Dobson, our Cook, and her team provide the children with a tasty and nutritious meal every day and I hope you will be able to come along and try them too.

School Disco – Tuesday 18 October 2016 – The children will be playing party games and we will be providing lots of loud music for them to dance to. If your child would like to attend please return the reply slip along with your payment on Monday. We are also still looking for parent helpers....please let us know if you can help.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Gift – During one of our assemblies next week the children will hear about Operation Christmas Child. They will bring home a leaflet in their book bag giving further information about the project. If you would like to participate in this activity, please drop your filled shoebox off at school by Friday 4 November. We will then make arrangements for the boxes to be collected from us.

Mayfly in the Classroom Project – Year 4 had a very interesting and wet visit to the River Tyne on Thursday this week. Ms Price from the Tyne Rivers Trust worked with the children to collect mayfly nymphs to bring back to school. Frances and Jessica from Y4 told me that the class now has an aquaria set up and will do daily checks to monitor the mayflies' progress. They told me they know they are mayflies as they have 3 tails and 6 legs! The children will release the adult mayflies as they emerge. Miss Beresford took some fantastic photographs of the activities both at the river and in the classroom – some of them can be viewed on the galleries page of our website ... [Mayfly in the Classroom Project photographs](#)

Cold Weather - As the weather starts to get a little colder, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat in school every day for outdoor play. Please remember to label all items – coats, hats, gloves etc - as this makes it much easier for us to return lost belongings to their owner!

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 18 October	School Disco and party games – school fundraiser	3.00-4.30pm
Tuesday 18 October	Nursery and Reception – Stay and Play session	Parents/carers invited to a stay and play session with their child – 9.00-10.30am.
Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 October	Year 1 Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent home with the children on Friday 14 October.
Wednesday 19 October	Year 3 – Junior Bake Off Event at Matfen Hall	Please return permission slip and £2 contribution for coach travel by Friday 14 October.
Wednesday 19 October	4.45pm - Year 4 Fellside Residential - meeting for parents/carers and Y4 children to hear more about the visit and to answer any questions you may have.	
Wednesday 19 October	Years 2, 3 and 4 - Parent consultation appointments will be sent home with your child today.	
Thursday 20 October	NSPCC – Stay Safe Speak Out assemblies for Reception to Year 4	NSPCC team in school to talk to our children about keeping safe.
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Week commencing 31 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be home on Wednesday 19 October.
Wednesday 2 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Letters have now been sent out – please reply by 20 October if you would like to come along.
Thursday 3 November	Parent Voice – parent meetings	Further information to follow.
Friday 4 November	Operation Christmas Child – shoe box appeal	If you would like to participate in this activity, please drop your filled shoebox off at school by Friday 4 November. We will then make arrangements for the boxes to be collected from us.
Monday 7 November	Reception children – vision screening	Northumbria Healthcare – information will be sent out.
Wednesday 9 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 November	Into Film Festival - Year 4 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Kubo and the Two Strings	
Tuesday 15 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	
Wednesday 16 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Friday 18 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser
Tuesday 22 November	Into Film Festival - Years 2 and 3 – visit to Odeon Metro Centre to see Pete’s Dragon	
Wednesday 23 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
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	
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.	Further information to follow.
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
Thursday 8 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Friday 9 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	
Monday 12 December	Pantomime – Aladdin – Every Cloud Entertainments	Afternoon pantomime performance for Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 13 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	

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Wednesday 14 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	
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 (date and time TBC)
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
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	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 dates –autumn term 2016 – Mondays – 10 lessons

19 September	3 October	7 November
26 September	10 October	14 November
	17 October	21 November
	31 October	28 November

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