

# Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 28 September 2018

Autumn has definitely arrived and Mrs Orrick and the children are preparing to harvest lots of lovely fruit and vegetables from our allotment. Next week the children from Years 1 to 4 will be learning their songs for our Harvest celebrations on Monday 15 October at St Andrew's Church. The children from Reception and Nursery are looking forward to welcoming their families into school later that week to sing for them. We hope the children will be able to bring a contribution to be distributed to those in need. Look out for a parent mail next week with a reminder of what can be brought for the West Northumberland Food Bank, who will take our donations this year.

This week the exciting news that Louise Renicks, a Gold Medalist in the sport of Judo, will visit our School on Monday 22 October. She will be putting us through our paces in completing some circuits and also sharing messages with the children about the drive, determination and dedication it takes to be a champion athlete. We are hoping you will help the children collect sponsors for their workshop with Louise and the completion of their circuits. The charity is Sport for Champions UK, which funds aspiring athletes and the school may also receive part of the sponsorship, if the total is over a given amount. There are rewards for the children, all detailed on the sponsorship form, and we know the event will be beneficial to all. The children are very excited for the event.  
Super news to end the week!

*J. Ainsley*

Head Teacher



## Attendance and Punctuality

I appreciate the efforts you make to ensure the children are in their class line at 8:55am. Getting your child to school on time really helps ensure they can get the most out of their learning time as lessons start promptly at 9.00am. At CFS the punctuality and readiness for learning are outstanding! Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

## Requests for Leave of Absence

Many applications for leave of absence have been submitted this term and I would like to remind you time away from school will be logged as unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances.

The children miss out on events and often can be sad on return that they have missed a build up to a piece of work or they have not been part of the group preparing a drama or creating a piece of music. The staff are very skilled in ensuring all pupils can become involved or catch up, but the impact of taking time out does affect the children both emotionally, as well as academically.

I would ask that you continue to give careful thought to any requests for leave of absence you wish to submit.

***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.***



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## Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2018-2019

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 12 October	Reception new starters class photograph.	Hexham Courant photographer will visit to take a photograph for the paper.
Friday 12 October	Year 4 Apple Pressing at Charlotte Straker. 9:25 – 10:30am (In school for normal lunch)	A photographer will hopefully visit to take a photograph for the Courant.
Monday 15 October	Harvest Festival and Raffle	9:30am @St Andrews Church – all welcome Donations gratefully received for the West Northumberland Food Bank.
Tuesday 16 October	Year 4 Parent / Family Meeting – 2:30pm Fellside residential Information	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 17 October	Early Years Harvest Songs at CFS 2:30pm	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 18 October	Year Two morning visit: Aydon Castle	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 9 October,	Year 1 Class Visit Discovery Museum (All day)	Class letter has now been sent.
Week commencing 22 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Monday 22 October	Sport for Champions. GB ATHLETE IN SCHOOL	Sponsored event – more details to follow.
Tuesday 23 October	NHS Germ Busters Workshops in Schools	Fundraising will cover any expense – No payments requested.
Thursday 25 October	Year 3/4 Sports Team Competition Tynedale Tag Rugby Festival	This will only involve a groups of pupils now – not a class event. More details to follow.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 25 October 2018 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 5 November.</b> <b>PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES</b>		
Monday 5 November	Special Lunch Bonfire Menu	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 7 November	EYFS Disco	EYFS DISCO 1 – 3pm
Wednesday 7 November	School Disco – school fundraiser	Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm
Week commencing 12 November	Anti – Bullying Week This year the theme is 'Choose Respect'.	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 13 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 14 November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception Class to Year 4.	Please return the permission slip to ensure your child receives the vaccination.
Thursday 15th November.	Year 2 visit to Corbridge library. 1pm – 2:45pm (in school for normal lunch)	– No payments needed.
Friday 16 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser – information to follow. Special lunch
Tuesday 20 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 27 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 4 December	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Monday 10 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.30am
Tuesday 11 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Tuesday 11 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	1.30pm
Wednesday 12 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 13 December	EYFS Christmas Movie Afternoon	1-3pm Further information to follow.
Thursday 13 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	3 – 4:30pm Further information to follow.

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Tuesday 18 December	Reception & Nursery Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 18 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 19 December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Thursday 20 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser
Friday 21 December	Christmas Pantomime – Pinocchio Big Foot Productions	Fundraising will cover any expense – No payments requested.
Friday 21 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 8 January 2019.</b>		
Tuesday 15 January	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 22 January	Nursery parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch. (11:30am)	Further information to follow.
Tuesday 5 February	Internet Safety Day	Further information to follow.
Thursday 14 February	Special Lunch – Valentine's Day	Further information to follow.
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 15 February for half term and reopens on Monday 25 February.</b>		
Week commencing 25 February	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Friday 1 March	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 3 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day	Further information to follow.
Friday 15 March	Comic Relief Special lunch day	Charity fundraiser
Friday 5 April	SPECIAL LUNCH – Easter Lunch	Further information to follow
Friday 5 April TBC	Easter Celebration at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome Children can be taken home at the end of the service
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 5 April for the Easter break and reopens on Tuesday 23 April.</b>		
Friday 3 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	2:30pm
<b>Monday 6 May – school closed for Bank Holiday</b>		
Friday 10 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	2:30pm
Week beginning 13 May	Year 2 SATs Assessment Week	Further information to follow
Week beginning 13 May	Christian Aid Week	
Friday 17 May	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 2 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Wed 22 – Fri 24 May	Year Four Residential - Fellside	Further information to follow
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 24 May for half term and reopens on Monday 3 June.</b>		
Week beginning 10 June	Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week	Further information to follow
Friday 14 June	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 1 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Friday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 21 June	Reception Class Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 28 June	SPECIAL LUNCH Reception lunch Choice	Further information to follow
Saturday 29 June	Summer Fete	11am - 2pm
Wednesday 10 July	SPECIAL LUNCH Teddy Bear's Picnic	Further information to follow



Date	Event	Notes
Monday 15 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 16 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 17 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 12 July.	
Thursday 18 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
Friday 19 July	SPECIAL LUNCH Year 4 lunch Choice	Further information to follow
<b>School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 19 July for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 3 September 2019.</b>		

**Year 3 swimming dates –autumn term 2018 – Wednesdays – 10 lessons**

19 and 26 September	3, 10 and 17 October	7, 14, 21 and 28 November	5 December
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