

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Friday 22 September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by but the children continue to work hard and be their best. I have enjoyed seeing good writing, excellent sportsmanship and some really creative art work from the children this week.

The "Golden Book" is again full of children who have been kind, caring, friendly and supportive towards others which highlights the positive behaviour and choices our children make. We share the Golden Book at during our Friday celebration and it is always a highlight of my week! We recognise all aspects of the children's achievements including their academic skills, their talents and their personal choices and behaviours.

It is a great time to reflect and celebrate the super family we have here at Corbridge Church of England First School.

Enjoy the weekend.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher



Library / Reading Buddy Volunteers wanted!

We would be interested in hearing from any parents/carers or grandparents who might have a little spare time. We need help with:

- displaying the books in the library creatively (and developing a tidy system!)
- assisting the children with choosing their books
- reading with children on a 1:1 or small group basis

If you can help, please call into the school office to leave your details and availability or telephone 01434 632534 or email admin@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk. As part of our commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils, we would need to ask volunteers to complete an Enhanced DBS Disclosure check.

Harvest Festival Celebrations –

Monday 9 October 2017 - Year One to Year Four - The children from Year One through to Year Four will attend St Andrew's Church at 9.30am to celebrate Harvest Festival. All parents and carers are welcome to come along. The children may wish to bring a contribution – fresh produce, or tins and packets of food. The children should bring this with them on the morning of the celebration to take with them to the church. If you are able to accompany us to support the children on our walk to the church please let class teachers know. We will be leaving school at approximately 9:05am.

The Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will celebrate Harvest in school on **Tuesday 10 October** and perform for their parents at the conclusion of their Stay and Play Session. More information will follow in a specific letter.

My child is unwell – how long should they be kept away from school? - When children are unwell, parents often ask us for advice on how long they should be kept away from school/nursery. For example, where a child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting the child must be out of school until at least 48 hours from the last occurrence. This advice is taken from guidance produced by Public Health England – guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings. A copy of the guidance is posted on our website – [Public Health England - guidance](#) under the Information tab. The guidance covers all the illnesses and infections you are likely to come across...chickenpox, impetigo, ringworm, conjunctivitis, tonsillitis and many more. If you need any advice please continue to contact us but we hope this document is helpful.

Data Checking Sheets/Going Home Arrangements/Pupil Acceptable Use Policy – If you have not already done so, I would be grateful if you could return completed forms to us by Monday 25 September. Completion of these ensures that we hold the correct information for your child.

Spare clothes – wanted! We would be very grateful for donations of any spare uniform your child has outgrown that would be suitable for us to use in the Early Years classes – particularly grey tights, trousers and any socks. Please drop off any donations with your child's class teacher or at the office.

Sunshine Panners Steel Band – This Sunday 24 September 2017 the band are holding a FREE TASTER SESSION!

12:30 – 2pm Haydon Bridge @ Backyard HBHS. To find out more you can contact the band:

admin@sunshinepanners.co.uk or 01434 220 353

Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added regularly (in red) so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group.

Corbridge Church of England First School – Diary Dates 2017-2018

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 27 September	National Fitness Day	Further information to follow.
Friday 6 October	Individual Pupil Photographs – whole school and nursery	Tyne Photo will be in school to take individual and family group photographs.
Friday 6 October	Year 4 visit to Charlotte Straker.	Apple pressing (the children will not miss the photographer in school)
Monday 9 October	Harvest Festival and Raffle	9:30am @St Andrews Church – all welcome All food donations will be given to the People's kitchen.
Tuesday 10 October	EYFS Stay and Play ending with Harvest songs and Celebration.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Monday 16 October	Year Four Fellside Initial Meeting	Meetings start at 2.30pm. Please enter school via the playground gate and proceed to the classroom door. The gate will be open from 2.25pm.
Thursday 10 October	Year Four Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 19 October	EYFS Disco – school fundraiser	EYFS DISCO 1 – 3pm
Thursday 19 October	School Disco – school fundraiser	Y1 – Y4 Disco 3pm – 4:30pm
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 19 October 2017 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 30 October.		
Week commencing 30 October	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 1 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Further information to follow.
Friday 3 November	Bonfire Night Themed Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 8 November	Year 3 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 8 November	Year 1 and 2 film Festival Sing @ Odeon Metrocentre	Further information to follow.
Thursday 9 November	Year 1 and 2 film Festival Sing @ Forum	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 15 November	Year 2 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Thursday 16 November	Year 3 and 4 film Festival Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul @ Forum	Further information to follow.
Friday 17 November	BBC Children In Need Day	Charity fundraiser
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Themed Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 29 November	Reception parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch.	Further information to follow.
Friday 1 December	EYFS Stay and Play - Decorations day	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Monday 11 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity dress rehearsal	9.15am
Tuesday 12 December	Reception and Nursery – nativity	9.15am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Show dress rehearsal	9.30am
Wednesday 13 December	Y1-Y4 Christmas Shows	There will be two shows – one at 1.30pm and a second at 6.00pm.
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Movie Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.

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



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Tuesday 19 December	Reception & Nursery (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm) Christmas Party	Further information to follow.
Wednesday 20 December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party (pm)	Further information to follow.
Thursday 21 December	Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day and School Christmas Lunch	Charity fundraiser If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Friday 22 December	Big Foot Theatre – A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe	Morning pantomime performance
Friday 22 December	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30p - all welcome
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 January 2018.		
Thursday 18 January	Year 1 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 25 January	Year 2 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Friday 26 January	Year Three Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 1 February	Year 3 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 8 February	EYFS Stay and Play - Inspire	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Thursday 8 February	Year 4 parents and carers invited to join their child at a special learning session	Morning session
Thursday 8 February	Family Quiz Night – school fundraiser	Further information to follow.
Friday 9 February	Special Valentine's Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 9 February for half term and reopens on Monday 19 February.		
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day	
Friday 9 March	Year Two Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 21 March	EYFS Stay and Play – Easter / Spring Carousel	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief	Charity fundraiser
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief Special Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Special Easter Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Thursday 29 March	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church	1.30pm - all welcome (date and time (TBC))
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 16 April.		
Monday 7 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Week commencing 16 April	Parent Consultations	Appointments will be sent out in due course.
Wednesday 2 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	9:10am
Tuesday 8 May (AMENDED)	Year Four Fellside Meeting	Meetings start at 2.30pm. Please enter school via the playground gate and proceed to the classroom door. The gate will be open from 2.25pm.



Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 8 May	EYFS STEM session with Families.	Nursery Families morning or afternoon session. Reception Families afternoon session. Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 May	Year 2 Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9:10am
Friday 18 May	Year One Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Wednesday 23 May	Reception Class Assembly	9:10am
Wednesday 23-Friday 25 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 23 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 25 May for half term and reopens on Monday 4 June.		
Friday 15 June	Early Years' Menu Choice	If your child usually has packed lunch a letter will be sent out, nearer the time, so your child can order and stay for this special lunch if desired.
Saturday 30 June	Summer fete	
Monday 16 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 17 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 18 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 15 July.	
Thursday 19 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 20 July 2018 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 4 September 2018.		

Year 3 swimming dates –autumn term 2017 – Mondays – 11 lessons

18 September	2 October	6 November
25 September	9 October	13 November
	16 October	20 November
	30 October	27 November
		4 December

