

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 25 October 2018

What a fantastic Healthy School Week we have enjoyed to conclude our half term. I hope you have spotted all the good news on our [Twitter Feed](#) and information about the events.

One of the events was the NHS Northumbria Healthcare Trust Germ Busters workshops.

As you know the children's regular attendance in school is vital for us to ensure they can do their best. When vomiting and sickness bugs hit, we follow the code of 48 hours absence, to reduce the risk of the bug spreading. We appreciate your support with this.

We are committed to work in partnership with you to ensure that absence is only related to illness or exceptional circumstance. Attendance this term is shared in the table below, and is currently looking very positive.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole school – 5+
98.1%	96.7%	99%	97.2%	99.1%	98%

I meet with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) from NCC who expects me to justify absence figures. The school average is currently strong and I hope we can avoid illnesses and keep this percentage positive through the year. You will have been made aware of your child's personal attendance at your parents meeting.

The school has had a very positive first half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back following the half term break.

J. Ainsley

Head Teacher

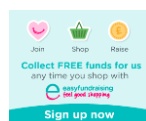


Parent Appointments

Once again meeting attendance has been almost 100%. I hope the information you received has helped you understand your child's targets and share their success so far in this new year group. Please remember we have an open door policy and we encourage you to make an appointment to call in and speak with us if you have any queries, worries or indeed success stories to share.

Sports for Champions – Sponsorship - What an amazing achievement!

Sponsors raised an amazing total of **£939.50**. £425 will be donated to the Sports for Champions cause and we have £514.50 to allocate in school. As earlier mentioned this money will enable us to book specialist workshops with the focus on "RESPECT" IN OUR Anti Bullying Week Awareness focus next half term. Thank you all again for all your efforts and the children really enjoyed their challenge with Louise Rennicks and hearing her story.



Easy Fundraising – We now have 39 supporters... Money for nothing!

To log in as a supporter please follow the link on the 'sign up now', and help us build up funds as you complete your Christmas, or everyday shopping.

Diary dates are printed on the next pages....new dates will be added in red 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
School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 25 October 2018 for half term break. Reopens on Monday 5 November. PLEASE BE AWARE NORTHUMBERLAND'S HALF TERM IS DIFFERENT TO SOME OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Monday 5 November	Poppy Appeal donations taken this week.	Poppies, pencils, rulers, erasers , pencil sharpeners available for donations in school – suggested 50p per item.
Monday 5 November	Christmas Card/designs to be returned.	This is the final return date – the company will not take late orders.
Monday 5 November	Special Lunch Bonfire Menu	Letters have been sent.
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.
Monday 12 November	Remembrance Event for pupils in school.	Further information to follow.
Monday 12 November	Operation Christmas Child - shoe boxes to be returned.	One again we will take part in the shoe box appeal. Information now shared.
Tuesday 13 November	Year 4 parents/carers invited to join their child for lunch	Class letter has now been sent.
Tuesday 13 November	Year 3 to Kirkley Hall Zoo	Class letter has now been sent.
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.
Tuesday 4 December	Bags to School to be collected.	Information and bags now shared.
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.
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

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School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 December for the Christmas break. School will reopen on Tuesday 8 January 2019.		
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.
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 15 February for half term and reopens on Monday 25 February.		
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
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 5 April for the Easter break and reopens on Tuesday 23 April.		
Friday 3 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	2:30pm
Monday 6 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
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
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 24 May for half term and reopens on Monday 3 June.		
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
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
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 19 July for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 3 September 2019.		

Year 3 swimming dates –autumn 2 term 2018 – Wednesdays – 5 lessons

7, 14, 21 and 28 November	5 December
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