



# CORBYPRIIMARYACADEMY

This half term is flying by and the children are enjoying lots of new learning in their classes. We have welcomed two new members of staff recently; Mrs Wookey is working in year 1 and year 2 and Mr Marriot is working in Year 5. Mrs Wookey has joined Bumblebees in the mornings and therefore Miss Annand has moved to supporting Tigers class every morning. Mr Marriot is a qualified teacher who specialises in secondary PE. He is with us to gain experience of primary in order to make the transition into primary teaching and will be supporting both year 5 classes during the week and teaching Harris Hawks each Friday. We are also using his PE expertise to run two new afterschool clubs this term to try to develop our own football and tag rugby teams in upper KS2 to enable us to compete against other schools.

Last Thursday at 8:35am one of our parents was knocked over on the zebra crossing due to the sunlight blinding the driver. In light of this incident and the often poor visibility along Butland Road when trying to cross, please make sure your children are fully aware of how and where to safely cross the roads and to ensure cars have stopped before stepping on to the zebra crossing. If you do witness any incidents or 'close calls' then please let us know. We have been very fortunate to have PC Wilson attending the school during drop off and collection over the last couple of weeks, it appears that his presence has made quite an impact on the parking and congestion outside of school! Please try as much as you can to park away from school or walk, bike or scooter to school.

Nikki Lamond - Principal

## Outdoor Development Project

For our next Phase of school development we are really keen to develop the outside area further. The children very much enjoy being outside at break times and lunchtimes, but we know we can use the space even more for learning. Unfortunately the site is very exposed and often very windy and the pond is not suitable and safe for children to access for science lessons. In light of this we have started a fundraising project to raise £20,500 to develop the wildlife area, rebuild the pond, plant a number of large trees to provide shade and shelter and create a garden and planting area for the children. We have started by applying for some grants and funding to help us towards our target but these will not meet the full cost. If any parent is able to put us in touch with any organisations or businesses who would be able to support our outdoor development in any way then please drop me an email on [nlamond@corbyprimaryacademy.org](mailto:nlamond@corbyprimaryacademy.org) or come in and see me.



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## Year 6

As I'm sure many of you are aware year 6 complete National Assessments in the week commencing the 14th of May. All year 6 children across the country complete the test at the same time and the results are returned to the school in July. Miss Skelton is ensuring the children are well prepared for these tests so they can perform as well as they are capable. If you would like any further information about the tests then please speak to Miss Skelton.

## Plea for Help!

One of our parents runs a hedgehog rescue and would really welcome any donations to help her look after them during the winter months in preparation for releasing them back into the countryside. If you are able to spare some antibacterial wipes, kitchen roll, disposable vinyl gloves or puppy food (not with gravy or fish!) then please drop them to the office where we will make sure they get to her.



### Absences from school and Holidays in term time

It is essential that parents contact the school on the first day of any unexpected absence to provide a reason. If a child is off for a number of days and we are not aware of a reason why then these will automatically be referred to the LA and a penalty notice may be issued.

If your child is having a planned absence from school for medical, family reasons or a holiday then please ensure you have completed a leave of absence form from the office. Although we cannot authorise holidays except in exceptional circumstances we are very understanding of the reasons for families to take holidays outside of the school holiday period and providing a child's overall attendance is good the Local Authority will not issue a penalty notice. I am, however, incredibly shocked that some parents choose to lie to us on occasions, and are also asking their children to do the same, rather than being honest about the real reason for absence. We can record any absence as unauthorised and we may ask for medical proof when a child's attendance falls to ensure that a penalty notice is not issued.



## ClassDojo

Following a successful trial period in Caterpillars class, the other classes in the school are introducing ClassDojo. This is an online points collecting system to record achievements,

hard work and good behaviour in school. You may have already, or shortly will, receive details on how to access your child's points so you can see how they are getting on. Teachers also have the option to add pictures and/or video of the children to the class story section.

Just to make you aware that if you have not given permission for photos of your child to be used in or out of school then they will not be available on ClassDojo. If you wish to change this then please see the office.

**Disabled Spaces**



Can we please remind people that the disabled spaces in the car park are for people that hold a valid blue badge and not for use by others, even if you are just dropping off.

This half terms Value in school is **Perseverance**. The children are learning about what it means to persevere at something and keep trying. They are also learning that making mistakes and finding things hard are an important part of learning.

### Term Dates 2017/2018

Spring Half Term: 12th-16th February 2018  
 End of Spring Term: Thursday 29th March 2018  
 Start of Summer Term: Tuesday 17th April 2018  
 Spring Half Term: 28th May - 1st June 2018  
 End of Summer Term: Friday 20th July 2018

18/19 Term Dates are on the School website.

### Dates for your Diary

26th January—Year 3/4 bike ability  
 2nd February—PTA disco  
 9th February - Panto coming to School  
 19th-21st February - Parents Evenings  
 W/C 26th February - Class Open Sessions  
 1st March - World Book Day  
 8th March—Mother days event  
 15th March—Panthers class assembly  
 22nd March—Tigers class assembly  
 26th and 27th March—Year 4 production

