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Acting Head Teacher Message

October has arrived and another two weeks have flown by. Lots of exciting things have been happening in school. Class 2 had a wonderful Prehistoric Day at the Common. Class 1 enjoyed dancing the Noodle and Reception class can roar as loud as a real dinosaur!

Children have elected their school council representatives for each year group and councillors are busy discussing their plans and ideas.

We have updated the diary dates once again this week and new dates have been added for Forest School sessions for Class 1 and 2 and a trip to the Great North Museum (Hancock) for Reception class.

Thank you very much for your positive feedback on the new newsletter format, if you have any further suggestions please do let us know.

The school calendar is now being updated regularly. To view the calendar, please go to the school website homepage:

<http://www.acomb.northumberland.sch.uk/website/home/94445>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clarke

School News

Curriculum evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our curriculum evening, the workshop slides have been added to the curriculum page on our school website. Class teachers have paper copies of the workshop handouts ready to give out at parent consultations also.

Parent Consultations

Appointment slips have now been sent home for next Monday and Tuesday's consultation evenings. Please do let school know if you are unable to make the appointment as we may be in a position to reallocate appointments to others.



School councillors

Congratulations to the councillors that have been elected to represent school for the autumn term. We will hold another election in January to elect new councillors for the spring term.



School Councillors

Reception: Isis and Jacob

Year 1: Owen and Emily

Year 2: Sam and Mary

Year 3: Penny and Alastair

Year 4: Katie and Ryan

Attendance

Attendance continues to be very good; overall attendance figures are 98.64% since the beginning of term. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

Payments

Please could any cash payments for school be sent in the correct amount? The office does not keep any change, as all money is banked regularly. We thank you for your help with this. Dinner money needs to be paid weekly in advance on a Monday or at the beginning of each half term. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week or £83.60 for this half term. Swimming and Multisport contribution is £5 per week or £40 this half term.

Change of date - Christmas performances

Due to Village Hall availability, the date for the school Christmas performance has changed from Thursday 13th December to **Tuesday 18th December**. We do apologise for the change and any inconvenience it may cause.

School Admissions

The Online admissions portal opened on the 12th September for applications to Middle School, details on how to apply online have been sent to year 4 children via Parent mail. The portal will remain open until the **31st October**. Please contact the Admissions team on 01670 624 889 if you have any questions.

PTA Macmillan Coffee morning and stay and share session

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and enjoy the range of lovely cakes and coffee served by the PTA. We also thank you for the donations of cakes and biscuits; they have helped us to raise £100.22 so far! We hope you enjoyed spending time in class with your children and grandchildren and sharing some of the wonderful things they do in lessons.

Changing weather

Please can we ask that all of our children come to school with coats now that the weather is becoming noticeably cooler. Thank you.

Class news

Reception - Mrs Manning

Reception are very enthusiastic about their dinosaur topic. We have been learning lots of tricky names and drawing, painting and making dinosaurs from all different materials. This week we have looked at fossils, made some fossils from salt dough and dug for bones in the soil. The children are focusing on counting, recognising and ordering numerals and numicon to 5. They have already learned lots of sounds in RWINc and are starting to read and write words!



Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class 1 have had another great week. We have been learning all about Quality Question Starters, as part of this task we had to create our own questions for the characters from the story 'The Gruffalo'. The children were then able to take it in turns to play the different roles of the characters as part of a hot seating task. We have also been learning all about multiplication and using arrays to prove our answers. We then went on an autumn walk during science to collect leaves and apples, the children thoroughly enjoyed this and we are hoping to use our apples to do some cooking next week.



Class 2 Mrs - Hinchcliffe

Class 2 have moved on from the age of the Dinosaurs to the Stone Age. There was lots of fantastic story writing and big numbers to understand. The children had a fantastic Prehistoric day with Roy up on the common and now know all about the differences between the Mesolithic and Neolithic period. With the skills they learnt they would all make pretty good Neolithic farmers!



Date	Event	Time	Notes
Monday 8 th October	Parent Consultations with class teacher	3.30pm-6.00pm	In classrooms
Tuesday 9 th October	Parent Consultations with class teacher	3.30pm-6.00pm	In classrooms
Thursday 11 th October	PTA Meeting Miners Arms - Acomb	7.30 pm	All welcome
Tuesday 16 th October	Reception class photo - Hexham Courant	9.00 am	Full school uniform
Thursday 18 th October	Action Aid 'Big Me' celebration	2.30pm	School hall - parents welcome
Wednesday 24 th October	Reception Great North Museum (Hancock) trip	All day	More details to follow
Thursday 25 th October	Play safe assembly	2.45.pm	Pupils and staff
Friday 26 th October	Teacher training day	All day	School closed to pupils
29 th October – 2 nd November	Autumn Half term holiday		
Monday 5 th November	Schools reopens to pupils		
Thursday 8 th November	PTA Disco	TBC	More information to follow
Tuesday 13 th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations	9.30.am	Thank you for returning the permission slips
Friday 16 th November	Class 1 Forest School		More details to follow
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need	All day	Non uniform/Spotty theme
Friday 30 th November	Class 2 forest school		More details to follow
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Carols at the Pant then refreshments in the Village Hall.	7pm	All children and families welcome
Friday 14 th December	Queen's Hall visit - Robin Hood Reception, Class 1 & 2.	1pm	Return time TBC
Monday 17 th December	Dress rehearsal at the Village Hall	1pm	Pupils and staff
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas performances at the Village Hall	2 pm and 6 pm	Children to be dropped off at the village hall at 5.30 pm.
Thursday 20 th December	Class Christmas parties	1 pm	Bring party clothes in a named bag to change into
Friday 21 st December	Christmas jumper day, Christingles and Carols around the Tree	2 pm	Christmas jumpers /tops/ hats optional
Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas holiday		
Monday 7 th January	Spring term begins		School reopens to pupils
Friday 11 th January	Class 2 forest school		More details to follow
18 th – 22 nd February	Spring half term holiday		School closed to pupils



Monday 25 th February	School reopens to pupils		
Friday 8 th March	Class 1 forest school		More details to follow
Friday 5th April	Break up for Easter holiday		
Monday 22 nd April	Bank holiday Monday		School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens to pupils		