

Acomb County First School

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Acting Head Teacher Message

We've made it! The holidays have arrived and it's time to relax. It has been a very busy but truly wonderful end to the term. We are all still beaming with pride following Tuesday's performances of 'Christmas with the Aliens'. Every child exceeded our expectations and performed with confidence and enjoyment.

I'd personally like to thank the team here at Acomb, I am sure you will agree, they are a dedicated group of staff and really do go above and beyond to make a difference for our children.

Thank you all for a fantastic term, and on behalf of the Staff and Governors may I wish you a happy and restful Christmas.

Mrs Clarke

School News

Christmas tree donation

We'd like to say a big thank you John Patterson at Egger for donating our beautiful Christmas tree!



Attendance

Attendance continues to be very good; overall attendance figures are 97.43 % since the beginning of term. We had an exceptional figure of 100% attendance last week, which is remarkable considering the time of year! Congratulations to the 15 children who received 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn term. Well done!



Payment Information – Spring term

School Meals – January 2019 – Year 3 & 4 only

A school meal is available for your child at a cost of £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week. The cost for the first half of the spring term 2019 (up to week ending Thursday 14th February– 29 days) will be £63.80

Dinners can be paid for as follows:

- Half termly in advance by cheque or cash, payable on the first day of school - £63.80
- Weekly by cash or cheque, payable on Monday each week - £11.00

Swimming & Multisport – January 2019 – Year 1 to 4 only

The cost for the first half of the spring term (6 weeks up to Wednesday 13th February) will be £30 and can be paid for as follows:

- Half termly in advance by cheque or cash, payable on the first day of school - £30.00
- Weekly by cash or cheque - £5.00

Cheques should be made payable to ‘Northumberland County Council’. Payments should be sent to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, the amount and what the payment is for.

School Admissions

The Online admissions portal opened on the 1st November for applications to First School, it will close on the 15th January. Please contact the Admissions team on 01670 624 889 if you have any questions.

Magpie Sports after school Club.

Mattie will continue to run sports club every Wednesday from 3.15 - 4.15 pm next term. We will send out a clubs letter with other club choices in the first week back of term, therefore **all** clubs will commence the second week back - week beginning 14th January 2019.

PTA

A big thank you to the PTA, who have worked tirelessly this term to provide lots of fantastic events for school. The total amount raised for Autumn term is yet to be confirmed, but early indications show that it has been a profitable term!

Money raised by the PTA goes directly back into school to provide free and subsidised events for our children. Thank you for all of your hard work, it is much appreciated!

<u>Money raised</u>	
Class 1 cake stall	£69.14
Class 2 cake stall	£82.35
Movie and craft night	£171.50
Miners quiz	£20.00
Miners quiz	£22.00
Tuck shop	£108.77
Canvas Bags	£297.50 in takings
Christmas hamper raffle	£185.75 so far
<u>Contributions towards events.</u>	
Halloween disco	Free of charge for children, costs covered by PTA
Bus to Queen's Hall	Subsidised by the PTA
Christmas Party supplies	Bought by the PTA
Costumes for Christmas performance	Contribution from the PTA

Water bottles

Water bottles have been ordered, and are expected to arrive in early January. We have ordered an Eco friendly 500 ml bottle. They are tough and durable, dishwasher safe and BPA free. We are asking for a donation of £1.50 towards the cost of the bottle, we will wash and sterilise the bottles at school every week. If you would like to purchase a bottle please send £1.50 into school in January.



Class news

Reception - Mrs Manning

Reception have been very busy writing their letters to Santa. They have also been making their Christmas cards and some Christmas decorations. Mrs Manning has been assessing their phonic skills and they have all made great progress in reading and writing. We are enjoying watching Jack Harman on You Tube to help us remember the sound **th**. We have continued to carry out addition and subtraction to 5 and have been using the part part-whole mastery method.



Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One have been enjoying reading the story of 'The Christmasaurus' by Tom Fletcher. In English we created our own Christmasaurus egg and Christmasaurus. We used expanded noun phrases, adjectives and onomatopoeia to describe both the Christmasaurus and the Christmasaurus egg hatching.

The children then wrote their own short story about the Christmasaurus egg hatching using their plans. We have also had a special visit from Anne from the RNLI. She told us all about the RNLI and what they do, whilst also explaining what could happen if the weather suddenly changes at sea.

Some of the children were able to try on some costumes too. We would like to say a huge thank you to Anne for coming into school to tell us all about what we can do to stay safe when the weather changes at sea.



Class 2 - Mrs Hinchcliffe

Class 2 have had a very successful term and Mrs Hinchcliffe has been really pleased with how hard each and every person has worked this term. The final writing topic, for the term, was based on Raymond Brigg's Snowman and the quality of the writing was wonderful to see but more importantly it was lovely to see the pride that everyone took in what they had produced.

In maths we have been working on multiplication and division and again all the children have been trying hard to learn their tables. This is something that you could help them with at home. They are very enthusiastic!

Outside lesson time GEMs Club (Girls Enjoy Maths) is up and running on a Friday which is well attended and lots of fun.



Date	Event	Time	Notes
Friday 21 st December	Christmas jumper day, Christingles and Carols around the Tree	1.30 pm	Christmas jumpers /tops/ hats optional
24 th December – 4 th January 2019	Christmas holiday		
Monday 7 th January	Spring term begins		School reopens to pupils
Friday 11 th January	Class 2 Forest School	All day	More details to follow
Tuesday 29 th January	PTA cake stall - Reception	3.15 pm	School yard
15 th February	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
18 th – 22 nd February	Spring half term holiday		
Monday 25 th February	School reopens to pupils		
Tuesday 5 th March	Class 2 trip to Housesteads - Roman re-enactment	All day	More details to follow
Friday 8 th March	Class 1 Forest School	All day	More details to follow
8 th April – 19 th April	Easter holiday		
Monday 22 nd April	Bank holiday Monday	All day	School closed to staff and pupils
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens to pupils		
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday Monday	All day	School closed to staff and pupils
27 th May – 31 st May	Summer half term holiday		
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens to pupils		
Monday 8 th July	Transfer day	All day	Children to visit new classes /schools.
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer holiday		