



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

End of year newsletter 2022/2023

Upcoming dates

4th September – Inset day school closed

5th September – school re-opens for new school year

Miss Williamson's message

I cannot believe it is the final week and time to say farewell to our amazing Year 4 children. We have a week packed full of fun, celebration and enjoyment for all children and they are thoroughly loving every moment.

I cannot begin to explain how incredibly proud I am of everything we have achieved this year. This has only been possible because of the whole community coming together to do the best for our children. I would like to thank you all for being so positive and supportive of everything we do.

As you are all aware we are saying a fond farewell to a number of staff at the end of this term. I would just like to say how grateful we are for all of their hard work and dedication to Acomb First School and we wish them the best of luck in their new roles.

We hope you all have the most amazing summer together and we cannot wait to see you all back in September when we welcome our new Reception children and some new staff.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email:

hannah.williamson@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hannah Williamson

Y4 leavers



I am sure many of the children who are leaving will have completely mixed emotions this week. Excited about what lies ahead, nervous as they do not really know what to expect and sad as they are leaving the security of our school behind. However, I know the Year 4 children are more than ready to start the next stage of their lives and my hope is that they will take with them many special memories from their time with us. I also know they leave us as wonderful, caring citizens.

Statutory Assessments

As you will be aware, children in different year groups undertake varying statutory tests at the end of the year and we have to report these on our website. They will be posted there in due course. Please find below the tables with all statutory test results for this academic year. We are delighted with such positive outcomes which really show the impact of all of the changes to the curriculum this year. The only results which are not on in the table are for the Year 4 multiplication check as there is no pass mark or data for that test. We are very pleased with all results this year and proud of our children for their dedication and hard work.

	% of Pupils Achieving the Expected Standard	% of Pupils Exceeding the Expected Standard	% of Pupils Achieving the Expected Standard: National*
Early Years Good Level of Development	63%	N/A	65%
Year 1 Phonics Screening Test	100%	N/A	75%
KS1 Reading/Writing/Maths Combined	92%	23%	59%
KS1 Reading	92%	54%	67%
KS1 Writing	92%	23%	58%
KS1 Maths	92%	69%	68%



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call One Call on:

01670 536400



Summer Fair

The summer fair was yet again an enormous success. We cannot thank the PTA and Little Oaks Committee enough for all of their support to make the whole event so amazing.

I was very impressed with the quality of the children's enterprise work again and I know you were too as they sold lots and made an amazing profit. The children will decide how this money is spent before the end of the term.



Uniform swap

The uniform swap has begun and will continue at the end of each day in the yard (or hall if the weather is not good) during this week, with the exception of Wednesday due to the beach trip. We are really trying to think about the promotion of environmental issues with children and the importance of reusing and recycling. Your support through donations and collecting uniform to reuse next year is much appreciated. Many thanks to parents and KS2 children who have helped with the organisation of this event.



Message from our Chair of Governors

As the school year draws to a close I would like to pay tribute to Miss Williamson, all the staff and, of course, the children for their hard work in making Acomb First School an exciting and successful place to learn. This was endorsed by the Ofsted team who visited towards the end of April. The report is a real pleasure to read and reflects our school very well. Well done everyone!

The major piece of work governors have been involved in this term is setting the budget for the year 23/24. School funding is always a juggling act but I'm pleased to say the future is looking good.

We received the annual Safeguarding report from Miss Williamson too. Safeguarding rightly has a high priority at Acomb and it is pleasing to note that the children report feeling safe at school and know who to turn to if they have a problem. Data from both internal and external assessments is looking very positive. The children have made real gains in their learning and are well poised for their next steps.

We have welcomed a new Local Authority appointed governor, Jo Wright, and look forward to working with her. Jo replaces Jim Vennart who resigned earlier this year.

As is often the way at the end of a school year we say 'goodbye' to several members of staff. We thank them for the part they have played in making Acomb such a good school and wish them well in the future. Good luck also to the Year 4 children who are moving on; they are well-placed to make the move to middle school.

I would like to thank my fellow governors for giving of their time so freely to support our school and look forward to working with them next year.

And finally, I wish you all a great summer. Enjoy the break and see you in September!



Sports Day

A little bit of rain certainly did not stop us from having a wonderful sports day. Thank you so much to all of the parents who threw on their waterproofs to come and cheer along their children. Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback on this event. I am so pleased it was such a positive opportunity for the children. Their teamwork, sportsmanship and hard work really shone through!