

# **Acomb County First School Newsletter**



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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## **Head Teacher Message**

Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families, we are delighted that you have chosen Acomb First School and we hope you will be very happy here.

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and managed to enjoy some quality family time together, and also enjoy some of the lovely weather we had.

Thank you for sending such smartly dressed children, they look fabulous and I know they will do a super job of representing our school throughout the year and make us all proud!

Please remember, if you are unsure of anything, need our help in anyway, or have an important message to pass on please contact us via Tapestry, email or call the office, or see a member of staff on the yard.

We like to have regular contact and work closely with parents and carers, which not only guarantees happy children but also enables us all to share lots of wonderful experiences and memories between home and school.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Clarke

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## **School News**

### **Exciting news!**

Miss Eames would like to share her exciting news with you; baby number 3 is on the way and due in early March. Congratulations from all of us!

### **Congratulations!**

A huge congratulations to Little Oaks Nursery who secured their 3<sup>rd</sup> Outstanding Ofsted Report following an inspection in the summer term.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/2503549>

### **Class 2 Swimming payments**

Swimming costs this half term which includes transport is £30.00 (or £5.00 per week) payable via Iris+Pay.

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

### **Snack**

Children in Reception and Class 1 continue to receive a free snack at break time as part of the Government Fruit and Veg Scheme. Children in Class 2 may bring in a healthy snack from home. Please can this be fresh fruit or veg rather than sugary cereal bars. Thank you.

### **Coats**

Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat every day as we make the most of playtimes and outdoor learning whatever the weather!

### **Late Arrivals after Registration Closed**

If your child arrives late for school after 9.00am, please come to the office to sign your child in. Please note that if your child is late after registration has closed that this is recorded as an absence and will affect your child's attendance.

### **Walking home – Year 4 children only**

Children in Year 4 are permitted to walk home independently with written permission. Please email [admin@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk) stating your permission. If we already have your permission, you don't need to do anything. We would also ask that you notify Miss Strachan of the days that your child will be walking home.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

Data collection sheets were sent home last week for you to update and return to school. Please return the forms to school by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure that you have updated the contacts section and all relevant phone numbers.

### **PTA**

The PTA are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:15pm in the school hall and look forward to seeing new members at the meeting this year. Further information about the AGM and opportunities for new and existing members will be sent out soon. If you are unable to attend the AGM but would like to be a PTA member please contact the office.

### **School Admissions - Year 4**

The Online admissions portal opened on 12<sup>th</sup> September for applications to Middle School, follow the link below for details of how to apply online  
[http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Please contact the Admissions team on [schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk) if you have any questions.

**Please note that you have until the 31st October to apply.**

The following link will provide further information and guidance including access to the portal and a leaflet on how to apply:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

## **Class News**

### **A message from Class Teachers**

#### **Miss Dunlavy**

Reception children have settled in exceptionally well. We have been super impressed with how well they have come in and got on. We have been particularly impressed with their participation in PE. Keep it up!

#### **Miss Johnson**

Hello everyone!

I just wanted to say a little hello and well done Class 1 for such a good start to the new school year. Keep it up Class 1, you are all superstars! If you ever have any questions just let me know.

#### **Miss Strachan**

Class 2 have settled back to school, especially our new Year 3 children who have adjusted to life in KS2 really well. We have begun our 'Invaders and Settlers' topic and are looking forward to learning about the Romans in History! In English, we have started to focus on dragons and are working on adding detail and description to our writing. Year 3 children have been enjoying looking at tricky numbers in Maths and are already working on recognising 3-digit numbers! Well done Class 2! Keep up the fantastic work!

### **After School Club**

Please inform the school office if there are any changes or new bookings for After School Club, this enables us to keep registers up to date and let staff know home time arrangements. Thank you in advance.



#### **LITTLE OAKS NURSERY**

**2 YEARS - £15.75 PER 3 HOUR SESSION (for non-funded sessions)**

**3 & 4 YEARS- £14.25 PER 3 HOUR SESSION (for non-funded sessions)**

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB (includes breakfast)**

**£5.25 FOR 2 YEAR OLDS**

**£4.50 FOR 3 YEAR OLDS OR ABOVE**

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (includes snacks and meal usually served after 5pm)**

**£5.25 PER HOUR FOR 2 YEAR OLDS**

**£5.00 PER HOUR FOR 3 YEAR OLDS & ABOVE**

**£4.00 PER HOUR FOR SECOND CHILD**

**£3 PER HOUR FOR THIRD CHILD**

**Any enquiries please call 01434 613422**

# Acomb First School

## 2021-2022 School Calendar

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School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher Training Day (no school for students)



Bank Holidays

## Notices & Local Events



Acomb Parish Council's Climate Change subcommittee invites you to join us during Great Big Green Week to discuss  
***"Acomb and Climate Emergency - Opportunities and Challenges for Net Zero"***

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September@ 19:00-20:00** on Zoom – panel discussion with Q&A– email [acombpc@yahoo.com](mailto:acombpc@yahoo.com) for a zoom invitation

This is an initial discussion to look at how Acomb can reduce emissions and respond to the climate emergency

### Panel members

- Guy Nicholson – Acomb Climate Change subcommittee
- Bill Grainger – Humshaugh Net Zero
- Malcolm Newson – Climate Action Newbrough and Fourstones
- Matthew Baker – Northumberland County Council

# FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

Acomb Monthly Film Club is Back



## FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS

Comedy, Drama, Music (2019)

12A 1hr 52 mins

Ten fisherman from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties. Based on a true story.

**Friday 24th Sept**

**19:00—21:00**  
(Doors open at 18:30)

Come along and have an enjoyable evening in the company of others. Free tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available, or you may wish to bring your own snacks and drinks.

Prices (payable at the door): Adults £5.00 per person  
Under 16s: £2.00 per person

Covid restrictions will be applied to the spacing of tables and chairs and some windows will be open to ensure good air flow. Personal discretion should be applied to the wearing of face masks.

For future showings, please see [www.acomblocal.co.uk](http://www.acomblocal.co.uk)



QUEEN'S HALL ARTS CENTRE





### Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Notes
<b>September 2021</b>			
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Playmakers lunchtime Club begins	12.30 – 1pm	Year 4
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Multisport club begins	3.15-4.15	Class 2 children
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Gray's Outdoor Explorers club begins	3.15 – 4pm	Class 1 children
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Action 4 Acomb Big Green Week		
	Weekly Music lessons begin – Mr Reed	pm	All Classes
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September			
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	PTA AGM	3.15pm	All welcome
<b>October 2021</b>			
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu vaccinations		Permission slips returned
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Staff training Day		School closed to pupils
<b>November 2021</b>			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School reopens		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent consultations	3.30 pm – 6 pm	More information to follow via Parentmail
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultations	3.30 pm – 6 pm	More information to follow via Parentmail
<b>December 2021</b>			



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