

Acomb County First School Newsletter 10

Friday 8th March 2019



Acting Head Teacher Message

What a fantastic few weeks it's been! Every day has been jammed packed with wonderful opportunities for our children who are making the most of it by working hard and being the best they can be. There's far too much to mention but the highlights have certainly been the school trips to The Sill, Housesteads and Cogito books, World Book Day and the grand opening of the Garden Centre in Reception! Alongside this, our children continue to work hard in all of their lessons and are thoroughly enjoying their spring term topics.

School continues to be very busy in the weeks leading up to Easter, please check your ParentMails regularly to keep up to date. All of the current diary dates have been uploaded to the calendar on the school website too.

<http://www.acomb.northumberland.sch.uk/website/calendar/94447>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please see a member of staff on the school yard or contact the school office.

Mrs Clarke

School News

Congratulations!

As I am sure you will have already heard Miss Eames had a baby boy on the 20th February. Both Mum and baby Noah are doing well and Miss Eames hopes to pop into school soon so everyone can have a cuddle of little Noah!



Attendance

Overall attendance continues to be very good! Attendance figures are 97.08 % since the beginning of the academic year. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!



Parents evening

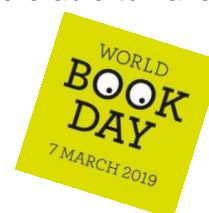
Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultations and for the lovely feedback regarding the standard of children's work and positive comments about your discussions with class teachers. We were very grateful to have had 100% attendance at parent consultations last week, which is fantastic! Your feedback is really important to us and we value and take note of every comment in order to continue to provide the best care and education for you children.

Pupil Progress Reports

I would be really grateful for some feedback on the reports - specifically the format, contents and also how useful you found them as parents at this point in the year. I would also be interested if you felt that they were missing anything specific that you consider valuable information. All feedback will remain confidential and if you could email me directly please on beth.clarke@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk Thank you.

Books and Butties!

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and join in with our Reading Stay and Share and World Book Day activities. Thank you also for the time and effort that was put into the children's costumes - they all looked fantastic! The children were delighted to hear that there were spare bacon butties left and all of them (if they wanted too) were able to have half of a sandwich at playtime.



Cricket Roadshow

Children in classes 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed the Cricket roadshow with Tom Cant and our children definitely showcased some of their cricketing talent! If your child would like to take part in further cricket activities, please contact Tom Cant on 07588161277 or email Tom on tom.cant@northumberlandcricketboard.co.uk



ParentMail

As Parentmail continues to be our main method of communication between school and home, we'd like to remind you to read all emails so you are as informed as possible. As on occasion we have noticed that only 16 out of 45 families have read an email. If you have any problems accessing your ParentMail account or activating the notification feature on the App please contact the school office. We can also send an email with an activation link to add grandparents or other family members who may also need to receive emails.

Move It - Fitness Class

A new dance and fitness class called Move it is being held on Monday mornings from 9.15am to 10.00am during term time at the Village Hall. The cost of the session is £4.00 and a crèche is available.

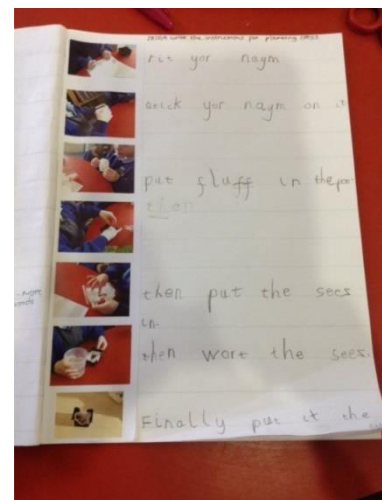
Head lice

We have recently had a couple of cases of head lice so please do check your child and ask a pharmacist for current treatment options.

Class news

Reception - Mrs Manning

Reception class have started their new topic all about growing. We have created a garden centre role play in the conservatory and the children have enjoyed taking turns to be the shopkeeper. We have grown cress and enjoyed tasting it and wrote instructions about how to do it. We have had a busy week this week with trips to the Sill, Cogito books and then dressing up for World Book Day!



Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One have been on an exciting adventure to Kenya in Geography! We had to make our own passports, locate Kenya on a world map and correctly label different parts of the country that we found out about on our adventure. Mrs Barber had to check our passports to make sure that we were ready to go on our plane journey.

We have also been on a very exciting bear hunt with Reception after reading the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", we even found a real bear! But we did think the bear looked a bit like Mrs Clarke hiding at the end of our bear hunt.

We have really enjoyed our visit to the Sill this week too! We enjoyed learning about different animals, creating our own animal masks and making our own stickmen in the rain. We would like to say a big thank you to Harry's mam and Sam's mam for coming along to help us on our trip.

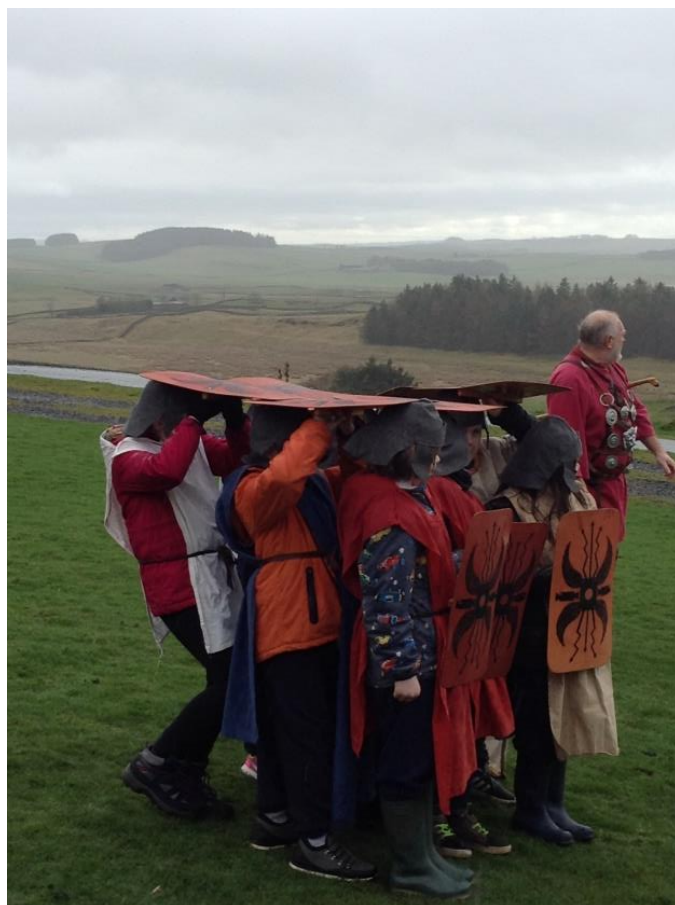


Class 2 - Mrs Hinchcliffe

What a busy couple of weeks we have had since we returned to school. We have enjoyed a cricket morning, a trip to Housesteads Fort and World Book Day as well as doing all our regular work.

We have moved on to studying the Romans and that is why we visited Housesteads. The weather was wet and cold but everyone enjoyed dressing up and training as Roman recruits. Roy, our instructor, was especially kind and gave us an extra hour which meant we had an expert guide when looking round the fort. I am sure the children will produce some fantastic writing about life in the Roman Army.

World book day was lots of fun and Class 2 did a fantastic job helping all the younger children with their work. It was wonderful to have so many parents in the classroom to share books with us. The bacon sandwiches were pretty good too!



Date	Event	Time	Notes
February			
Tuesday 12 th March	Class 2 cake stall	3.15 pm	School yard
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief	All day	Non uniform suggested donation £1.00
Thursday 21 st March	Open the book assembly	2.45 pm	Parents invited please arrive for 2.40 pm
Friday 29 th March	Class 1 Forest School - New date	All day	More details to follow
April			
Wednesday 3 rd April	Water safety week - Class 1 and 2 swimming lessons.	am	Normal swimwear plus T shirt and shorts.
Thursday 4 th April	Open the book assembly	2.45 pm	Staff and pupils only
Thursday 4 th April	PTA Easter Egg Bingo	3.15pm	More details to follow from PTA
Friday 5 th April	Easter Carol Service at St John Lee	1.30 pm	More details to follow Children can be taken home after the service
8th 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		
Tuesday 30 th April	Class 1 Cake stall	3.15 pm	School yard
May			
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday Monday	All day	School closed to staff and pupils
Tuesday 14 th May	Class 2 trip to Kielder Water – water vole hunting and ecology activities	All day	More details to follow No charge for this trip
Sunday 19 th May	PTA Summer Fair	TBC	More details to follow from PTA
27 th May – 31 st May	Summer half term holiday		
June			
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens to pupils		
Wednesday 5 th June – Friday 7 th June	Year 4 Residential - Calvert Trust		More details to follow
WB Monday 24 th June	Sports Week		More details to follow
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 4 Rounders event at Middle Schools	1.30 pm	More details to follow
Thursday 27 th June	Sports Day	1 pm	Parents/carers welcome
Friday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day	1 pm	Parents/carers welcome
July			
Monday 8 th July	Transfer day	All day	Children to visit new classes and year 4 to visit new schools.

Thursday 11 th July	Year 4 Leavers show	6 pm	Year 4 Parents/carers welcome
Friday 19 th July	Year 4 Leavers assembly and party	2 pm	Year 4 Parents/carers welcome
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer holiday		
September			
Monday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd September	School reopens to pupils		