



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

26th May 2023

Upcoming dates

See Diary dates sheet attached to the ParentMail.

Miss Williamson's message

The academic year continues to march on very quickly and this half term has already come to an end. It has been a really wonderful half term – I can see just how much progress all of the children have made this year. They are all amazing!

It is hard to believe that our Reception children have been with us almost a whole year. We are thrilled to be welcoming our new Reception cohort into school in September too. We are full for Reception next year. We will be writing to all those parents after half term to detail the opportunities for the new reception children to start their transition.

We do realise there is a lot of information contained in my fortnightly letters. However, we aim to keep you informed as much as possible so that you can plan your diaries and fill your calendars at home!

Please look very carefully at the diary dates as they include the most up-to-date list of activities and events planned for this term. As you can see, there is lots happening every week!

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 transition arrangements

Year 4 children will be moving up to their new schools on the 4th July and the rest of the school will also move up to spend a day of transition to prepare them for September. Year 4 parents could you please organise transport for your child to and from their new school on the Transfer day. If anyone has any issues trying to organise this please contact school and we will do what we can to help.



Parent Teacher Association

We are very keen to find some new members of the PTA. We have big events coming up in the summer and Autumn term and we really do need as much help as possible.

We are looking for members who can volunteer before and during events to support us and also for people who would like to be part of the running of the PTA.

The group is a wonderful, welcoming group of parents who are working really hard to support our school. If you could give any time, even if it is just the odd hour here and there, please get in touch. We need as many willing volunteers as possible!

The work of the PTA really does impact on the children. Their fundraising last year enabled us to buy the most amazing furniture for the home corner in Willow class and provide high quality maths resources for all classes.



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 is fast approaching. We are looking for volunteers to support with the organisation of this with the PTA. If you feel you could support us with this please contact Mrs Collingwood.

In addition to this we would like to request donations of the following item:

- Teddy bears (new or in good condition)
- Sweets
- Tombola prizes
- Toys and games
- Wine
- Cakes
- Plants

We are also looking for stocks, anyone who could support with face painting, a tractor visit or visit from a fire engine etc. If you have any contacts or an ability to support with this please do get in touch.



Uniform swap

We are really trying to think about the promotion of environmental issues with children and the importance of reusing and recycling. With this in mind we will be holding a uniform swap at the end of each day in the yard (or hall if the weather is not good) during the last week of term. In order to support this all children will be able to come to school in non-uniform for the final week of the term.



School Council

I have to say I have been blown away by the enthusiasm and hard work of the School Council this year. They really have made a huge difference to our school and continue to do so.

This week they used their profits from the School Council Tuck Shop (£150) to buy new playground equipment for everyone to enjoy. The summer is the best time for playtimes and all of the wonderful equipment will only make that even better. Well done to them all!

They have organised another non-uniform day today for our International charity – Save the Children. This has raised just under £30 for this charity which the children are very keen to support.

They have also been instrumental in the changes to the school dinner. We have now tried out the first two weeks of the menu and what a success it has been! It has been wonderful to see so many children who usually have packed lunch trying out one of our delicious school dinners. Many thanks to Mrs Collingwood for collating all of the information and keeping the kitchen well informed and of course a huge thank you to our kitchen team who have implemented these changes so well.

Attendance Matters



Attendance

As you know, good attendance is hugely important in ensuring your child has the best chance of reaching their full potential in school.

Our whole school average attendance up to this week is 95.57%