



# ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL



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There have been many events so far this half term and there are more to come.

## Class 2 music: Queen's Hall performance

On the 4<sup>th</sup> June several of our class 2 children performed on the stage with Mike and Kathryn Tickell alongside other young musicians to a packed Queen's Hall. They were nervous beforehand but performed professionally and thoroughly enjoyed their evening. The children were congratulated by many members of the audience and we are so proud of them. This was a fantastic opportunity made possible by Mike who is one of our school governors.

Den Day On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June the whole school took part in Den Day to raise money for Save the Children. Den Day is a day to think about and help those children less fortunate than us who might not have a proper house to live in. The day started with an assembly to find out about how Save the Children help by giving vital things like food and water, healthcare, protection, education and a safe place to shelter at night. Throughout the day, each class had time on the Common to design, create and evaluate their dens. The children used lots of problem solving skills to overcome obstacles and find solutions, such as finding a good place to build our shelter, how to make a structure and how to join pieces. They also had to work as a team and take account of each other's ideas. By the end of the day and despite the rain, all made successful shelters and had lots of fun in the process! We came together at the end of the day to look at photos of our shelters and to find out we had raised almost £100 for Save the Children! Well done everyone!

Rio 2016 Sports day Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children on a very hot afternoon. Well done to the parents who took part in races....without any injuries! The staff may consider a repeat teacher event next year!

Swimming Gala. Many children from class 2 took part in the Hexham Partnership Swimming Gala earlier this week and won a number of medals. We are also delighted that Acomb came third overall in the 25 metre contest which is a fantastic achievement for a small school

School visit Class 2 have had an interesting week following up our recently forged link with Bridgewater School in Newcastle. Class 2 visited Bridgewater on Tuesday and worked with the classes making lots of new friends and some children from Bridgewater visited Acomb enjoying a morning at Forest school. All children from both schools have agreed that they have enjoyed exploring a different school environment and meeting new people. We intend to continue and develop this link next year.

A visit from Beano cartoonist Kev Sutherland to class 2 has been a great success resulting in some fantastic comic drawings by Kev and the children with a Roman theme.

Congratulations to Little Oaks on their OUTSTANDING Ofsted report. There are now articles about both Little Oaks report and the school monitoring letter on the Hexham Courant website.

### Transfer Day Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Our year 4 children will be visiting their middle schools and spending the day there.

Our new starters have made their first visits and will be joining us again on transfer day from 9.15am to 12.30pm to include a school dinner .

All other children will be visiting their new classes and teachers as appropriate from 9.15am to 12.00pm.

#### Classes for September 2016 are

- Reception: Mrs Speed and Mrs Manning
- Class 1: (Year 1 and 2) Miss Louise Thompson
- Class 2: (year 3 and 4) Mrs Hinchcliffe

### Staff changes for September 2016

We have a number of changes to staffing for September 2016 which will ensure that the school is run efficiently for the children. I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment and wish all those who are moving on the very best in their future roles.

Leavers; Mrs Billany who has a new job teaching in Newcastle, Nikki English who has a new job as a teaching assistant at another school, Sharon, our lunchtime assistant who has a new job with more hours at the high school and Mrs Andrea Brown, Mrs Julie Nixon and Mrs Nikki Hassett who all have new plans for their next steps.

Vacancies; we currently have vacancies for a general catering assistant and a lunchtime supervisory assistant. Details are on the Job North east website.

### Acomb Childcare After school club September 2016

A leaflet will be available very soon with details. Please do contact Nikki English for any information you may require.

**Dinner Money; Please ensure all payments are up to date before the end of this term.** In September 2016 school dinners will cost £2.10 per day. This is the first increase in about eight years and we hope you understand the need for the increase.

In September we will have to insist that all monies are paid in advance as school cannot carry debts. If monies are not received we cannot provide a dinner and will ring you to let you know that payment is needed immediately.

## **Diary dates**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Top link festival ( Class 2)	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception class assembly for parents	2.45pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer day; year 4 to middle schools	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Skipping festival (class 2)	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 1 multi-sport event at Hexham Middle school. Details to follow.	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 1 assembly for parents	2.45
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers show	6.30 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA & Little Oaks End of year BBQ. Tickets now available.	5.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly and celebration. End of term.	2.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	First day of Summer holiday	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Teacher training day	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	New term starts.	

Acomb Toddlers Group now meets every Wednesday at 9.30am-11am in the school hall. (Term time only). All welcome.

School website The website is regularly updated with news and pictures so do take a look.

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