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Acting Head Teacher Message

February has finally arrived and it has been a busy few weeks in school. In PE, Mr Thompson has been super impressed with class 1 and 2's skills, behaviour and sportsmanship in Tag Rugby. As this is the 2nd year he has delivered PE at Acomb he can see the progression of skills and tells me that we have some excellent sporting talent in school! Reception class have had an exciting time exploring the park and baking cakes, they have also enjoyed PE and have been practicing their throwing and catching skills too!

There are lots of exciting trips and events planned for Spring term and all new dates have been added to the diary dates section in red and the calendar on the school website.

Please note, some of the dates are provisional and we aim to confirm those dates as soon as possible. Also, please note the change to Class 1 Forest School Date. Please contact the school office or see a member of staff on the yard if you have any queries.

Mrs Clarke

School News

Goodbye!

We say a fond farewell and good luck to Miss Eames today who starts her maternity leave on Monday. Enjoy a little rest while you can! We look to hearing the good news soon!

Pupil Progress Reports

Following the feedback from the Parent Voice questionnaire last term, we have decided to introduce a mid-year pupil progress report that will provide you with an update of your child's progress in school. We hope the extra information will prove useful at this point in the year to give you a clear picture of how your child is doing and an opportunity for class teachers to offer suggestions of anything you can do to help.

You will receive the reports in a sealed envelope on Monday 25th February and will have the opportunity to discuss the report and ask any questions you may have at the parent consultation appointments on the Tuesday and Thursday of the same week. I will be asking

for your feedback about the reports following the consultations, so please have any comments or suggestions ready.

Attendance

Overall attendance continues to be very good! Attendance figures are 97.26 % since the beginning of the academic year. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

Payment Reminders

Thank you to those of you who have paid swimming contributions this term. These contributions help enormously to cover the cost of swimming and the coach each week, as any shortfall is paid for by the school. It really does make a difference. For information on the cost of swimming please see the school website

http://www.acomb.northumberland.sch.uk/website/payment_information_-_spring_term/385235

School gate

Could we kindly ask that you close the school gate when entering or leaving the school yard at home time? This will prevent children from running out of the gate onto the road and ensures their safety whilst the road is at its busiest. Thank you.

Requests

A request from Mrs Barber, if anyone has any old newspapers and/or balloons could you please send them into school for class 1 to make Papier Mache globes. Thank you.

Thank you from Mrs Manning

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for Reception outdoor area. We'd like to say a big thank you to Ian Plumley from Primrose Coaches for donating the big tyres.

Class news

Reception - Mrs Manning

Reception class have been learning all about patterns in maths. We started looking at AB patterns and have been continuing and copying patterns, spotting errors in patterns and creating our own.

Today we started learning about ABC patterns and later will look at ABB and ABCD patterns!! Samuel even managed to get a pattern that kept going, all around our whole table!

We enjoyed making butterfly cakes for the Reception PTA cake stall and went for a winter walk to play in the park.

We are very sad to say farewell to Miss Eames this week, but look forward to finding out if she has a girl or a boy.



Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One have been working as part of a team in English to create their own questions about Acomb. We made sure that we had lots of very interesting questions about the things that we want to know about Acomb.

We then worked with a partner to locate and highlight key information in different texts about Acomb to help us answer some of our questions.

In art we have been using watercolour paints to carefully mix colours to create an African Sunset, we then made our own African animal silhouettes to add to the sunset.

We had a lovely visitor in Class One last week called Brownie Bear, who was very excited to come to visit school. The children were very happy to help Brownie Bear and taught her how to write, whilst also making sure that she had a home to live in and somewhere to sleep.

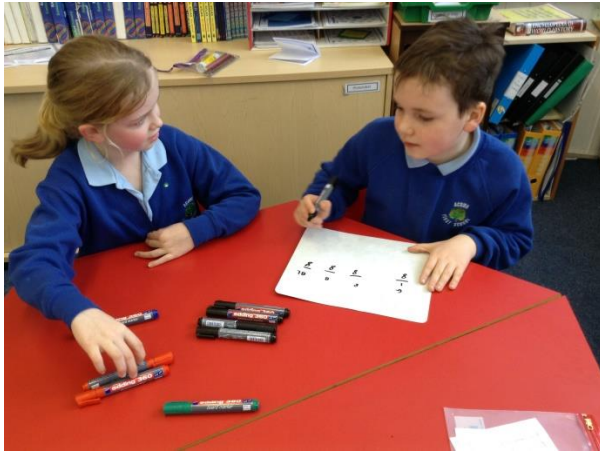


Class 2 - Mrs Hinchcliffe

Class 2 are continuing to enjoy reading The Iron Man and this has resulted in lots of fantastic descriptive writing.

In maths we have moved from multiplication to fractions. We started our topic by investigating fractions all around us and it is really great to hear all of the maths talk going on as the children work.

In topic we have designed shields for Celtic warriors and written adverts for the new technology of the time: hill forts and iron.



Date	Event	Time	Notes
February			
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day 2019	All day	Activities in class
Monday 11 th February	Non uniform day	All day	No donation required
Monday 11 th February	PTA Disco	3.15 – 5 pm	More details to follow from PTA
Friday 15 th February	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
18 th – 22 nd February	Spring half term holiday		
Monday 25 th February	School reopens to pupils		
Monday 25 th February	Pupil progress reports going home		Mid-year update of your child's progress
Tuesday 26 th February	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6pm	Please return reply slips by 4 th February
Thursday 28 th February	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6pm	Please return reply slips by 4 th February
March			
Friday 1 st March	Cricket roadshow workshops - Class 1 and 2	am	Wear Wentworth kit to school
Tuesday 5 th March	Reception and Class 1 trip to The Sill	All day	More details to follow
Tuesday 5 th March	Class 2 trip to Housesteads - Roman re-enactment	All day	More details to follow
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day 2019	All day	Dress up as a character from a book.
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
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 swim wear plus T shirt and shorts.
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 Provisional date TBC	1.30 pm	More details to follow
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

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		