

# Acomb County First School Newsletter



Friday 17th January 2010

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## Head Teacher Message

Welcome back and despite Christmas now being a distant memory, I do hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable break. Children have returned to school raring to go, and have enjoyed the first two weeks of spring term. Teachers are busy finalising school trips and workshops linked to topics that are being covered in each class. We look forward to another fantastic term and as always, if you have any queries please come and speak to a member of staff.

Mrs Clarke

## School News

### Attendance

The good start to the year has continued, and despite a little drop due to illness, attendance figures are % since the beginning of the term. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

### Payment Information – Spring term

#### **School Meals – Year 3 & 4 only**

A school meal is available for your child at a cost of £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week.

#### **Swimming & Multisport – Year 1 to 4 only**

The cost for Swimming for the first half of the spring term will be £5.00 per week or £25 for the half term.

Our preferred method of payment is via +Pay or alternatively payments can be made by cash or cheque.

**You can check how much money is outstanding by logging into your +Pay Parentmail account. Please do not allow debts to build up.**

### House points

Congratulations to Chillingham who were this week's House point winners they will receive extra playtime as a reward!

<b>Alwick</b>	<b>Chillingham</b>	<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>Warkworth</b>
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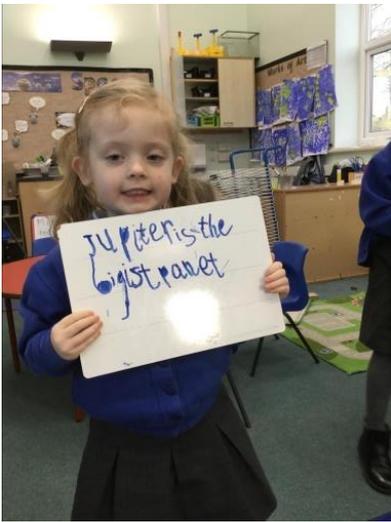
## Class news

### Reception - Miss Dunlavy

Welcome back Reception!

We have just started our new topic around Space. The children have been helping astronauts pack their bag for a space visit, painted firework pictures and some have even been on their own space adventure in the class spaceship!  
We have enjoyed starting gymnastics and tag rugby in PE, practicing our balancing and catching.

You could even ask us about the space facts that we have been learning!



## Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One have come back from their holidays and are working amazingly hard! We have started our topic for this term 'Fire and Ice'. This half-term we will be focusing on fire, before moving onto ice. In the last two weeks we have started to learn about the Great Fire of London.

We have read the story of 'Sammy the Street Dog' and began to investigate the character in the story, we've created character descriptions using ambitious adjectives to describe Sammy's personality and appearance.

We then started to focus on the fire as the setting of the story. We then recorded lots of amazing adjectives to describe the things that we could see, hear, smell, feel and taste.

In science, we have been investigating different materials to learn about how the shapes of objects made from some materials can be changed. We completed a table to help us test different materials to see if we could squash, bend, twist or stretch the different materials.

We are planning to create our own houses from the Great Fire of London and would appreciate if you could bring any small cardboard boxes or cereal boxes into school for us to use. Thank you!

The children also received their Class Dojo Point reward of a film and some sweeties this Tuesday for reaching 2000 dojos! Mrs Barber is proud of how hard the children are working and their amazing positive attitudes towards school life. Well done Class One children!



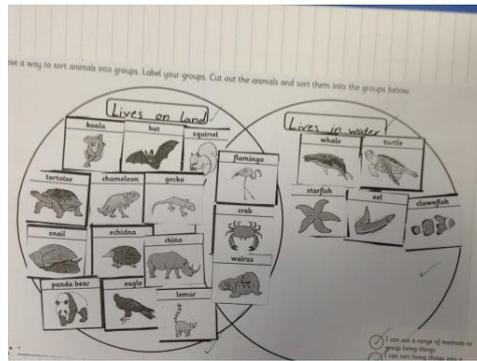


# Everyday Materials



## Class 2 – Miss Strachan

Class 2 have been settling back into school life really well. We have been diving into our topic of Rainforests! We have started our class book *The Explorer* and we have planned diary entries, describing what it would be like to be lost in the Rainforest. In Science, we have been investigating which animals live in the rainforest and have looked at habitats and grouping animals using Venn and Carroll diagrams.



## Gymnastics Club

Miss Strachan has been very impressed with the children who have been working hard in gymnastics club the past two weeks. We have been working on balances and making shapes with our bodies, as well as starting to look at floor skills. The children also really enjoyed using the climbing frame!



# Acomb Flood Alleviation Scheme

## Community Update

January 2020

The Environment Agency and Northumberland County Council are working together to reduce flood risk in Acomb. This newsletter provides you with an update on our work.



### **Acomb Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS)**

We are continuing to progress our work to develop and deliver a scheme in Acomb that will reduce flood risk.

We've looked at a range of options and a preferred way forward has been developed that consists of a combination of traditional engineering within Acomb and natural flood management in the upper catchment. This option would reduce flood risk to 41 properties in Acomb.

The preferred option is to construct a small earth embankment and flood wall to keep river flows within the water channel at the debris screens at Morrison Terrace; improved road drainage to manage surface water; and the use of natural flood management features upstream, including in-channel leaky barriers, woody debris and floodplain reconnection in order to reduce the overall flow in the Red Burn through Acomb.

We have received formal approval from our national project assurance board to deliver this scheme. Detailed design of the solution is currently underway and construction of the in-town work is expected to start in February 2020.

We are working with the Tyne Rivers Trust on the development of the natural flood management features and we've engaged with a number of local landowners and land managers where the features may be installed. Construction of the NFM features will continue into 2021.

Engagement with Action4Acomb about the delivery of the scheme is also ongoing.

We have also agreed and secured a financial contribution from Highways England from their Environment Designated Fund which has helped to fill a funding shortfall.

### **Maintenance**

The Red Burn is a main river and the Environment Agency has powers to carry out maintenance to help reduce flood risk. Current maintenance work includes regular clearance of the trash screens, including clearance during high flows when necessary. We also deliver weed control in the water channel, the removal of Japanese Knotweed and works to maintain access to the screens.

Where appropriate, we also respond reactively to anything that may increase the risk of flooding to properties.

We have planned intermittent works for 2020 and 2021 which include small scale improvements to existing assets and a CCTV survey of the culverts.

### **Environment Agency contact details**

**Acomb FAS Project Manager – Duncan Harrison:** 020847 46452

**North East contact email:** [northeast-newcastle@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:northeast-newcastle@environment-agency.gov.uk)

**General enquiries:** Telephone: 03708 506 506

### **Environment incident hotline**

Telephone: 0800 80 70 60 (24 hour service)



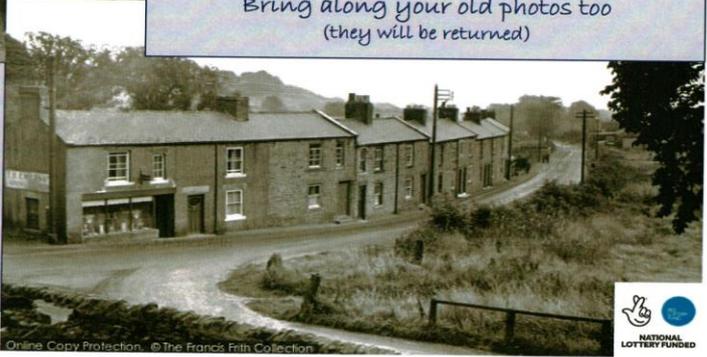


Entry Free

Celebrate Annual Village Hall Week!

An exhibition of old photos of Acomb  
All welcome  
to view Acomb's rich history  
Bring along your old photos too  
(they will be returned)

Saturday  
25 January 2020  
10.30 to 12.30pm  
Acomb Village Hall



Donations towards the History Society are welcome

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Date	Event	Time	Notes
<b>January 2020</b>			
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Operation Encompass PSHE Workshop KS 2 Sarah Donnison		After school drop in for parents carers to chat to Sarah
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 Forest School	am	Letters to be issued wb 20.1.20
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Mini Medics Workshop – First Aid training for all children	pm	More information to follow
<b>February</b>			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2019	All day	More information to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 2 Forest School	am	Letters to be issued wb 27.1.20
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 2 Tag Rugby competition	TBC	More information to follow
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Gymnastics Competition	TBC	More information to follow
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring half term holiday		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to pupils Interim reports to go home		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent consultations	3:30 – 6pm	More information to follow
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent consultations	3:30 – 6pm	More information to follow
<b>March</b>			
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	All day	More information to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week		STEM activities in school
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Operation Encompass PSHE Workshop KS 1 Sarah Donnison	pm	After school drop in for parents carers to chat to Sarah
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2 Forest School	am	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class 1 Forest School	am	
<b>April</b>			
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of Spring term		School closed for Easter
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens to pupils		
<b>May</b>			
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday	All day	Please note the change of date
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 Residential - Calvert Trust Kielder		Please return reply slips and £20 deposit
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer half term holiday	All week	
<b>June</b>			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School reopens to pupils		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 taster morning at HMS	am	More information to follow
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photographs	am	More information to follow
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer fair – provisional date TBC	11-1 pm	More information to follow
<b>July</b>			
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term		

We have uploaded all of the current diary dates to the calendar and will continue to update the class pages with information regularly. Please note: It is occasionally necessary to change dates and times of events. Where a date or time changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.



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