

Acomb County First School Newsletter 1



Friday 13th September 2019

Head Teacher Message

Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families, we are delighted that you have chosen Acomb First School and we hope you will be very happy here. I hope you have had a relaxing summer and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine in between the showers!

Thank you for sending such smartly dressed children, they look fabulous and I know they will do a super job of representing our school throughout the year and make us all proud!

Please remember, if you are unsure of anything or if you need our help in anyway, don't hesitate to call us, email us or visit the office. We like to work closely with parents, so that we can all enjoy and share lots of wonderful memories in a happy and vibrant school.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Clarke

Welcome!

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Miss Dunlavy and Miss Strachan who have joined the team at Acomb. They have been very busy in the holidays transforming their classrooms ready for their new classes. They have been busy getting to know all of the children and staff in school and have settled in wonderfully. Welcome back to the lovely Mrs Barber who was more excited than her children to be back at school! ☺



Attendance

A great start to the year, attendance figures are 97.76 % since the beginning of the term. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn! As we were able to maintain our whole school attendance target of 96% last year our new target is to maintain an attendance figure of 97% and above this year, we can do it!



Welcome meetings

You will have received a letter with details of the welcome meetings that will take place next week. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible. Thank you.

School lunches

The summer term menu continues next week; the updated menu has been uploaded to the school website. Next week will be week 3 of the menu.

Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets will be coming home in book bags next week for you to update and return to school in the envelope provided. Please return the forms to school by Friday 20th September. Please ensure that you have updated the contacts section and all relevant phone numbers.

PTA

The PTA are currently setting a date for their AGM and are looking forward to seeing new members at the meeting this year. Further information about the AGM and opportunities for new and existing members will be sent out soon.



Dinner Money and Swimming Money

Can any money including any outstanding payments from last year, be paid as soon as possible. Please send in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and details of what the payment is for. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week or £83.60 for the whole half term. Please do not allow debts to build up.

Snack

Children in Reception and Class 1 continue to receive a free snack at break time as part of the Government Fruit and Veg Scheme. Children in Class 2 may bring in a healthy snack from home.



Walking home – Year 4 children only

Children in year 4 are permitted to walk home independently with written permission. We would also ask that you notify Miss Strachan of the days that your child will be walking home.

School website

The school website is currently being updated; 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.

School Admissions

The Online admissions portal opened on the 12th September for applications to Middle School, details how to apply online have been sent to Year 4 children via Parentmail. Please contact the Admissions team on 01670 624 889 if you have any questions.

The following link will provide further information and guidance:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

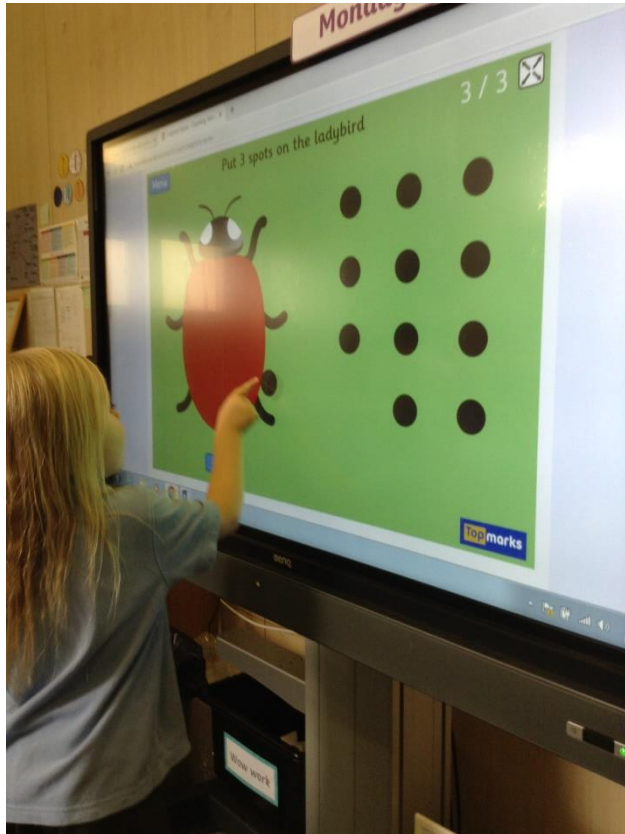
Class news

Reception - Miss Dunlavy

For our first week back at school, we have enjoyed having some time to settle in and get used to our new surroundings. We have had a fantastic week practising ordering numbers, dressing up as knights and princesses, building models in the construction area and making little forest people.

This week we have started our Phonics and Maths work. We have been focusing on number recognition and counting in maths. The children have blown me away with how well they are doing! We have also been on a trip in the village to go blackberry picking with Nursery. What a fantastic start to the school year. Keep it up Reception!





Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One have had a fantastic start to the term! We have enjoyed learning all about castles and have been able to label the different parts of a castle. We have been learning about place value in maths and have been able to match the correct quantity to the numerals; some of the Year Two children were able to do this with numbers beyond one hundred!

Our P.E lessons have been amazing! We have all listened carefully to follow instructions and worked together as part of a team and in partners. I am very impressed with Class One's positive attitude to learning and their enthusiasm when reading both at school and at home.

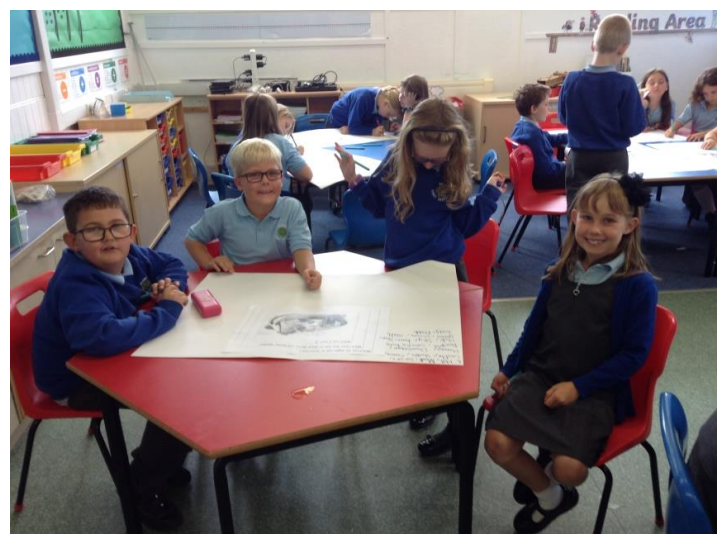




Class 2 – Miss Strachan

Class Two have been diving into their topic of Castles and Knights. They have been making a timeline of British history, studying who invaded and when and exploring Motte and Bailey castles!

We have started our class text in English, John Drawbridge: A Medieval Knight in Training. We have been looking at what life was really like for a Norman knight in training - we decided it would be both exciting and tough! We have studied the features of diary entries and have begun writing our own diaries from the characters perspective using time adverbials.



Local events and notices

HEXHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING / OPEN DAY

For parents interested in Year 5 or Year 7 entry in September 2020



Information Evening for Parents and Pupils Thursday 19 September 2019, 6.00—8.00pm

This is your opportunity to see our lovely school and to meet senior staff, teachers and pupils.

Headteacher's talks:

6.00pm for those interested in a Year 5 place

6.30pm for those interested in a place in any year group

Parents' Open Day

Friday 27 September 2019 (10—11am or 11.15am—12.15pm)

This is your opportunity to visit the school during a working day and have a full tour led by a senior member of staff.

To book a place, please telephone 01434 602533 or email admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk

St Joseph's RC Middle School



Specialist Arts College



arts colleges

You are cordially invited to attend
an Open Evening for prospective parents
and pupils for September 2020

at 6.30pm on

Thursday 26th September 2019

www.hexhamstjosephs.uk

Acomb Floral, Horticultural & Industrial Society



will be held in The Village Hall, Acomb
On

Saturday 14th September 2019

ALL ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED ON DAY OF SHOW
BETWEEN 9.30am & 12.30pm

SHOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING FROM 4pm
ADMISSION 50p; CHILDREN Free with Adult

Presentations at 5.15pm, followed by lifting of entries.
Sale of Flowers and Produce from 5:30pm

OVER £1,500 IN PRIZES



Date	Event	Time	Notes
September			
Saturday 14th September	Acomb Leek Show		
Tuesday 17 th September	Class welcome meetings	3.15 pm	Please return reply slips
Wednesday 18 th September	Music lessons begin - Djembe drums	2 pm	
Thursday 19 th September	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Children and staff
Thursday 19 th September	Hexham Middle School Open Evening	6 pm	
Thursday 26 th September	St Joseph's Middle School Open Evening	6.30 pm	
Friday 27 th September	McMillan coffee morning and stay and share	9 am – 10 am	Coffee and cakes in the hall and a chance to visit children in their classrooms.
October			
Thursday 3 rd October	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Children and staff
Tuesday 8 th October	Parent Consultations	3-6 pm	More information to follow
Thursday 10 th October	Operation Encompass – The Next Steps KS 1 and 2 PSHE Workshop 2 – Emotions and Anger. Sarah Donnison - School Safeguarding Liaison Officer	1 - 3.15 pm	After school drop in for parents/carers to chat Sarah from 3.15 pm
Thursday 10 th October	Parent Consultations	3 - 6 pm	More information to follow
Monday 14 th October	Flood Safety Week	All week	Lots of exciting activities planned
Thursday 17 th October	Nasal flu vaccinations	11 am	Letters to be returned by Friday 13th September
Wednesday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival – Acomb Methodist Church	1.45 pm	TBC
Friday 25 th October	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
Monday 28 th October	Half term holiday		
November			
Monday 4 th November	School reopens to pupils		
Tuesday 5 th November	Whole School Visit - Newcastle Castle	All day	More information to follow
Thursday 7th November	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Children and staff
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need		More information to follow
December			
Thursday 5th December	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Children and staff
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day		More information to follow
Wednesday 18 th December	Queens Hall Performance 'A Viking Christmas' and Viking Workshop	All day	More information to follow
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn term		

January 2020			
Monday 6 th January 2020	Teacher Training Day	All Day	
Tuesday 7 th January	School reopens to pupils for Spring term		
February			
Friday 14 th February	Teacher Training Day		
Monday 17 th February	Spring half term holiday		
Monday 24 th February	School reopens to pupils		
March			
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	All Day	More information to follow
April			
May			