Acomb County First School Newsletter

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Friday 4th February 2022

Head Teacher Message

Thank you for all of your kindness and patience recently, during what has been the most challenging few weeks in school due to significant staff and pupil absence. We have worked hard to ensure that school has been able to continue to operate as it should and maintain face to face learning for all classes and remote learning for those isolating at home. Children have coped very well in the presence of supply staff and adjusted to the changes well. We hope the weeks leading up to half term will be more settled and allow us to go ahead with trips and visits that have been on hold until now. A huge thank you to all staff who have helped to keep the kitchen open and serving hot meals.

Children across school have been enjoying a range of activities for National Story Telling Week and also celebrating the Lunar New Year. Our Year 4 Sports Leaders have been coaching younger children at breaktimes and introducing new games to develop their sporting skills.

Thankfully, the number of Covid cases in each class have dropped significantly over the last few days and if they continue to remain low we can look at reviewing some of our preventative measures in the coming weeks.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Clarke



School News

Staffing Update



A fond farewell to Miss Kylie Rutherford who has covered the role of Kitchen assistant recently, thank you for all of your hard work! A very warm welcome to Mrs Lynda Heslop who has returned to the role of kitchen assistant this week.

Mrs Gillian Bell will be joining us as a teaching assistant whilst Miss Eames is on maternity leave. Mrs Bell will be in school next week on Monday and Wednesday to get to know children and staff before starting with us after half term.

Whilst Mrs Collingwood is unable to be in school we have secured some temporary cover to help in the office, Mrs Tara Wright will be in the office from Monday 7th February.

Year 4 Residential



Availability this year has been exceptionally limited due to higher than usual demand as schools continue to reschedule trips multiple times, however, we have been able to secure last minute availability at the Robin Wood Centre at Alston in the last week of summer term. We are currently finalising arrangements with the centre and details will be sent out very soon.

Parent consultations

We aim to hold face to face consultations in the week beginning the 7th March. Appointments can be booked via Parentmail from 5pm on Wednesday 9th February.

After School Club

Please inform the school office if there are any changes or new bookings for After School Club, this enables us to keep registers up to date and let staff know home time arrangements. Thank you in advance.



Safeguarding

Mrs Clarke and Miss Dunlavy are our schools designated Safeguarding Leaders. If you have concerns about a child please contact one of them or call One Call on 01670 536 400 or 999 in an emergency.



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EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

Where is the most extreme place you have ever read a book? Whether it is up a mountain, standing on your head or up a tree. We want to see your photos!

As part of our World Book Day Celebrations, we are challenging you to read somewhere extreme and send it school by Thursday 3rd March 2022!

Prizes to be given to the best extreme reading in each class! Good Luck!

(Please remember to stay safe at all times! Please don't try some of these at home!)







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2021-2022 School Calendar

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School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher Training Day (no school for students)



Bank Holidays

Community events



We are also doing a 25% off Early Bird offer if booked before Sunday 6th February!

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Notes
	February 2022		
Tuesday 8 th February	E Safety Day	All day	Activities taking place in class
Thursday 10 th February	Seven Stories visit Class 2 and Reception	All day	ParentMail issued
Thursday 17 th February	Seven Stories visit - Class 1	All day	ParentMail being issued soon
Thursday 17 th February	Class 2 Forest School	am	Information to follow
Friday 18 th February	Staff training Day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 21 st Feb – Friday 25 th Feb	Spring Half term.	All week	School closed to children
Monday 28 th February	School recommences		School open to all
•	March 2022		
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day- Children invited to dress up as favourite book character or non – uniform.	All day	Class One children will still take part in Forest School so may bring a change of clothes and wellies.
Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6pm	Appointments bookable via ParentMail from 9.2.22 at 5pm.
Thursday 10 th March	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6pm	Appointments bookable via ParentMail from 9.2.22 at 5pm.
Monday 14 th March	British Science week	All week	Activities taking place in class
Thursday 17 th March	Full Governing Body meeting	6 pm	
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief	All day	Information to follow
	April 2022		
Tuesday 5 th April	Skipping Festival	tbc	Information to follow
Friday 8 th April	School closed in lieu of the Bank Holiday for Queens Platinum Jubilee that falls in half term		School closed
Monday 25 th April	School recommences		
	May 2022		
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Monday 2 nd May	Mayday Prook up for summer half term		School closed
Friday 27 th May	Break up for summer half term June 2022		
Monday 6 th June	School recommences		
	July 2022		
Tuesday 12 th July	Transfer Day – Hexham Partnership		
TBC	Year 4 Residential		Information to follow
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term		
	September 2022		

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