



ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL



Head teacher Mrs Angela Speed

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It has been a very busy half term and we are looking forward to a further number of events between now and the end of the summer term as we prepare our year four children for their next steps and welcome our new reception 2016 children and their families to our school community.

Staffing Update June 2016

Mrs Manning will be returning from her maternity leave after half term and will be sharing the teaching of the reception class with Mrs Billany who is staying with us until the end of the summer term. We would like to welcome Mrs Manning back and are delighted that Mrs Billany can continue to work with the reception children and their families for the rest of the school year. Mrs Manning will also teach Class 2 on Fridays until the end of the summer term with Mrs Hinchcliffe continuing to teach class 2 for the rest of the week.

We are delighted to inform you that the governors have appointed a new teacher and Miss Louise Thompson will be joining us in September 2016. The teaching structure for September will be;

- Reception: Mrs Speed and Mrs Manning
- Class 1: Miss Louise Thompson
- Class 2: Mrs Hinchcliffe.

Mrs Hassett will be working fewer days and teaching across the school.

Class 2 music: Queen's Hall performance

Class 2 children who are available will be performing at the Queen's Hall on Saturday 4th June with Mr Mike Tickell, school governor, and his daughter, Kathryn, who is a world class musician, alongside other young musicians. The full details are on the Queen's Hall website. We would like the children to meet Mrs Speed and Mrs Hinchcliffe at 6.45pm in the foyer of the Queen's Hall and they should be collected at the interval which will be at approximately 8.30pm. The children should wear their school uniform and shoes. The arrangements for tickets for parents of the performing children are now as follows; Please give your names to Mrs Craig and tickets will be made available for you to collect from the Queen's Hall on the night of the performance at a reduced cost of £9.00. Any queries please ask Mrs Speed.

Broomley Grange: The year 4 children had a fantastic residential visit with some ideal weather and we have some wonderful photographs of their adventures on display in school. We have booked again for next year's Year 4 children.

OFSTED monitoring visit: Thursday 19th May.

As you are aware we had our long awaited monitoring visit last week. We are not able to share any information until the final report is published to school and this will take approximately two weeks.

Parentmail

Parentmail is a well-used and usually reliable system but do let us know if you experience any difficulties. We can check that messages have been delivered to and received by an individual address so it easy to sort out any problems. Newsletters are also available on the school website and are put on the noticeboard in the yard.

Acomb Childcare After school club **September 2016**

We are delighted to announce that after school club will be starting in September 2016 under the management of Mrs Nikki English.

Further details to follow.

Dinner Money

£10 per week for nursery and class 2. Thank you for paying in advance with cash or cheque in a named envelope please. The school council met with Linda, our cook, and some new items have been added to the menu which is proving popular. Thank you Linda.

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.

New reception children 2016

Mrs Speed and Mrs Manning are planning a programme for new starters. We would like to offer an initial informal meeting with parents and their child either at school or at home. We will be in touch shortly after half term.



Sunny days.

Please apply sunscreen before children come to school. Staff cannot apply sunscreen but you can send in a named sunscreen that children can apply themselves under supervision from an adult. Don't forget a named hat too!

PTA class cake stalls

The winner of the class cake stall "competition" is Year 3 who raised a magnificent £82.75! Thank you.

Year 3 children will each receive an ice lolly on Friday. The competition will resume in September 2016.

Little Oaks and Acomb First School **Spring Fair**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Fair. The weather was wonderful and it was fantastic to have so many people on site.

A figure of approx. £1400 was raised!

Thank you to all concerned who helped to make it a huge success.

Diary dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 25 th May	Tag rugby final for winning team (instead of Wentworth and credits will be applied for prepaid swimming payments)	
Friday 27 th May	Class 1 and reception trip to Whitehouse farm as part of their animal topics.	Within school day.
Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June	Half term	
Friday 17 th June	Build a Den day with Save The Children. (Forest school event for all children)	Within school day.
Mon 20 th June – Fri 24 th June	Sports week;	Sports day on Thursday 23 rd June at 1.30pm
Monday 27 th June	Hexham First Schools Swimming Gala for invited swimmers	Am. tbc
Tuesday 28 th June	Class 2 visit to Newcastle	tbc
Thursday 30 th June	Visit from Newcastle school	am
Thursday 30 th June	Year 4 middle school events	pm
Friday 1 st July	Top link festival (Class 2)	
Monday 4 th July	Reception class assembly for parents	2.45pm
Tuesday 5 th July	Transfer day; year 4 to middle schools	
Thursday 7 th July	Skipping festival (class 2)	
Monday 11 th July	Class 1 assembly for parents	2.45pm
Thursday 14 th July	Year 4 Leavers show	tbc
Friday 15 th July	End of year BBQ. (details to follow)	
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly and celebration. End of term.	tbc
Wednesday 20 th July	Summer holiday starts.	
Monday 5 th September	Teacher training day	
Tuesday 6 th September	New term starts.	

Acomb Toddlers Group now meets every Wednesday at 9.30am in the school hall. (Term time only). Please do let people know.