



# ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL



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Welcome back everyone. We have a busy term ahead!

Year 2 Sats tests take place in May. (National end of key stage 1 tests.)

I would like to invite year 2 parents to an open session to find out about the Year 2 SATs tests that the children will be doing in May. I will give you an overview of the tests and other assessments and share how you can help your children. This session will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 5.30pm until 6pm. I hope this time will enable as many parents as possible to come along.

### Parking and road safety update.

Myself, Catherine Fergus and some governors have met with the highways representative for Highways and county councillor, Terry Robson with the aim of improving road safety for the children. A 20 mph speed limit is due to be implemented this term and we are hopeful that parking restrictions will be extended in the immediate school area. In the meantime, thank you for your cooperation in not parking on the zigzag lines or opposite the school site where the road is so narrow. The children enjoyed their road safety talks and should have brought home a leaflet.

Please note that **Term Time Holidays** cannot be authorised. Regular school attendance for a child is a legal requirement of all parents/carers.

**Class 2 Young Entrepreneurs craft fair** raised a fantastic £231.80! This money will be added to PTA contributions to provide a library facility within school. We are working with the Schools Library service to increase our provision of good quality literature for our children.

### Hexham Partnership Pupil Voice Conference

Our year 3 and 4 school council members travelled to the Pupil Voice conference with Mrs Hinchcliffe and worked with other children, learning about enterprise skills. The children then led an assembly to tell the other children about their day.

Year 2 Cake stall raised £77.69

Year 1 Cake stall raised £25.61

Reception Cake stall will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> April

There have been a few cases of headlice reported in school recently so please could parents check their children's hair. If you require guidance about treatment contact your local pharmacy.

### Dinner Money

£10 per week for nursery and class 2 or £68.00 for this half term, (6 weeks, 4 days) beginning 11<sup>th</sup> April. Dinner money **must be paid in advance** with cash or cheque made payable to N.C.C. **Year 4 £62.00 (6 weeks 1 day due to the Broomley grange visit)**

**Swimming and multi-sport** - contribution is £4.50 per week or £31.50 for the next half term, (7 weeks)

**Milk** for the whole term is £13.50.

All money brought into school must be in a named envelope and clearly marked with what the payment is for. Thank you.

### Visits

Year 1-4 children had a very beneficial week working with staff from Beamish and have since produced a range of English and humanities work.

We are hoping to take Reception and class 1 on a visit to a farm as part of their topic and science work. We also have some plans for year 3 and 4 which we will share nearer the time.

### Toddler Group

We are hoping to host a toddler group if there is enough interest. Come along on Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.00am

### Proposed After School Club

We hope to start an after school club in September 2016 and will be sending out a questionnaire to assess interest very soon.

### Diary dates; details to follow

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	New term starts	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Tag Rugby festival year 3 and 4	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Multisport festival at QEHS for year 3 and 4	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 2 SATs info meeting	5.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception cake stall	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School photographs. Details to follow	9am
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Acomb school spring fair	11.00-1.00pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Broomley Grange information meeting for parents. Information will also be sent out to all parents.	2.45-3.15pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Broomley Grange residential Y4	
May 2016	Year 2; End of key stage 1 National Tests month (SATS)	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports week	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports day	1.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer day. Year 4 children visit their new middle schools.	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	New term starts	