



# Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Upcoming dates

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Willow Class to Hall Hill Farm

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

KS1 & KS2 Times Table Rock Stars day

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Non-School Uniform Day – Save The Children

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Chestnut Class to The Sill

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Phototronics – Group Photos

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Transition Visit from HMS for Y4 pupils

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Fair

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June pm

Sports Day

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Rounders afternoon at HMS for Y4

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Transfer Day all classes

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

End of Year Parent Questionnaire

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

End of Year Reports out to parents

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Whole School trip to Tynemouth

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July am

Y4 Leavers Assembly

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July pm

Y4 Graduation

## Miss Williamson's message

It really feels like this half term is flying by. I absolutely love this term – the sunshine, playing on the field and many community events. These are the things I love best about this time of year. I know the children are excited about lots of plans this term too. Please check the dates to the left as there are many upcoming events for this term.

I have to mention our recent Ofsted visit. I am so grateful to all of the parents who took the time to talk to the inspectors and/or complete the parent questionnaires. Your views are really valued in the whole process. I am looking forward to being able to share our report with you as soon as it is published.

I am very excited (as are the children) about the new menu for school dinners. We now have a variety of options which cater for all children in school. The school council and Jill have worked really hard to develop a menu that everyone loves. I cannot wait to see all of the children enjoying the new meals beginning next week. Don't forget to complete the menu form by Friday if you have not done so already.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email:

[hannah.williamson@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:hannah.williamson@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk)

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hannah Williamson



### **Y4 residential to Robinwood**

For the first time we have done a joint residential with Hexham First School and this was a great success. Not only did it mean the cost for the trip was lower but the children also had the chance to make some new friends.

The Year 4 children had the most amazing time. The biggest hits were definitely piranha pool, caving and canoeing. It was wonderful to see so many children push themselves out of their comfort zone and try new things. We were incredibly proud of them all!



### **Parent Teacher Association**

We are very keen to find some new members of the PTA. We have big events coming up in the Summer and Autumn term and we really do need as much help as possible.

We are looking for members who can volunteer before and during events to support us and also for people who would like to be part of the running of the PTA.

The group is a wonderful, welcoming group of parents who are working really hard to support our school. If you could give any time, even if it is just the odd hour here and there, please get in touch. We need as many willing volunteers as possible!

The work of the PTA really does impact on the children. Their fundraising last year enabled us to buy the most amazing furniture for the home corner in Willow class and provide high quality Maths resources for all classes.



### **Y4 Walking home**

Now that the lighter nights are arriving, I am aware that we need to make some transition preparations for our Year 4 children.

A form will be sent out tomorrow for you to complete if you would like your child to walk home from school.



### School Council charity plans

As part of our charity work to help the Hexham Foodbank, we would like to continue to collect donations ready to deliver on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. The foodbank are in need of:

Cereal	UHT Milk
Tinned Meat	Cook in Sauces
Tinned fish	Tinned Pasta
Tinned fruit	Tinned desserts
Tinned Veg	Tinned tomatoes
Tinned soup	Baked beans
Microwave Rice pouches	Biscuits
Instant noodles / instant pasta	Coffee
Sugar	Dried Pasta

In addition to this on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a non-school uniform day in order to raise money for our chosen international charity – Save the Children. Children can come to school in non-school uniform for the donation of £1.

Many thanks

School Council



### Times Table Rock Stars Day

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May KS1 and KS2 will be having a Times Table Rock Stars day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as rock stars and they will have the opportunity to take part in multiple times table challenges across the day.



## Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call One Call on: 01670 536400



## King's Coronation

Thank you so much to everyone who made the time to come along to our community picnic. The rain did not halt celebrations and we were able to relocate to the Village Hall. It was wonderful to see everyone together again.



We were blown away by the amazing entries into the Royal British Bake Off and I was particularly glad that I was able to get a governor to judge instead of having to make the terribly hard decisions myself! All of the entries were phenomenal. Thanks again to Sean Elliott Photography for the amazing photographs and the fantastic workshops which led to the children producing the impressive digital art work. Once again Westoe Brass Band were brilliant and provided lovely entertainment for our celebration. I know the children (and staff) loved the visit from Tyne Valley Ices at the end of the celebration.



Thank you again for all of your support.



## Attendance Matters



### Attendance

As you know, good attendance is hugely important in ensuring your child has the best chance of reaching their full potential in school.

We are doing incredibly well even after being hit by chicken pox and various other illnesses.

Our whole school average attendance up to this week is 95.56%

### Days off school add up to lost learning

#### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



## Important Dates for 2023

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests – May 2023

Year 1 (and some Year 2 children) Phonics Screening Check – Week Beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Year 4 Multiplication Test – Week Beginning Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023