



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

7th October 2022

Upcoming dates

Monday 10th October

Chestnut class visit to Woodhorn Museum

Friday 14th October

2pm Harvest festival at St John Lees Church – parents invited

Friday 21st October

Teacher training day – school closed

Miss Williamson's message

This last couple of weeks have been really lovely in school. I have spent a lot of time in classrooms seeing the children learning all of the new curriculum we have put in place. I have been delighted to see how hard they have been working.

Just as importantly, I must say a huge thank you to all of the teachers and teaching assistants who are working so hard to implement the very best for our children. They have all had to learn new things themselves and will continue this learning for the whole year. Their efforts really are making a huge difference to the opportunities your children have.

It was lovely to have our first parent workshop on Read Write Inc. Thank you to those parents who managed to attend. For those who couldn't we will be adding information to the website in the 'Reading @Acomb' section under Read Write Inc in the next week. Please do have a look at this if you could not attend as the Read Write Inc scheme is very different so the information on the website will be useful to you.

Parents have also requested advanced notice of as many events as possible. I have created a 'Dates for the Diary' sheet with as many dates as possible but please do be aware other opportunities may occur and there will definitely be more events in Spring and Summer but I have just given you the main ones for now.

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

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Hannah Williamson



Homework

You will have probably seen my letter about homework (and your child will have received their first pieces this week). As there have been a few questions about the creative homework for Maple and Chestnut class I thought I would provide some further information here. I am keen that we celebrate the breadth of the curriculum both at home and school and give children the opportunity to be creative and choose how they present their knowledge. The idea behind the creative homework is that a theme will be provided by the class teacher - very likely to be linked to their main topic that term. You as a family can then represent the theme in anyway you choose. This could be by making a film, creating a piece of art, making a model with labels, creating a piece of writing - a fact file/newspaper report/poem, using natural resources to create something. The list really is endless and is completely open to your interpretation. The only guidelines are those set in the description provided by the teacher. We are hoping to get lots of completely original pieces of homework which we can proudly display around school. If there are digital pieces that will be great too and we can share those on our website and social media.



Parents of children with SEND

I have recently been made aware of some fantastic resources for parents of children with SEND. The following links take you to padlets which are full of information, links and support which you could use. Hopefully you will find these useful.

Autism padlet

https://padlet.com/nies1/Autism_Support_Service

Resources for children with Dyscalculia

https://padlet.com/nies1/SpLD_Maths_Dyscalculia_Resources

Resources for children with Dyslexia

https://padlet.com/nies1/SpLD_Literacy_Dyslexia_Resources



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Donations needed

You will be aware that we now offer a lunchtime club each day so that the children have the chance to experience a range of opportunities. Mrs Mapplebeck is currently running a board game club and would really appreciate donations of any board games which families do not need anymore. If you have any to donate please just pop them into school - we will be most grateful!



Harvest festival

The Harvest festival at St John Lees church on 14th October 2022 is drawing near. From Monday we will welcome any donations to the local food bank into school. We invite you all to join us at St John Lees Church for a 2pm start. Parents can take their children home following the service. Any children whose parents cannot attend will return to school with the staff for normal collection at the end of the day



Community Events

Hexham Holiday Club's Free Family Picnic will now be held inside in the warm at Trinity Methodist Church Hexham, this Saturday 8th October from 4:30 until 6:30pm.

There will be games, crafts, face paints and videos along with lots of fun catching up with friends from the Summer.

Please do book spaces as we need to know how many we are feeding!

Let us know as soon as possible at

holidayclubhexham@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Hexham Holiday Club Team