



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

Spring 2 first newsletter

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 27th Feb – No NUFC (including afterschool club). Children to come to school in normal uniform

Zoolab in school

3.30pm – Parents meeting about Robinwood for Year 4 parents

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Maple class to Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh

Tuesday 12th March – Maple class cake stall

Wednesday 13th March – Maple Class Multi Skills Festival

Thursday 14th March – Sports for Schools event (all children to wear PE kit)

Friday 15th March – Willow class to Lilidorei – Alnwick Gardens

Monday 18th March – Lego sessions Maple and Chestnut class

Tuesday 26th March – Parents evening

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Thursday 28th March – last day of term

Friday 29th March – Sunday 14th April – Easter Holidays

Miss Williamson's message

Firstly, I hope you all had an amazing half term together. I certainly enjoyed the sunshine beginning to appear. I am excited that finally Spring feels like it is here!

What a wonderful half term we had before the holidays! The children all worked incredibly hard and had lots of amazing experiences.

The highlight for me had to be the Crime Scene Investigation day. Seeing the children so excited and enthralled in their learning was amazing. They developed so many of our Acomb Skills throughout the day too. Huge thanks has to go to the Hexham Police and our amazing team of staff for their support and hard work in making the day such a success!

This half term brings even more opportunities for exciting learning which I know the children will love!

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

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hannah Williamson



Uniform updates

From September we are introducing a hoodie as part of our school uniform. This will be worn for PE, Forest School and any external trips. The hoodie is the same colour as our school jumpers. As usual, it will be available through the usual school uniform provider or you can purchase an unbranded hood of the same colour from any other shop.

Prior to half term there were a number of children attending school with incorrect uniform. Could you please ensure your child has the correct uniform on each day. Many thanks for your support.



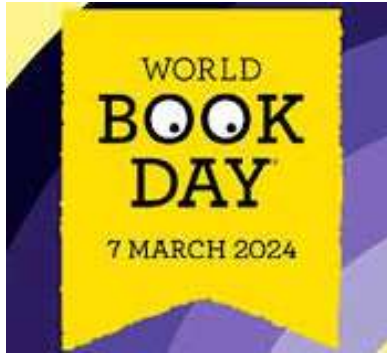
Recycling

As you may be aware we have a recycling bin located in the school car park. All children have been provided with a collection bag that can be returned once filled. Any donations of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and more would be greatly appreciated. All donations mean the school will receive additional funding which we can use to do more wonderful things with your children.



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



World Book Day

Acomb First School will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We are asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character or wear pyjamas to mark the occasion. We are running a competition inspired by the Little People Big Dreams book series with winners announced on Friday 8th March. All children were given a book cover to create for their entry, these need to be returned by 7th March. If your child needs another please just ask. There will be lots of fun activities throughout the day and every child will receive a book token.

(Please note that Maple Class will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March).



Chestnut Class to Vindolanda

Chestnut Class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Vindolanda and the Roman History Museum. The day was filled with exciting learning opportunities and chances to explore Roman settlements. The children were praised throughout the day for their positive attitudes and exemplary manners.



Valentine Parties

The children had an amazing time at the Valentine's parties. They danced, sang, played games and ate and enjoyed every second! A number of staff did a fantastic job with all of the face painting (and dancing!) so huge thanks to them.



Forest School and Illness

I am aware that at this time of year lots of children have been ill and you are all doing your very best to ensure children don't miss school which is very much appreciated. Last half term a number of parents have requested for children not to attend Forest School due to illness. Unfortunately, due to our limited staffing we do not have the capacity to look after individuals. If your child is not well enough for Forest School we would ask that you collect them prior to them attending the session. Many thanks for your support with this.



Robinwood Parent Meeting

On Tuesday 27th February myself and Miss Waugh will be holding a parent's meeting to provide information about Year 4's trip to Robinwood.

We look forward to seeing you all there so we can tell you all about the exciting experiences Y4 will embark upon.



PTA Cake Stall

Chestnut Class had a very successful cake stall in collaboration with PTA. Thank you for your donations of cakes and baked goods, they went down a treat with the children and staff. We are looking forward to future cake sales with Maple and Willow class.



Sports for schools

We're excited to be welcoming a top GB athlete to the school soon with Sports for Schools!

All pupils will take part in a **sponsored fitness circuit** led by the athlete Sean Gaffney, and come home with some important and inspiring lessons learned during a **motivational assembly** and **Q&A** session.

Not only will the visit connect the pupils with an extraordinary athlete role model but will also help to **raise money for new resources that will improve levels of physical activity in our school!**

You can sponsor your child by visiting:

<https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page.



As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

Raise anything: A5 sheet of motivational stickers

Raise £5 or more: sheet of stickers, plus a blue Sports for Schools wristband

Raise £15 or more: all of the above, plus a red wristband with the athlete's signature

Raise £30 or more: all of the above, plus a signed athlete poster

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.