



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

17th April 2023

Tuesday 18th April

Vision screening for Reception

Wednesday 19th April

KS2 digital workshop

Thursday 20th April

KS2 digital workshop continued

Monday 24th April

Be You workshop for parents

Wednesday 26th April

Y4 to Robinwood until Friday

Thursday 27th April

Potential strike action

Friday 28th April

Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3 to Hexham
Book Festival

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May

Potential strike action

Thursday 4th May

High Sheriff to visit school for
Coronation

Friday 5th May

PM Community Coronation
celebration (see info later in
newsletter)

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday

Miss Williamson's message

I am so happy to welcome you all back after Easter. It has been fabulous to see all of the children's smiling, refreshed faces coming into school this morning. I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and have enjoyed some quality time together.

The summer term is always one of my favourites. The sunshine and warmth, the children being able to play on our wonderful field and lots of community events make for some of the loveliest times in school.

I will include details of some upcoming events in this newsletter so please do read it carefully.

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



Project Homework

Yet again we were absolutely blown away by the quality and diversity of last term's homework projects. I really am grateful for all of the time and effort parents put into doing this work with your children. The outcomes were amazing and the children were so proud to stand up in assembly and share their creations. I always love how we have so many different ways that the children show their knowledge. Last term we had baking, models, masks, board games, fact files and much more! Many thanks for all of your time and effort.



Vocabulary sheet

In order to continue to help parents to understand and be able to support their children with what they are learning at school, prior to Easter you will have received a vocabulary sheet for your child. These are the key words which your child will encounter in the coming topic that they are learning. It can be really helpful for some children (particularly children who have processing issues or struggle to remember words) to have words introduced before their learning begins. This gives them a knowledge and confidence to start the work. You could read these words with your child, research the meaning, use them in sentences so your child begins to hear them and understand their meaning. There is no pressure to do this at all but this resource is there for you if you would like to use it. As always, any feedback on this would be most welcome.



School Council's charity work

As part of our action plan we have committed to supporting The West Northumberland Foodbank as our local charity and before Easter we asked you all for donations of Easter eggs so that we could ensure every child in our area could have a lovely Easter. Your generous donations were delivered to the foodbank on the last day of term. When we made the delivery, the staff were so very thankful and also explained how desperate they were for donations. We will continue to do work to support them in the coming term

Many thanks

School Council



Be You Workshop for parents

On Wednesday 24th April at 1pm we will be having coffee, cake and a workshop for parents with Be You. This session will give you information about how you can support the wellbeing of your child.

It is sure to be a fantastic session with the lovely Joy who has worked with our school a lot over this year. The session will build on the work the Be You team have already started with the children in school. The session will cover:

- Understanding the factors that impact a child's mental health and wellbeing
- Learning common signs and symptoms of potential mental health and emotional needs in children
- Tips and techniques on how to support with your child's mental health needs
- Understanding when and where to get additional support for your child.

Please contact Mrs Collingwood to book a place.



The King's Coronation plans

We had the most amazing celebration for the Queen's Jubilee and we are now in the throes of making plans for the King's Coronation. Following the success of the community celebration for the Jubilee, we will host something similar for the Coronation.

On **Friday 5th May from 1pm** we will have a community celebration with the families and friends of Acomb First School and Little Oaks. We will have some amazing pieces of work for you all to see in the hall.

We are asking for families to create their very own Coronation celebration cake/cupcakes. There will be a winner chosen from each year group for this. The cakes need to be completed and brought in on **Friday 5th May**. They will be displayed for all to see during the afternoon.

We are in the process of making plans about food. We ideally would love to have a BBQ. If any wonderful volunteers would like to run this we would be very grateful.

Please contact Mrs Collingwood if you could help.

Clubs are a great way
to help develop
your character and skills
that will benefit you
in and out of school.

Clubs this term

The school council have completed another round of pupil voice to see what the children would like to do for clubs over the summer term. The forms to sign up for these clubs will come out today (Monday).

Tuesday after school will be Dodgeball with Mr Hill

Thursday after school will be Geography and Eco club with Miss Derby

Lunch time clubs will be:

Monday- Times Table Rock Stars

Wednesday – Lego

Friday - Nature Detectives



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

**School
Meals
Improve
Learning
Environments**



School dinner changes

On the week beginning 8th May we will be changing our school dinners. The School Council have been working on a project with Jill to develop our dinners to make them more appealing for everyone. When the new menu begins we will have 3 choices per day. There will be a hot meal (which the children have been involved in selecting), a jacket potato and then an alternative which will be either pasta salad or a panini. These options will all be on the menu for you to see. We will continue to have the salad bar for all children to select from daily.

With these changes it is important that we manage the workload of the kitchen staff and minimise food waste so with that in mind we will send out a form in advance of the week for you to select your child's choices for the coming week. This will enable us to order and prepare for the correct numbers. If you do not make a choice for the school dinner we will always allocate the hot main meal. We will be unable to swap choices that have been made. I know the children are all very excited about these changes and are looking forward to trying new foods. As with anything new, we will monitor how these changes go and may need to make tweaks in the future to ensure it is the best it can be.

Important Dates for 2023

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests – May 2023

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

Year 4 Multiplication Test – Week Beginning Tuesday 6th June 2023