



# Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer 2 week 4 2022

## Upcoming dates

### 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July

Whole school sponsored readathon

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

Maple Class visit Tynemouth  
Aquarium

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Whole school transition day

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

Non-uniform day for £1 donation

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Sports day afternoon 1.30pm start  
(parents welcome)

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Week of pack lunches due to the hall  
being out of action all week

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

Leaver's assembly 1.30pm

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

Y4 Graduation 2.45pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Y4 to Robinwood

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Y4 return from Robinwood  
Last day of term

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

School reopens

## Miss Williamson's message

I have to start by mentioning the fantastic summer fair. I was absolutely blown away by the number of stalls, the fantastic enterprise stalls our children created, the stunning maypole dances led by Miss Dunlavy, the delicious BBQ, Romanian donuts and cream teas and by the huge amount we raised. I cannot thank the PTA, Little Oaks Management Committee and all of you for making it such a huge success! The final, official amount raised was an astounding £2137.68.

I am also very grateful for all of the parents who have taken the time to respond to the RSE consultation. If you haven't done so already, please do fill in the form that was sent out on parent mail after looking at the policy on the website. We do value your opinions on what we do in school and they will help us to ensure we are providing the best education possible for your children and keep you informed of your child's learning.

I do try to give you as much notice as possible and I would like to let you know that due to having to clear half of the school in preparation for work to be done to address woodworm issues at the beginning of the summer holidays, we are going to have to have packed lunches for the last week of term as the hall will be out of action. Mrs Collingwood will send out a form for you to request school packed lunches for the week if you need to.

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



## **Timing of the School Day for September 2022**

Some of you may be aware of new legislation from the DFE which has stated that the length of the school day must be at least 32.5 hours per week.

I am also keen to offer a flexible drop off time to limit the traffic and parking issues we have around school on a morning. Therefore, from September, the school day will be:

8.30–8.45am Flexible Drop Off

8.45am School Day Begins

3.15pm School Day Finishes

All lessons will begin at 8.45 promptly so it is important that all children are in school by this time.

## **Transition Day**



The first of our two transition days was a huge success. It was so lovely to see the children excitedly working in their new classes or with new friends from other year groups. The teachers all had a wonderful day getting to know their new children and seeing their current children move up a year. The children are clearly all ready to move to their next stage of learning and I cannot wait to see all of their amazing learning and successes from September

Year 4 also had the most amazing day at Wheelbirks learning about field to fork, having a ride on a tractor and then enjoying the cows delicious produce in the form of an ice cream! Most of the Y4s then enjoyed the afternoon of rounders at HMS.



## **The RNLI Visit Maple Class**

David, a volunteer from the RNLI, came to visit Maple Class on Monday. They learnt all about the 4 stages for their water and beach safety passport. He was so impressed when he found out how much the children already knew! This was a great enhancement to their learning and will definitely support the children over the summer months if they visit the beach.



## **Inset Days for 2022-2023**

I would like to give you as much notice as possible of our teacher training days for next year. We have aligned our days with HMS to try and support the majority of our families with childcare.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## **Important Dates for 2022 - 2023**

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests – May 2023

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Check – Week Beginning Wednesday 12th June 2023

Year 4 Multiplication Test – Week Beginning Wednesday 5th June 2023



## **Fundraising for reading resources**

We are currently in need of updating and improving the reading resources and books children have access to for phonics, reading and English lessons.

In order to raise the money we need to be able to purchase these vital resources we will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. We would ask that children come to school in non-uniform for a donation of £1.

We will also be having a sponsored readathon between 4<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> July which will raise money for our reading resources too. Further information will come out with the children in paper form today.