



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

17th November 2023

Upcoming dates

See Diary dates sheet attached to the Parentmail.

Miss Williamson's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful two weeks back with the children. I cannot quite believe Christmas is heading towards us so quickly.

With this in mind, please ensure you read this newsletter carefully and check the dates for the diary as there is a lot going on for the rest of the term.

I will continue to try and put reminders about events on Facebook too.

We are over the moon to inform you that today we have raised £150.00 for Children in Need. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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



Bingo Night

We have our first ever bingo night planned for Friday 1st December from 6-8pm. This is an adults only event with cash prizes and a fantastic raffle. Alcohol will be on sale on the night and can be purchased with cash or card.

Tickets are limited and are now available to the wider community so if you would like to purchase a ticket please do so soon. We can take card or cash payments for these.

Ticket sales close on Friday 24th November



Toys in school

Many children are bringing toys into school at the moment. Could we kindly ask that you ensure your child leaves them at home as they do become a distraction during the day and they can also cause issues when other children want to play with them. Many thanks for your support with this.



Christmas jumper swap

In order to continue to promote environmentally friendly choice we are requesting donations of Christmas jumpers from today. These will then be put out on sale for a donation on Friday 24th November.



School Council Suggestion has been actioned!

Last year's school council team asked to implement a clothes recycling strategy in school. As a result of this fantastic suggestion we now have a clothes recycling station in the school car park. Clothes, bags and shoes can be recycled here. School receive funding based on the amount of recycling that is taken away so please do use this as it will positively impact your child's education. This can also be used by the wider community.



Reading at home

We have a number of year groups with very few children reading regularly at home. Reading at home is really important as the more regularly children practice, the better readers they become. Reading ability also impacts on all areas of children's learning and is a major life skill. If you could please try and read at least 3 times per week this will hugely benefit your child (and they will also then have a chance to win a reading breakfast treat too!)



Attendance

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

I have had a number of holiday requests this term. I do ask that you book all holidays during the 13 weeks each year the children have off school. When children miss chunks of school this can have a lasting impact so please do be mindful of this.

Our whole school average attendance up to this week is 94.83%



Winter wonderland

Our winter wonderland plans are starting to come together. This will be a very special event for the children. There will be opportunity for face painting for a £1 donation which will come out through Parent Mail as we require written permission to apply face paints.

In addition to this, we are looking for some donations of things to help us:

- Gazebos
- Outdoor fairy lights
- Adult size elf costumes
- A small shed constructed for the elves to sit in
- Wool – red, white
- Toilet roll or kitchen roll tubes



Parent Teacher Association

Our PTA is back up and running. They have made some plans and are looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events. These events will need a half hour or hour of your time and there is no expectation of regular support. If you could let Mrs Collingwood know if you are able to support with anything that would be hugely appreciated.



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