

# **Acomb County First School Newsletter**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021



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## **Head Teacher Message**

We have reached the end of our first half term, and what a busy term it has been! Children have enjoyed delving into their new topics and experiencing some wonderful learning opportunities in Music, PE, Forest School, autumn walks and lots, lots more. Please take a look at Tapestry to see some of the exciting things that have been taking place across school. If you are having a problem accessing Tapestry, please get in touch as it an excellent way to communicate directly with school staff.

A big thank you to the PTA and all school staff for yesterday's Halloween Spooktacular, it was a huge success and fun was had by all! The PTA are holding a village pumpkin trail again this year, details on how to take part are in this newsletter.

Enjoy a well-deserved rest over half term.

Best wishes from us all,

Mrs Clarke

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## **School News**

### **Parent Consultation Appointments**

Please check your emails for confirmation of your appointment time.

### **Class 2 Swimming payments**

Swimming costs next half term which includes transport is £30.00 (or £5.00 per week) payable via Iris+Pay. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

### **Coats**

Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat every day as we make the most of playtimes and outdoor learning whatever the weather!

### **Safeguarding**

Mrs Clarke and Miss Dunlavy are our schools designated Safeguarding Leaders.

If you have concerns about a child please contact one of them.

### **ESafety**

You can find our E Safety page on the school website. The page contains lots of helpful advice and tips for parents and carers on a range of E safety topics including popular gaming sites like Roblox and Fortnite. Our aim is to provide you with enough information to keep you a step ahead of your children! Please follow the link below for more information and please contact school for further advice or support.

<http://www.acomb.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/253750>

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Families in receipt of income based free school meals will receive vouchers for the Easter holidays via the Huggg system. Northumberland County Council have pledged to fund the vouchers as part of the winter grant scheme.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November we are inviting children to wear pyjamas or something spotty to school for Children in Need.

This could include a spotty t-shirt or headband etc. As it is a Friday the outfit needs to be suitable for the Class 2 swimming trip, so please ensure it is practical. School Council members are busy planning various events for the day and will share their plans soon.

There will be a voluntary donation of £1.00 for Children in Need payable via Iris+Pay.

Thank you!

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Poppies etc. will be available to buy in school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Suggested cash donations range from:

Donations for standard poppies 50p

50p for the erasers, reflector poppies, pencil sharpeners, pencils, wrist bands, snap bracelets

£1.00 for the rulers

Thank you



## **Class News**

### **A message from Class Teachers**

#### **Miss Dunlavy**

Reception have settled extremely well into their first term at school. They have enjoyed baking, building story maps and also excursions around the village to collect conkers and blackberries! They have been very busy making Gruffalo crumble, paper plate bears and also starting our phonics work and learning new sounds. Have a lovely, well-deserved rest over half term!

#### **Miss Johnson**

In Class One we have had such a great start to the year and every single one of them deserves a break for how hard you have worked. They all really are superstars. I can't wait for all of Class One to return so we can do many more exciting things and learn lots and lots (I am already thinking about Christmas!).

As always feel free to message on tapestry or come for a chat in the yard, if you ever need anything!

Happy October half term everyone!

#### **Miss Strachan**

Class 2 has had an amazing half term! We have enjoyed exploring our Invaders and Settlers topic and have begun to learn about the Romans! We have enjoyed some tricky maths and have produced fabulous pieces of writing including instructions to look after a dragon and Autumnal poems! When celebrating the Big Green Week, the children were really enthusiastic and mature when completing our litter pick around the village with Action for Acomb! They had lots of fun and are hoping to complete another little pick!

Class 2 have been working really hard and have reached their dojo target of 1000 dojos! The children chose to spend some time at the park and to watch a film with sweets as their class reward! Well done Class 2! What a brilliant start to the term!



## PTA NEWS

### Class 2 PTA Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who contributed all the delicious cakes to the Class 2 Cake Stall.

We raised a grand total of £148.36.

### VILLAGE PUMPKIN TRAIL



Acomb First School PTA would like to invite you to join a Village Pumpkin Trail again this year.

All we ask is that you display a pumpkin proudly at your home, to be visible no later than 4:30pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

As with last year, instead of traditional trick or treating, children can walk around the village, spotting pumpkins, and their parents can choose to reward them with treats as they go.

Of course, if you want to go further and dress up for the trail, or dress your house till it looks like a spooky mansion that is very welcome too. If you wish to allow children to trick or treat, or allow treats at the doorstep then you are also welcome to.

We will have a trail map or activity sheet available from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> minimum donation £1 – locations to be confirmed

If you would like to be included on the trail map then please email [acomb1stpta@gmail.com](mailto:acomb1stpta@gmail.com) by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### **School Admissions - Year 4**

The Online admissions portal opened on 12<sup>th</sup> September for applications to Middle School, follow the link below for details of how to apply online

[http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Please contact the Admissions team on [schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk) if you have any questions.

**Please note that you have until the 31st October to apply.**

The following link will provide further information and guidance including access to the portal and a leaflet on how to apply:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

### **After School Club**

Please inform the school office if there are any changes or new bookings for After School Club, this enables us to keep registers up to date and let staff know home time arrangements. Thank you in advance.



#### **LITTLE OAKS NURSERY**

**2 YEARS - £15.75 PER 3 HOUR SESSION (for non-funded sessions)**

**3 & 4 YEARS- £14.25 PER 3 HOUR SESSION (for non-funded sessions)**

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB (includes breakfast)**

**£5.25 FOR 2 YEAR OLDS**

**£4.50 FOR 3 YEAR OLDS OR ABOVE**

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (includes snacks and meal usually served after 5pm)**

**£5.25 PER HOUR FOR 2 YEAR OLDS**

**£5.00 PER HOUR FOR 3 YEAR OLDS & ABOVE**

**£4.00 PER HOUR FOR SECOND CHILD**

**£3 PER HOUR FOR THIRD CHILD**

**Any enquiries please call 01434 613422**

# Acomb First School

## 2021-2022 School Calendar

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August 2022						
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School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher Training Day (no school for students)



Bank Holidays

## Notices & Local Events

# *Exciting Environmental FREE Courses!*

Hi, The North of Tyne WEA has a really exciting programme of environmental courses which we think might appeal to Staff and Parents.

There is a wide range of subjects including crafts, beekeeping, climate change, gardening and cookery. Some are online and some are face to face.

These courses are for residents of Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. To see more details or to enrol on a course, click on the links below (or right click/open hyperlink) or call 0300 303 3464 quoting the course number beginning with a 'C'

## **PLEASE NOTE ALL THESE COURSES ARE FREE!**

<a href="#"><u>Understanding the Climate Emergency and COP 26</u></a>	C2527387	21/10/2021 - 02/12/2021	Online - Evening
<a href="#"><u>Upcycled Crafts - Make an Autumn Themed Wreath</u></a>	C2527400	20/10/2021	Blyth - Daytime
<a href="#"><u>Growing your own food</u></a>	C2527388	25/10/2021	Online - Evening
<a href="#"><u>Introduction to Beekeeping</u></a>	C2527421	1/11/21	Great Park, Newcastle - Daytime
<a href="#"><u>Cooking with Local Seasonal Ingredients</u></a>	C2527403	3/11/21	Online - Daytime
<a href="#"><u>Learning to forage</u></a>	C2527389	8/11/21	Online - Evening
<a href="#"><u>Upcycled Crafts for Christmas</u></a>	C2527401	10/11/21 - 1/12/21	Blyth - Daytime





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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Notes
October 2021			
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Staff training Day		School closed to pupils
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Village Pumpkin Trail	TBC	More info to follow
November 2021			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School reopens		
	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal		Various items available for a 50p-£1 donation in school. Cash donations please.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent consultations – Crèche available in the hall for children and siblings.	3.30 pm – 6 pm	Book appointments via Parentmail from 5 pm on Monday 11.10.21
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultations – Crèche available in the hall for children and siblings.	3.30 pm – 6 pm	Book appointments via Parentmail from 5 pm on Monday 11.10.21
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability – Year 4	9-12	More info to follow
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2 Tree planting in the Common		Please bring wellies and a waterproof coat.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA meeting	3.15 pm	School hall
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need		More info to follow
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Cake Stall - Class 1	3.5 pm	More info to follow
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Governing Body Meeting	6pm	
December 2021			
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Nasal Flu vaccinations	10am	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch		Children may wear Christmas jumpers/tops
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 2 Forest School	am	More info to follow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance	2pm 6pm	More info to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Queen's Hall workshop and Performance – The Remarkable Robin Armstrong's Extraordinary Christmas adventure	All day	More info to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas parties		More info to follow
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle making – please send in one large orange		
	Christmas Jumper Day		
	Carols around the tree and Christingle service with Rvnd Jeremy	TBC	No swimming for Class 2
January 2022			

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bank holiday Monday		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens		
February 2022			
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff training Day		School closed to pupils



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