



# Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

19th January 2024

## Upcoming dates

Please see the attached dates for the diary for Spring. There will be additional things added to this as they arise throughout the term but I wanted to give you as much notice as possible for the things we already have planned.

## Miss Williamson's message

Happy new year everyone! I was so excited to get back to school to see all of the children after the Christmas holidays and hear all of their wonderful stories about their fantastic family celebrations.

The children have all returned to school with such wonderful attitudes to learning. We have more amazing experiences planned for your children this term and I cannot wait to see all of the learning that will take place.

Thank you so much to all of the kind people who have donated board games to school for our board game club. The children are all excited to try them out. As usual your generosity really does blow me away.

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](mailto:hannah.williamson@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk)

Thank you.  
Yours sincerely,  
Miss Hannah Williamson





### **Buddy Benches**

At the end of the last term we finally received the wonderful buddy benches for our playground and field. This was instigated by the school council during my very first year at Acomb and through the amazing work the school council (and Mrs Collingwood) has done in running the tuck shop we have raised enough money to buy two wonderful benches. These have been introduced in assembly and all children know if they don't have anyone to play with or need some help they can sit on the bench and someone will always check on them.



### **Lily raising money for charity**

Lily Keen will be walking an enormous 5.2 miles around Derwent reservoir in order to raise money for her nominated charity, The Torch Association.

If you would like to donate towards Lily's fundraising effort you can find her Go Fund me page at the following link  
<https://gofund.me/a671b73f>



### **Aerobics @ Acomb**

As part of Miss Hamilton's apprenticeship, she must provide community classes for adults, without this she will not pass her apprenticeship. This started this week and was a fantastic class. There are still places for next week's class and childcare places for those parents who wish to attend. Classes are each Thursday 3.30-4.30pm. Please call or pop into school to book your place.



### **Valentines discos**

We will again be running a Valentines disco for the children before half term. Please see the dates for the diary sheet for the dates of each class party. Tickets are £2 each and can be purchased on ParentMail. The ticket includes a drink and hot dog. We will again be offering face painting at £1 and this must be signed up for on ParentMail so we have permission to use face paints on your child.



### **PTA cake sale**

Our class cake sales will be beginning with Chestnut class on Tuesday 6th February at the end of school. All cakes sent in for this must have full ingredients lists included and be nut free. The PTA and school really appreciate your support with this.



### **Family Quiz Night**

Following the huge success of our family bingo night we will be running our very first family quiz night on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 6pm to 8pm. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. We do have limited availability so please do get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets cost £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child



### **Staffing update**

We are delighted to have appointed a caretaker and some additional cleaners for school. We are so fortunate to have a team of people who are so committed to school that they go above and beyond and always offer to support in any way they can.

Caroline Watson has taken on an additional role of caretaker. Jill Blaylock and Karla Hall have also joined our cleaning team. They have all settled in brilliantly to their new roles and school is sparkling!