



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

10th March 2023

Upcoming dates

Monday 13th March

Science Week

Tuesday 14th March

Newcastle Uni Stem session
– Chestnut class

Wednesday 15th March

Strike day (see info below)

Thursday 16th March

Strike day (see info below)

Friday 17th March

Termly reports to parents

Wednesday 22nd March

Parents evening

Thursday 23rd March

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Wednesday 29th March

Maple class visit to Centre
for Life

Friday 31st March

Finish for half term

Monday 17th April

Re-open for summer term

Monday 24th April

1pm to 3pm
(See attached flyer)

Miss Williamson's message

I hope your children have really enjoyed the start to this half term. We have had a wonderful start with World Book Day, visits, authors and more exciting learning opportunities to come!

Today the snow has made a real appearance and the children are all very excited about it. I know they cannot wait to spend their break times on our wonderful field playing in it. We are so lucky to have this fantastic space.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Miss Maher to our fantastic school team. She is settling in brilliantly and I know the children are really enjoying all of the learning opportunities she is providing for them.

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



NEU Strike Action next week

You may be aware that a two-day strike has been called next week by the NEU for their members.

The strike is due to take place on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March** and this is a national strike.

Unless the strike is called off, all of our classes will be closed.

Obviously, things can change and if the strike is called off, or anything different happens in the following week, I will let you know. But if not, then school will be closed for the two days.



Parents' Evening Appointments

Parent's evening appointments are now open so please get booked in to see your child's teacher. The appointments will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March, from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. Each appointment should last ten minutes, and you will have the opportunity to go through to your child's classroom and have a look at their books too.



School council need your help

As part of our charity work to help the Hexham Foodbank, we would like to ask for donations of Easter eggs (these can be small cream eggs or the larger boxed Easter eggs). We would like to try and make sure that every child in our local area can have a lovely Easter. Please bring your donations to school. We will deliver the donations to the Foodbank on Friday 31st March before the Easter holidays begin.

Many thanks

School Council



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Our school council have been absolutely amazing so far this year. They are so focussed on how to improve our school and have come up with ideas that really will make our school even better. I really feel it is important to share with you all of their work. Here are some of the things they have achieved so far this year –

- Working with classes to identify the 3 charities we are supporting this year – Hexham Food bank (our local charity), Children in Need (national charity) and Save the Children (our international charity)
- Implementing their very own tuck shop every Friday which has been a huge hit!
- Developing the clubs which we offer in school through collecting pupil voice.
- Currently reviewing our school lunch offer to improve our dinners and hopefully make more children want to have a school lunch.
- Presentation to governors about their role and the impact they have had so far.



World Book Day

We had the most wonderful World Book Day. The children all looked amazing in their costumes of characters in their favourite books. The classes all enjoyed exciting reading tasks. We had online author visits which were fantastic for children to hear all about how authors decide on what to write, create exciting characters and illustrate their books. I know Willow and Maple class really loved meeting Steve Anthony!

Chestnut class shared their favourite stories with Maple class and were just the most amazing reading role models!



The dinner staff really excelled in their lunch with the most amazing Harry Potter themed lunch in our very own "Great Hall".

I was blown away by the effort that all of the families put into the stories in a jar – they were all phenomenal! Thank you so much for getting involved. It made my job of picking the winners exceptionally hard. I eventually managed to pick out the 5 fabulous winners who you can see below.



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

Attendance Matters



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 am so pleased that our attendance is really positive at the moment. I appreciate how committed you all are to your children's education.

Our whole school average attendance up to this week is 95.60%

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

