

Acomb County First School Newsletter



Friday 20th November 2020

Head Teacher Message

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in school and our children continue to make us so proud. Their kindness, lovely manners and great attitude to learning make them a pleasure to have in school.

Reception Class had lots of fun celebrating Diwali and meeting a real life bearded dragon! Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed their Victorian Day; we even had children dressed ready to sweep the chimneys – thankfully the school chimney is clean so they were able to have a day off! Class 1 have enjoyed hot seating in English and creating some beautiful Jackson Pollock inspired art work!

All three classes enjoyed taking part in our virtual author events this week with Rob Starling and Tracey Corderoy. Their passion and energy as authors has inspired us all and certainly reinforced the joy of reading across school.

We have planned some Christmas events too, including a virtual Christmas Panto and Class Christmas Parties. Despite the ongoing restrictions outside of school, our aim is to continue to make school fun and engaging wherever we can. As always, if you have any questions or need support with anything please get in touch.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs Clarke

School News



Welcome

A very warm welcome to Scarlett, and her family who have joined Acomb First School. We are delighted you have chosen Acomb and we hope you will be very happy here!

Attendance

The good start to the year has continued, attendance figures are 97.97% since the beginning of the term. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

School Admissions – Reception intake 2021

The online admissions portal is now open for applications for Reception 2021. Please contact the Admissions team on schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk if you have any questions.

The closing date for all applications to be received by the Local Authority 5 January 2021

The following link will provide further information and guidance including access the portal:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Free School Meals

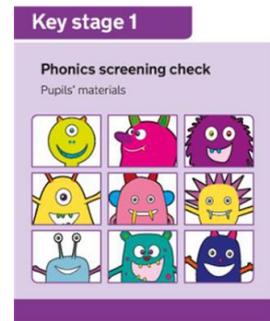
If your circumstances have changed recently it might be worth checking to see if you are eligible to apply for free school meals. The application process is really quick and office staff can talk you through the online form or even complete it over the phone with you. The first link below provides more information and the second link takes you directly to the application form.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#schoolmeals>

<https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free School Meals>

Phonics Screening

Children in Year 2 will undertake their phonics screening later this term also known as their 'Alien Investigation.' Information has already been sent to Year 2 children, however if you have any questions please contact school.



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 inform staff of changes to home time arrangements.

PTA Pumpkin Trail

Thank you to those of you who took part in the Pumpkin Trail, there were some very creative carvings indeed! We have included some photos below. A grand total of £70.00 was raised which is fantastic! PTA are in the process of planning a similar event for Christmas so watch this space! The Non-School Uniform day raised a staggering £91.00, funds raised will go towards providing free events for children in school. Thank you all for your continued support and kindness.



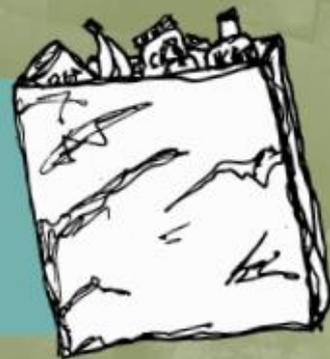
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Class news – We are now posting regular Class updates on Tapestry directly for parents and carers. We are also using Tapestry instead of the Class pages on our school website.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Notes
November 2020			
Monday 9 th November	Parents/Carers to wear face coverings on the yard.		Until further notice
Thursday 12 th November	Victorian Day - Class 2	All day	
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – Wear something Spotty	All day	All classes
Wednesday 18 th November	Virtual Author visit – Robert Starling		All classes
Friday 20 th November	Virtual Author visit – Tracey Corderoy		All classes
December 2020			
Thursday 3 rd December	Class 2 Forest School	pm	More info to follow
Monday 7 th December	Year 2 Phonics screening week		
Wednesday 9 th December	School Christmas lunch		More info to follow
Friday 11 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day		Suggested donation £1:00 via +Pay.
	Class 1 Christmas Party		More details to follow
Tuesday 15 th December	Reception Class Christmas Party		More details to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Class 2 Christmas Party		More details to follow
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term – Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers.		No donation required
	Interactive digital Christmas Panto in class bubbles – Cinderella		Funded by the PTA
January 2021			
Monday 4 th January	School reopens to staff and children		
February 2021			
Friday 12 th February	Staff Training Day		
March 2021			



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