



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

20th September 2022

Upcoming dates

19th – 23rd September

Recycling week in school – art project – clean, recyclable items wanted

Monday 26th September at 3.30pm

Reading meeting for all parents of children learning phonics

Friday 14th October

2pm Harvest festival at St John Lees Church – parents invited

Friday 21st October

Teacher training day – school closed

Miss Williamson's message

This has been quite a week in the life of our country and one which I am sure will stay with us all for the rest of our lives. Our children are certainly living through some key historical events. The death of our greatly admired and respected Queen is a great loss to our country. The beautiful artwork of the queen which each class created for the Jubilee celebrations is now on display in the hall as a piece of history and in memory of her. We will continue to support the children to manage their feelings and emotions as we know some of them have struggled a little last week.

On Friday we had the most amazing library opening event where Anne Fine (famous children's author) came to school to do the honours of opening it. We had managed to keep the developments a secret from the children. Their reactions when the ribbon was cut and the door opened was an absolute delight! I hope this beautiful space will encourage them to read widely, give them a lovely place to appreciate books and also inspire them to read new things. Thank you to everyone who helped with this big project. It really was a community effort! Please keep a look out for the article in the Hexham Courant which covered our special event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email:

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hannah Williamson

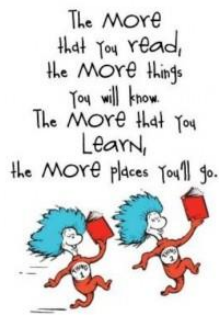
Willow class start of the day



Willow class (Reception) have done amazingly well over the last week and a half. They have been so settled and got into their learning with enthusiasm and beautiful smiles.

Because they have done so well, from Wednesday this week we will let the children come in the same way as the other classes asking parents to drop them at the main door. Miss Dunlavy, Mrs Bell and Mrs Mapplebeck will be on hand for any children who are a little unsure of the change.

Accelerated reader



We have bought into a brilliant system which helps us to accurately assess children's reading (mainly in Chestnut class) and ensure the children are reading the correct book. From this week, the children will all do a Star Reading Assessment which will give the children a scale to choose a book from. They will then go to our beautiful new library and choose a book within their scale that they would like to read. They will bring this book home to read. Once they have completed the book they will have a quiz to complete about the book to check their understanding. The children will come to love the new system and their ability to choose the books they would like to read.

There is more information about Accelerated Reader coming soon on our website.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

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All children have now started their reading lessons in school. In order to support you as parents we will be providing some reading workshops. These workshops will tell you all about our approach to reading, give you strategies to use when listening to your child read at home and give you the chance to ask any questions you have. These will take place on 26th September at 3.30 for any parents of children in Willow class, Maple class and those children in Chestnut class who have phonics lessons.



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Willow Class help needed

We have had a huge delivery of sand and gravel today which we need to move into the newly developed sand pit and some other areas in the Willow outdoor area. If anyone would be able to support with this we would very much appreciate it.

In addition to this, we have been saving pallets which were used during the building works over the summer and are looking for someone who could make us a mud kitchen from them. Something like this:



If anyone is willing to help please contact Mrs Collingwood or Miss Williamson. Any support would be hugely appreciated!



Harvest festival

We have planned a Harvest festival at St John Lee Church on 14th October 2022. We invite you all to join us for a 2pm start. Parents can take their children home following the service. Any children whose parents cannot attend will return to school with the staff for normal collection at the end of the day.