



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

10th February 2023

Upcoming dates

Thursday 15th February

Tuck shop (instead of Friday)

Friday 16th February

Teacher Training Day – school closed for children

Tuesday 28th February

Potential strike day

Wednesday 1st March

Willow and Maple meet author – Steve Antony

Thursday 2nd March

World book day (see additional info in newsletter)

Chestnut class meet author – Cressida Cowell

Monday 13th March

Science Week

Tuesday 14th March

Newcastle Uni Stem session – Chestnut class

Wednesday 15th March

Captain Chemistry in school

Wednesday 15th March

Potential strike day

Thursday 16th March

Potential strike day

Miss Williamson's message

I cannot quite believe how quickly this half term has flown over and that this is my last newsletter this half term.

It has been a very quick but wonderful half term. This term we have implemented celebration assemblies on a Friday where each week we celebrate just how wonderful Acomb First School is! This involves a star of the week from each year group based on the whole school focus. Some of this term's themes have been bravery, resilience and collaboration. We also share pieces of amazing work that have been done in class that week. This is a real treat where the children get to share their ideas about what makes other people's work fantastic. I have been really impressed with all of the wonderful pieces I have seen!

I have included some very important dates for the year along with this newsletter for your information.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday together.

As always, 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



School Council Tuck Shop

The school council came up with the idea of a healthy tuck shop. With the expert help of Mrs Collingwood, the tuck shop is up and running and going from strength to strength! The school council run the tuck shop and learn all about stock taking, cash flow, profit and record keeping. Such a lot of amazing learning for them and I know they are very proud of their venture! Many thanks for supporting this. The school council will decide on how the profit from this is used once a lump sum is saved.

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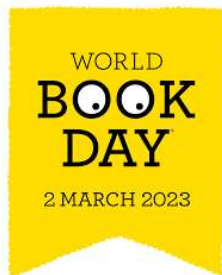
Morning Drop offs

The flexible drop offs seem to be working really well and it has definitely had a positive impact on the traffic outside of school on a Morning. The yard is staffed until 8.45 when the school day begins. It is important that children are in school for the beginning of the day as this is when we do our phonics and reading which make a huge difference to all children. If for any reason you are late please ensure that you bring your child all the way to the office and let us know why they are late. We have to update registers and lunch information at the office after 8.45. In addition to this the gate between the yard and office is shut at 8.45 and this is next to impossible for children to open/close.



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



World Book Day

World Book Day is now just a few weeks away - 2nd March 2023. We have a really exciting day of activities planned for children in school, including live author visits, extra story times and secret readers in school. We also wanted to give you plenty of warning, as the children will be invited to bring in their favourite books and dress up as their favourite characters. Finally, we would also like to invite families to create a 'Book in a Jar'. This is where you create a scene of your favourite book in a jar. We will have a prize for the best jar from each year group. Here are some examples for inspiration:



Dates for your diaries

Many parents told me how useful the dates for the diary were last term so I am going to produce this for you each term going forward. This is coming out to you today. Please remember, I do try to get as many dates on here and for them to be as set as possible but sometimes additional things may come up or changes may have to be made.

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 95.6%

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

