



# Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer 2 week 6 2022

## Upcoming dates

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Leaver's assembly 1 – 2pm – Village Hall  
Y4 Graduation 2.30pm

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Y4 to Robinwood

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Y4 return from Robinwood  
Last day of term

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

School closed for Inset day

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

School closed for Inset day

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

School opens for the new academic year.

## Miss Williamson's message

It is hard to believe that I am writing the final newsletter of the year and I am sure that many of you will be wondering where the academic year has disappeared to as well! I must start this by thanking you all for making my first term as Headteacher so enjoyable. Your support, kindness and love of Acomb First School has been amazing and I am so lucky to be part of this wonderful school community.

We also hope that our Year 4 children will look back on these last few weeks together with great fondness as they spend their last couple of weeks together as one year group. They are all heading off to two different schools with the majority heading to Hexham Middle School. It really is the end of an era for them all. I am sure that all parents of Year 4 can hardly believe that the time for them to leave us is quickly approaching. Many have been with us for the whole 5 years and, as a staff, we do all become very attached to them.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer together and we cannot wait to see you all back in September. There is some important information about September in the rest of the newsletter so please take time to read it.

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



## Class Organisation for September

There has been some very careful planning and discussion into deciding where each teacher and teaching assistant will be based. This takes weeks of discussion as each teacher and teaching assistant has unique skills and each class has unique needs. I am very confident that next year we will have an exceptionally strong teaching team with the prospect of another very exciting and successful year ahead.

	Teacher	Teaching assistant
Willow Class (Reception)	Miss Dunlavy	Mrs Bell (Until Miss Eames returns) Mrs Mapplebeck
Maple Class (Key Stage 1)	Miss Derby	Mrs Foster
Chestnut Class (Key Stage 2)	Miss Strachan	Mrs Watkinson Mrs Foster



## End of Year Reports and Results

The staff have been very busy writing the children's end of year reports which will be given out today. At that time, Year 1 parents will find out whether their child has passed the phonics screening check, Year 2 parents will be given the end of key stage teaching assessments and Year 4 parents will find out their child's multiplication result. I hope you really enjoy reading about all that your child has achieved this year, I know I certainly enjoyed reading them all!



## Year 4 Leavers' Events

Our Year 4 children are coming to the end of an era at our school and we try to make their end of term as special as possible. These children have been together as a cohort for 5 years in school and almost 7 years if you include Nursery – it is a long time and they have been through so much together during their childhood. We really do try to make sure that these last few weeks are very special for them all. During the last week, we have two very special events planned for them.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00 pm the Leavers' Performance takes place, in the village hall. This is a very reflective event by the children as they look back at their time at our school and are looking forward to life in their new schools. This assembly is held by the children which is full of humour, fun, laughter and tears!

Once the leaver's assembly has finished we will move back up to school for the Year 4 graduation ceremony.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



## End of Year Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the parental questionnaire. Your feedback is very useful. There are some clear areas that you have identified that we can improve as a school and I have started to plan in opportunities to address these from September. The questionnaire will remain open until next Wednesday so if you have not already completed this I really would appreciate it if you could find time to do this. Your views are really important to us and I will use these to plan for improvements in the coming year.

As always, if you do have any concerns, please do contact me so we can discuss this and find a way to address any issues that you may have.



## **September**

### **Nut free School**

As I mentioned to you before transition day, we have a child joining us in September who has a severe peanut allergy. As a result of this, please ensure any packed lunches and snacks in September are completely nut free. I really appreciate how vigilant you all were on transition day. I will send out our policy and a reminder before September regarding this.

### **Times of the school day**

In my last newsletter I explained the new legislation from the DFE states that the length of the school day must be at least 32.5 hours per week.

I am also keen to offer a flexible drop off time to limit the traffic and parking issues we have around school on a morning. Therefore, from September, the school day will

be:

8.30am–8.45am Flexible Drop Off (a member of staff will be on the yard from 8.30am to usher the children into their classrooms.)

8.45am School Day Begins

3.15pm School Day Finishes

All lessons will begin at 8.45am promptly so it is important that all children are in school by this time.

### **Inset Days for 2022-2023**

I would like to give you as much notice as possible of our teacher training days for next year. We have aligned our days with HMS to try and support the majority of our families with childcare.

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Friday 17th February 2023

### **Important Dates for 2022 - 2023**

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests – May 2023

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Check – Week

Beginning Wednesday 12th June 2023

Year 4 Multiplication

### **Clubs for next year**

We will send out information regarding clubs for next year in the first week. There will be no clubs until week 2 of the new term.

There will also be no swimming until week 2 of the first term in September.