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A Message from Miss Williamson

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic half term at Acomb First School. We are incredibly proud of the children's achievements and grateful for your continued support. A particular highlight has been Chestnut Class and their excellent Employer Showcase. The children spoke confidently, demonstrated their learning beautifully, and showed just how hard they have been working. It was a wonderful example of the effort and enthusiasm we see across the school every day.

Thank you for helping to make this such a successful term.

External SEND Review

We are delighted to share the outcome of our recent External SEND Review, which was wonderfully positive. The review described our school as exceptional and highlighted the calm environment, the extremely inclusive nature of the school and how supportive the children are of one another.

The reviewer also commented on our highly trained and knowledgeable staff.

Skill Builder Challenge Day – Crash Landing

On Monday, the children took part in an exciting Skill Builder Challenge Day called Crash Landing. Throughout the day, they worked in teams to tackle practical challenges, think creatively and solve problems under pressure. The focus was on developing teamwork, communication, resilience and perseverance, as well as encouraging children to plan, test ideas and adapt their thinking. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged, motivated and supportive of one another as they rose to the challenge.



Staffing Changes

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Anna Gray will be leaving us after half term. Mrs Gray has worked at the school as both a Teacher and Forest School Teacher for 12 years, and has been part of our school community for over 20 years. During that time, she has played a significant role in the education and development of many of our families, leaving a lasting impact through her dedication, care and commitment. Forest School will continue and will be led by Miss De Silva and Miss Williamson going forward. Lynda Heslop will also sadly be leaving us after half term. They will both be greatly missed and we would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication and support over the years.

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Visiting Athlete, Monday 9th March

On Monday 9th March, we will be welcoming a visiting athlete into school. The athlete will be announced nearer the time, but we are excited to share that they have competed at a world class level.

Further fundraising information will be sent out in advance of the sponsored fitness event taking place on the day

World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. This year's theme is Bedtime Stories and children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas if they wish.

Children are also invited to create a wooden spoon book character at home for the chance to win a prize.



Safeguarding and Attendance

Safeguarding remains our highest priority. Regular attendance is an important part of keeping children safe and supported in school.

If your child is absent, please ensure you call the school office as soon as possible to inform us of the reason.

Quiz Night

Our popular Quiz Night will be taking place soon and tickets will be going on sale shortly. This event always sells out, so please get your tickets as soon as they are released.

There will be multiple prizes on offer, along with food and drinks available and tombolas on the night.



Playground Rules

We have created some new rules for the playground before and after school. In order to keep everyone safe, we ask that:

- No large footballs or basketballs are used
- Bikes and scooters are not ridden on the yard
- No climbing on the cable reels
- Thank you so much for helping us to keep everyone safe.