



# Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer 1 final newsletter

## Miss Williamson's message

This will be my final newsletter of this academic year, it is amazing how quickly the year has gone! Reflecting back on this year makes me incredibly happy. The children have had so many amazing experiences, they have learnt so much and have been supported by the most amazing staff team. All of the work that has been done this year is an absolute credit to the wonderful staff we have in each class and I cannot thank them enough. Our team is the most caring and hardworking group of people who go above and beyond every single day to provide the very best for your children.

The children have simply been incredible. Their behaviour is exemplary, their support for our school and their love of learning blows me away every single day. I am so proud of each and every one of them. They have all achieved amazingly well this year and all have faced challenges with fantastic resilience and determination to succeed.

Our incredible Year 4s will be moving on at the end of this term and I know they are more than ready for the next step in their learning journey. However, that doesn't make saying goodbye any easier! We will definitely all be needing our tissues at the leaver's assembly! I know they will be fantastic ambassadors for their new schools just like they have been for ours.

As always, 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)

Hannah Williamson



## Summer fair

The summer fair was yet again an amazing success! Thankfully the rain stayed away and we had lots of members of our community come to support the school and Little Oaks. I am delighted to announce that we raised £846.60.

In addition to this, the class stalls made an astounding £213 which is a school record. The children will decide how this money will be spent in the coming weeks.



### **Letter from our Chair of Governors**

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches it's a good time to reflect on the past year. This year has seen many changes and developments which have all served to make our school a richer and more successful place to grow and learn.

We welcomed several new staff who quickly settled in to life at Acomb and have now proved themselves to be valuable and committed team players. They work relentlessly to ensure the very best of provision for our children. This has been seen in numerous ways. The curriculum has continued to develop in such a way as to raise standards and meet the needs of all of the children. This year's performance data is excellent!

The work around Acomb skills has proven to be so valuable in enlightening the children and giving them high aspirations. They are well able to talk about the skills and give examples of the skills in action.

Extra activities have enriched the children tremendously. Visits out of school bring the curriculum to life, as do the visitors who come into school. Chestnut class's presentation this week gave a prime example of this when they showcased their work on renewable energy.

Good attendance is essential for children to get the most out of what school has to offer and impacts on achievement, well being and life chances. It is great to see that attendance has improved and the percentage of persistent absentees has been slashed. Well done everyone!

I could go on singing the praises of our school but suffice to say a tremendous thank you to all involved; to Miss Williamson and all the staff, to you our parents and carers for your support and last but by no means least to the children who have been brilliant!

With my very best wishes for the summer.



### **Chestnut Class Showcase**

Chestnut class had the huge responsibility of the very first Acomb First School Showcase this week. They did a brilliant job and presented their learning with such confidence, showcasing just how much they have learnt this term. It was wonderful to have the employers that they have worked with attend too. This has been a wonderful experience for the children and it has been the start of our journey on educating the children about different careers which link to their learning. Well done Chestnut Class, you were brilliant!

### **Attendance**



I have to say a huge thank you to you all for ensuring your children come to school every day. Our attendance to date is 95.84% which is above national average and the best it has been since I arrived at Acomb.

It really is evident that good attendance is making a difference to your children's knowledge, confidence and enjoyment.

### **Uniform**



Acomb First School PE Hoodie

As usual, in the last week of term we would like to ask that all children come to school in non uniform in order to support the uniform swap that was started last year.

At the uniform swap parents will be able to pick up uniform for next year. This year is a transitional year for the changes as I mentioned in my previous correspondence. The swap will be open at the end of each day of the last week but not on Friday.



### **Maple Class Project Showcase**

Maple class have been working exceptionally hard on their showcase and have another visit back to Hextol Tans next week before their final showcase on Thursday. I know they are all very excited to share their amazing knowledge and learning with you.



### **Scholastic book fair**

Thanks so much to everyone who bought books at the book fair we had in school. Your purchases will not only support your children's love of learning but has also raised £217 for school to spend on new books too. Many thanks for your ongoing support.