



ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL



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I do hope you have had a good half term holiday. We are looking forward to what is always a busy and enjoyable half term leading up to Christmas.

Sports News; Year 3 and 4 represented the school at a Hexham partnership football festival and all the children played well and were a pleasure to take out. Our "A" squad have qualified for the next round on the 21st November at HMS from 9.30am and parents are welcome to come along. I will send out more details for those children involved nearer the time.

Music news; All our key stage 2 children have been working with Kathryn and Mike Tickell with Mrs Gray and learning Northumbrian poems and music. A group of them are to perform a new song "Song of the Tyne".....by Kathryn Tickell and David Almond at the Sage, Newcastle, on Friday 4th November, with children from five Newcastle schools which is a fantastic opportunity.

Christmas plans

Our school performance which will include all school children will take place in the last week of term on Wednesday 14th December and there will be two performances at 1.45pm and 6.30pm. We do have to limit numbers at each performance for Fire Safety reasons and I very much wish to be fair to all families. This year we will issue two tickets per family, per performance, so that each family will have four tickets in total (two per performance) which must be brought along to the performance. I ask that families decide how to allocate tickets between parents themselves and I am more than happy for families to swap tickets if they wish to do so. Our aim is a happy time for children and their families!

Any costumes requirements will be sent out about 2 weeks before.

Childrens party Thursday 15th December. The children can bring their party clothes to school to change in to after lunch.

Food. Please bring finger foods according to the year group your children are in.

Year 4 Sweet

Year 3 Savoury

Year 2 Sweet

Year 1 Savoury

Reception; either

School Carols around the Tree will take place on the last afternoon of term at 2.30pm. in the school hall. This is an informal service for you to join us in singing favourite carols.

Wentworth on Wednesday;

Thank you to all the parent and grandparent helpers who support our trips to Wentworth. If you would like to be added to our list of helpers for Wentworth and other events please see Mrs Craig for a DBS pack which must be completed by all adults working and volunteering with children as part of safeguarding measures.

It is important that all children wear the correct uniform on Wednesdays which is School badged navy blue sweat shirt and joggers with a white T shirt and trainers which the children can undo and do up themselves. We do have some 5 and 6 year olds who can do their own laces which is fantastic. Well done!

Remembrance Poppies are now on sale in the school yard after school each day. If you wish the children to purchase their own they can bring some money to school and we will make sure they can do so.

Parent Teacher Association for fund raising and meeting other parents.

The new PTA has been elected and the new committee has many plans for the year.

On Tuesday 15th November 2.45-3.30pm; Come and meet your PTA class representative. Refreshments will be provided.

Games and puzzles themed week

This themed week will bring together cross curricular areas through games and puzzles and use and apply maths and English skills at greater depth. It will also encourage thinking skills for learning, teamwork and cooperation. We are encouraging the children to think for themselves and set themselves challenges. It will be fun too!

School Dinners, swimming & milk

The school council has met with Linda and discussed the Winter menu. All the children have been asked for their thoughts and a new menu will shortly be available.

Dinners cost £10.50 per week or £73.50 for this half term for nursery and class 2. Thank you for ensuring that dinner money is paid in advance by cash or cheque and brought to school in a named envelope.

Swimming is £5 per week or £35 for this half term.

Milk is £13.50 for the whole term up to Christmas.

Acomb Childcare After school club September 2016

This provision is proving to be very popular and the children are keen to attend. Please speak to Nikki English for details.

Acomb Toddler Group meets every Wednesday at 9.30-11.00am in the school hall during the school term and is open to anyone with a toddler or baby.

Diary dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 4 th November	Singing at the Sage, Newcastle A letter has been sent to those involved.	Evening
Friday 4 th November	Bonfire lunch.	See separate letter.
Friday 11 th November	Nasal flu immunisations for years 1,2,3.	
Tuesday 15 th November	Come and meet your PTA class representative. Refreshments will be provided.	2.45-3.30pm
Friday 18 th November	Children In Need The children can wear spotty themed home clothes for a donation to Children in Need	
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th November	Games and puzzles themed week.	
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas lunch for children and staff. If you child normally has a packed lunch please do encourage them to join in with a school lunch.	
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole school trip to see Jungle Book at Queens Hall	1pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas performance Details to follow	1.45 & 6.30pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas party	1.15pm- 3.15pm
Friday 16 th December	Carols around the tree & last day of term	Carols at 2.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	New term starts	

Another parking plea. Our children's safety is paramount!

Thank you your cooperation and consideration when parking near school. In order to keep children and other road users safe please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines or opposite these lines as the road is narrow in this area. **This includes when dropping off for breakfast club and collecting from after school club as children are moving around the area.** Please do not use the staff car park entrance to turn ...it is dangerous for all concerned.