



# ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL



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**Sports News;** Today Year 3 and 4 are representing the school at a Hexham partnership cross country event. The children have been training for the last few weeks and we wish them good luck. .

**Music news** . Our "Sage Singers" performed Song of the Tyne by Kathryn Tickell and David Almond at the Sage, Gateshead, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, with children from five Newcastle schools . It was a major event which had excellent coverage by the "Chronicle " and the "Courant" . The children were nervous but performed well and are keen to do more. It was fantastic opportunity to liaise with the Newcastle schools and meet new people.

**Puzzles and games week.** The aim of this week was to develop positive learning behaviours which can be applied to all school work and activities. The children have taken part in a variety of activities including a fantastic day with "The School Puzzle Company". Their brains were teased and their minds were stretched as they had to try different learning approaches. The activities also taught the children the importance of successful cooperation and teamwork. The feedback from the children has been highly positive. It was good to see so many parents taking part in the open session too. I suspect there may now be some games on Christmas lists!

## Uniform and PE kit

Thank you to all the parents who have provided the correct PE kit for their children. Here is a reminder of what should be in school at all times.

- Plain white tee shirt or polo shirt ( School uniform polo shirts are light blue. I think there may be some historical confusion about this! I would like to address this by asking that future purchases are school badged pale blue. I am not asking that current white polo shirts are replaced immediately)
- Black or navy PE shorts
- Any colour joggers and sweatshirt or fleece for cold weather.
- Trainers. (Sand shoes are not great outside in winter)
- Spare socks

Uniform and PE kit order forms are available from the office and Mrs Craig will put an order in by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas plans update**

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Christmas crafts afternoon.**

The children will be making decorations for school Christmas tree and for the village Christmas tree at the Pant. There will also be a fundraising activity led by the PTA. We are trying this new fundraiser rather than the online Christmas card companies which have not received a great deal of support in recent years. For a donation of £2 the children will be able to make cards to take home.

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. 7pm Acomb village Carols around the tree (At the Pant)**

The village community will be coming together to sing carols at the Christmas tree at the Pant and it would be fantastic to have as many families as possible from the school attending to support this community event.

**Our School performance** of "The Grumpy Camel", which will include all school children, will take place term on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. 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! Tickets will be sent out early next week.

Any costumes requirements will be sent out by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Children's party Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Year3 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 event for you to join us in singing favourite carols . Home clothes, including Christmas jumpers if you wish, may be worn for the day.

#### **Acomb Childcare After school club**

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

**Breakfast club** run by Little Oaks is available every day from 8am. Breakfast can be provided .

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

## Admissions for September 2017

Admissions applications for September 2017 are now open. If you would like to visit the school and meet with myself please contact the school office for an appointment

### . Diary dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Read Write Inc. Phonics session for reception parents	2.45-3.15pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Craft session for children	in school time
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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.	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing at the Pant	7pm.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School performance dress rehearsal	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to see Jungle Book at Queens Hall	1pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance The children will be at Wentworth as normal in the morning.	1.45 & 6.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party	1.15pm- 3.15pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols around the tree & last day of term. Home clothes/Christmas jumpers	Carols at 2.30pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	New term starts	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	half term	