



# ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL



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## **Safety and safeguarding update**

### **Start of the day at 8.55am**

After the Easter holiday there will be a change to our arrangements at the start of the day. Children who attend breakfast club will stay with Little Oaks staff until 8.55am when they will be taken directly to classrooms.

Reception children will be lining up on the yard with the other classes as they will be starting their first term when we gradually start the transition to year 1.

Please note that parents are responsible for their children until 8.55am when teachers and Learning Support Assistants will collect them from the yard. A member of staff will be available to take any important messages at 8.50am such as any changes to who is picking your child up from school.

### **End of the school day at 3.15pm.**

Please come into the school yard rather than waiting beyond the fence.

Children are brought on to the yard and are sent to parents/carers when the adults have been seen by the school staff. It is very helpful if parents can make themselves visible.

The children are then the responsibility of their parents/carers. We have a few rules designed to keep the children safe which I am sure they can tell you about.

Bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the yard.

Walls, fences and furniture must not be climbed on or over at any time.

## **Parking**

A trial parking plan around the school and Bishop's Hill area has been proposed by the Highways department which may be implemented in the near future. I will share any information I receive with you as I receive it.

## **Easter Science**

In this final week of term we are having a Science themed Easter week. The children will be covering a variety of science activities as well as linked English and maths work. There will also be lots of fun Easter activities.

On Thursday we shall be having an Easter activity day which will include our annual egg decorating competition where the children decorate an egg as a character.

**Please send in a hard-boiled egg with a stand or egg cup** (a piece of narrow cardboard tube, from aluminium foil or cling film works well.) We will provide a range of materials and the children can bring in any extra items they may need. The results will be shared with the children at our Celebration assembly on Friday.

The PTA are hosting an **Easter Bingo** afternoon on Thursday from 3.15-5pm. Please send in the reply slip that went home on Friday and £3 as soon as possible.

## **A message from Acomb Parish Council:**

### **Acomb Play Area**

Acomb Parish Council is planning to upgrade the play area on the playing field. Cllrs Jane Wrigley and Lorna Farr have already spoken to the School Council and Acomb Youth Club to hear what extra equipment they would like, but we'd like to encourage Acomb parents and carers to get involved too. This topic will be the focus of Acomb Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, to which all residents of Acomb are warmly invited!

## . Diary dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Egg decorating and Easter activities	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Easter Bingo	3.15pm-5.00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April Church Event for families	One Friday and One Saturday Church event in Acomb Village Hall	12.00pm - 2.00pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	New term starts	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank holiday. School closed	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 residential trip to Broomley Grange	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Hexham Pupil Voice Conference for year 3 and 4 School Council members	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Little Oaks and Acomb First school Spring fair	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term	