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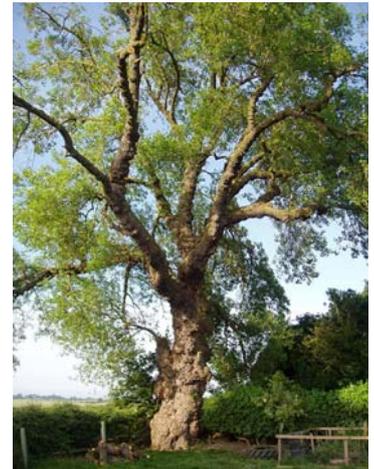
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# WHAT'S GOING ON

Acklington C of E  
First School



## Save Our School



### Class 1 - Spring Is In the Air!

For me one of the best things about working here is watching our youngest children lead the learning. From the story of Cinderella the children have been planting pumpkin seeds and have made a plan to have their own pumpkin patch at the side of the mobile classroom which will also have root vegetables and beans.

Thursday morning's lesson turned into a flurry of excitement as they drew up plans and made a start. Emptying the old pots became the new focus as children screamed with excitement at the sight of old roots that had wound their way around the pots. Unable to dispose of the precious weeds the children starting digging them back into the digging patch and watering them to see them spread out into the soil. Meanwhile Isaac took the lead on the vegetable allotment at the bottom of the garden digging out the weeds and mixing up the soil. What a joy to watch our children being so engaged in the learning process!

I would personally like to thank my fellow parents and other supporters for their continued effort in our endeavour to keep Acklington C of E First School open.

I know that the relationship between JCSC and parents has been fraught on occasion, especially at the Parish Council meeting this week, but a healthy and successful federation is still my desire for the school.

Andrea and I have a meeting with Amy, the Business Manager, on Monday which should hopefully result in us being much better informed and give us a lot more with which to work.

We've also hired the village **next Thursday (25th May) evening** and will leaflet the village inviting the community to an '**Ideas Forum**' with parents to start at **7pm**. We want to get locals and ex-students actively engaged in the consultation and get more heads involved in generating solutions. Please come along if you can, and tell anyone you think might be interested.

Steven Bush

After School Club Activities  
w/c 22nd May 2017

Monday - Designing totem poles

Tuesday - Little Dribblers

Wednesday - Baking cornbread

Thursday - Making Save Our School rosettes (for parents to wear at the meeting)

Friday - Wiggle bike racing

Class 2 enjoyed their visit to JCSC on Monday afternoon for the striking and fielding event. It was a great opportunity to make new friends whilst learning new skills. All of the children participated fully in all four activities and were a real credit to our school. The children were able to apply their new skills playing cricket in their PE lessons this week.

We are enjoying finding out about different states in the USA and next week we will be using the laptops to research a hotel in a particular state. If you happen to pass a travel agency over the weekend and would like to bring a brochure on somewhere in the USA that would be great.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**



*Jake* - for impressive batting and fielding in cricket

*Isaac* - for increased confidence in working with 2 digits

***Well Done!***

Thoughts and Prayers

Although we teach our children to be selfless in prayers, I hope we will all be praying for the future of our school this week.



**On Tuesday the children went on a unicorn ride as part of their fairy-tale topic. Here they are looking down at the school as it gets smaller and smaller and they head into the clouds.**

Dates for your diary:

**Thursday 25th May** - Community 'Ideas Forum' at Village Hall, 7pm

**Friday 26th May** - Half Term