

Acomb County First School Newsletter

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Friday 2nd October 2020

Head Teacher Message

We continue to be delighted with how well our children have settled into the new school year and it is lovely to see that they are already well underway exploring their exciting new topics, producing fantastic work and making their teachers proud!

Despite the uncertainty this year it really has been a positive start to the year and we'd like thank you for the wonderful messages of support and for helping us to make the beginning of term a success. To quote one parent *'Thank you to you all for making our son settle straight back into School life. He is loving doing the work with staff and we as parents feel reassured that he is kept safe throughout the day'*

We continue to work hard to make school a safe environment for all staff and children in line with government guidance but also a happy environment too!

As always, if there is anything you need to talk to us about please get in touch.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Clarke

Parent consultations

Due to the current guidelines we will be unable to hold face to face consultations this term as we normally would in October. We understand the importance of these meetings and how vital they are to inform you of how your child has settled into school. Therefore we will be holding telephone consultations week beginning 12th October with class teachers. Letters were issued yesterday; please return them by Thursday 8th October. Thank you.

Welcome

We'd like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Mapplebeck who is joining Reception Class as a student volunteer on a Wednesday and Friday morning as part of her on-line Teaching Assistant course.

PTA

The PTA are holding a virtual AGM on Monday 5th October at 8pm. New members are welcome to join us. If you would like to attend please email beth.clarke@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk and we will send out a Google Meet invite.

Books

Please could you have a look at home for school reading books that may not have been returned to school from before the summer break? In particular we are trying to locate our Read Write Inc books that we use as part of our phonics teaching. We would be very grateful if any books are found they are returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

Social Distancing

We'd like to remind all parents and carers to observe social distancing guidelines on the school yard and also when dropping children off in Reception Class. We have been notified that there have been some occasions this week where social distancing measures have not been observed. Please continue to be as vigilant as possible during drop off and pick up and observe social distancing measures at all times.

Earrings

Please can we remind you that earrings are not to be worn in school at all. If ears are still healing then plasters need to be worn over them until they have healed enough to take them out. We thank you for your understanding with this.

Reminder from Mrs Barber

Please can children in Class 1 remember to bring their reading books to school every Monday to get changed please? Thank you.

School Admissions - Year 4

The Online admissions portal opened on the 12th September for applications to Middle School, details of how to apply online have been sent to Year 4 children via Parentmail. Please contact the Admissions team on schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk if you have any questions.

The following link will provide further information and guidance including access the portal:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

After School Club



LITTLE OAKS NURSERY

2 YEARS - £15.75 PER 3 HOUR SESSION (for non-funded sessions)

3 & 4 YEARS- £14.25 PER 3 HOUR SESSION (for non-funded sessions)

BREAKFAST CLUB (includes breakfast)

£5.25 FOR 2 YEAR OLDS

£4.50 FOR 3 YEAR OLD OR ABOVE

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (includes meal)

£5.25 PER HOUR FOR 2 YEAR OLDS

£5.00 PER HOUR FOR 3 YEAR OLD & ABOVE

Any enquiries please call 01434 613422

Class news – We are now posting regular Class updates on Tapestry directly for parents and carers. We are also using Tapestry instead of the Class pages on our school website.

Local news and events

We are linking up with Acomblocal.co.uk, a parish wide community portal to share information about what is happening in the community and beyond to benefit residents.

We have added the link to the home page of our school website. To access the site please go to: acomblocal.co.uk .



“The focus and commitment of pupils in class are first rate”
Ofsted 2018

If you would like to have a look around St Joseph’s R.C. Middle School
We are holding Open Days on

- Monday 5th October 2020
- Tuesday 6th October 2020
- Wednesday 7th October 2020

Viewing strictly by appointment only.
Please ensure you wear a mask or face covering.

To arrange a visit please call: 01434 605124 or email: parentcontact@hexhamstjosephs.uk



St Joseph’s R.C. Middle School,
Highford Lane, Hexham, NE46 2DD
Tel: 01434 605124 Email: admin@hexhamstjosephs.uk

Finding out about
HEXHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

For parents/carers interested in a school place for September 2021



Information Videos for Parents/Carers & Pupils
Release date: 6pm on Monday 5 October 2020

At 6pm on 05/10/20, please visit
www.hexhammiddleschool.co.uk

to find:

- A 'Welcome to HMS' overview
- Subject-specific videos giving you a taste of the types of exciting lessons on offer
- Pupils discussing life at HMS
- A presentation on the amazing extra-curricular life in school
- Details of our fantastic new buildings on the QEHS site
- Details of a special competition and prizes
- Other useful information

Opportunity to speak with senior staff

If you would like to speak to a senior member of staff regarding a place at HMS for your child, please use the online booking form that can be found on the above website.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Notes
October			
Monday 5 th October	PTA AGM Virtual meeting	8 pm	Please see newsletter
Tuesday 13 th October	Class 2 Parent consultations via phone call	1 - 5.30 pm	See letter
Wednesday 14 th October	Reception Class Parent consultations via phone call	1 - 5.30 pm	See letter
Thursday 15 th October	Class 1 Parent consultations via phone call	1 - 5.30 pm	See letter
Friday 23 rd October	Teacher Training Day		School closed to pupils
Autumn half term holiday			
November			
Monday 2 nd November	School reopens to pupils		
Wednesday 4 th November	Class 1 Multisport Club - Week 1	3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Running for 7 weeks Letters to be issued soon.
December			
January 2021			

We have uploaded all of the current diary dates to the calendar and will continue to update pages with information regularly. Please note: It is occasionally necessary to change dates and times of events. Where a date or time changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.



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