



ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER 1 2017-18

Welcome back everyone to a new school year. I do hope everyone has had a happy holiday. We are delighted to welcome our twelve new starters to Reception and look forward to getting to know our new families. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Beth Clarke to our team as Class one teacher. (Year 1 and 2)

Class teachers will be sending out information about their class routines and information this week.

New school gates.

Our new gates directly into the yard from the pavement have been fitted so we are returning to this as the pedestrian entrance/exit to school. Please do ensure that you close the gates behind you when entering or leaving and that children are well-supervised.

Wednesday 6th September and all Wednesdays.

Year 1-4 will be going to Wentworth Leisure Centre for swimming and multi-sport lessons. They have 30 minutes swimming lesson and 30 minutes multi-sport, with their class, lead by Wentworth coaches and supported by school staff.

Please send swimming kit (trunks or one piece costume, towel and goggles) in a named bag. (It is not essential for Year 1 children to have goggles this week). The children should wear their badged navy blue joggers and sweat shirt with a white T- shirt or polo shirt and trainers to school that day. We would welcome contributions £5 per week towards the costs of this provision which is currently subsidised by school.

We would welcome more **parent helpers** to support Wentworth trips, school visits and hearing reading in school. If you are interested please speak to a member of staff and we will give you more details and organise the necessary DBS clearance, which is a safeguarding requirement, with you.

PTA The Parent Teacher Association is a vital financial support for the school and offers an opportunity for parents to meet each other and be more involved in school life through potential activities for children and families. Everyone is invited to come along to the AGM on Thursday at 2.45-3.15pm in the school hall to find out more. Roles include chair person, secretary, treasurer and year group representatives and general committee members. For more details please speak to Katie Carr, Lisa Carr, Maura Oakes, Emily Ballantyne, Jenny Ritchie or any other current committee member. My apologies for missing any names.

Water bottles

This year we would like children to provide their own named water bottle which can be left in school for the week and taken home to be washed at the weekend. They will be rinsed and refilled daily in school. It is important that children are able to access water whenever it is needed.

Parent governor

We welcome Mrs Louise Phillipson as our new parent governor following nominations last term.

Hexham partnership strategic development plans;

We will let you know any further updates when they occur.

Uniform reminder to keep handy

Please do name everything clearly with your child's name so that any mislaid items can be returned.

Royal blue school badged sweatshirt/cardigan

Pale blue badged polo shirt (not white)

Grey trousers/shorts/ skirt/pinafore

Pale blue checked summer dress

School shoes; black or blue (no trainers please)

Year 1-4 also need navy blue school badged joggers and sweat shirt with a white tee shirt or polo shirt for at Wentworth on Wednesdays and other sports events. Trainers are best and laces up ones are fine if they can tie their own laces. It is a skill to be encouraged!

PE kit to be kept in school

Royal blue shorts

White tee shirt or polo shirt

Sandshoes or trainers

Joggers and sweat shirt or fleece for cold weather

A current order form is attached. We are reviewing our suppliers as delivery times have been slow and will inform you of any change.

In common with other schools we do not allow extreme hairstyles.

Diary dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday 5 th September	New term starts	
Thursday 14 th September	PTA AGM and election of officers	2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 28 th September	Year 3 and 4 to visit Cragside as part of Victorians topic. Mrs Hinchcliffe will send further details.	
Friday 6 th October NEW DATE	Macmillan Coffee morning and Stay and Share	9.00am
Monday 9 th October	Parent Consultations with class teacher	3.30pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 10 th October	Parent Consultations with class teacher	3.30pm-6.00pm
Monday 16 th –Thursday 19 th October	Global Arts week. Details to follow	
Tuesday 17 th October	Harvest festival	2.30pm
Friday 20 th October	Teacher training day	
23 rd -27 th October	Half term	
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need	
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas performances. Details to follow. There will be two performances ; one in the afternoon and one in the evening	
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas holiday	
Monday 8 th January	New term starts	