

# **Acomb County First School**

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**Head Teacher Mrs Angela Speed**

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## **Acting Head Teacher Message**

After a well-deserved half term holiday children have returned to school with energy and enthusiasm, they continue to impress us with their positive attitude to learning and high quality work.

Thank you for returning the parent voice questionnaires, there is still time to send yours in if you haven't already done so.

On behalf of all the staff have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clarke

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## **School News**

### **Attendance**

Attendance continues to be very good; overall attendance figures are 97.34 % since the beginning of term. We really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

### **Payments**

Please could any cash payments for school be sent in the correct amount? The office does not keep any change, as all money is banked regularly. We thank you for your help with this. Dinner money needs to be paid weekly in advance on a Monday or at the beginning of each half term. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week or £77.00 for this half term. Swimming and Multisport contribution is £5 per week or £35 this half term.

### **Water bottles**

We have had a few issues with the school water bottles; subsequently we not happy with the quality and durability. We would like all children to bring their own water bottles in from Monday until we find a suitable replacement. Thank you.

### **PTA**

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the PTA school disco, it was certainly one of the best yet! Despite the ultimate levels of fun that was had, children's behaviour remained exemplary throughout.

### **School Admissions**

The Online admissions portal opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> November for applications to First School, it will close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact the Admissions team on 01670 624 889 if you have any questions.

### **Class news**

#### **Reception - Mrs Manning**

In Reception we are looking at traditional tales. Last week we looked at the story of the three little pigs and the big bad wolf. We looked at the characters and practised the repeated refrains such as I'll huff and I'll puff! We also made houses from different materials.

This week we have been looking at the three billy goats of gruff. We have been making bridges from different materials and writing lists of words to describe the characters, practising our phonic skills.

In maths this week we have started looking at the composition of the number 5. The children have been investigating different ways of making the number 5, using a range of objects for sorting and counting. We have been recording our thinking on whiteboards.

Mrs Manning is very impressed with their problem solving and reasoning skills!



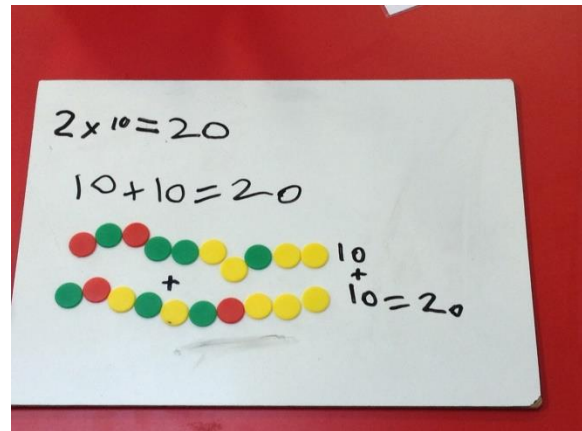
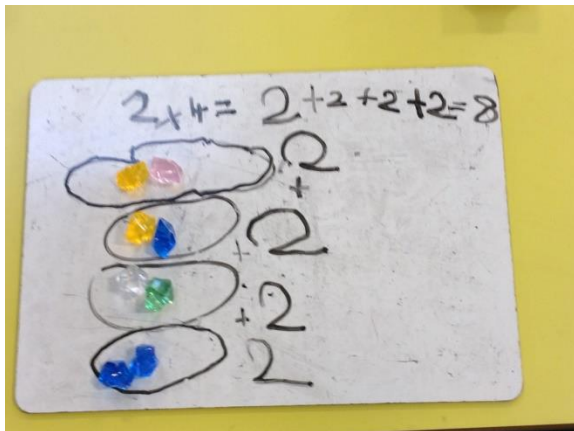
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#### **Class 1 - Mrs Barber**

Class One have been learning about multiplication and repeated addition this week. The children have enjoyed using practical objects to make their own arrays to show their working out.

We have been learning all about Remembrance Day too and the children have written some beautiful acrostic poems. In English and history, we have been finding out about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot, the children created their own wanted posters and fact files to help others learn all about him and the Gunpowder plot.

In science we have been thinking about the different parts of a plant, we decided that we would plant some bulbs to discover the different things that plants need to stay healthy and to grow.



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### **Class 2 - Mrs Hinchcliffe**

Class Two have been very interested in the First World War Centenary. They imagined what it would be like to have their Dad away fighting and wrote some heart-warming letters.

This week they have taken the role of their father writing about the rain, mud, rats and lice of the trenches. Very gruesome descriptions with powerful verbs and adjectives!

They have also replanted crocus bulbs, donated by Tynedale Rotary, after they did not grow last year. Hopefully next spring we will have lots of purple crocus flowers to celebrate the end of Polio all over the world.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Great North Air Ambulance Assembly	2.45 pm	Pupils and staff only
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Cake stall – Class 1	3.15 pm	School yard
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2 Forest School		More details to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols at the Pant then refreshments in the Village Hall.	7pm	All children and families welcome
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Open the Book Assembly	2.45 pm	Pupils and staff only
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas fun night- movie and crafts.	3.15 – 5 pm	More details to follow
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch	12.00	More details to follow
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Queen's Hall visit - Robin Hood Reception, Class 1 & 2.	1 pm – 3 pm	Estimated return time 3.30 pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress rehearsal at the Village Hall	1pm	Pupils and staff only
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performances at the Village Hall	2 pm and 6 pm	Children to be dropped off at the village hall at 5.30 pm.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas parties	1 pm	Bring party clothes in a named bag to change into
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas jumper day, Christingles and Carols around the Tree	2 pm	Christmas jumpers /tops/ hats optional
24 <sup>th</sup> December – 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Christmas holiday		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins		School reopens to pupils
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 2 Forest School		More details to follow
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA cake stall - Reception	3.15 pm	School yard
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Training Day	All day	School closed to pupils
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Spring half term holiday		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to pupils		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2 trip to Housesteads - Roman re-enactment	All day	More details to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 Forest School		More details to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> April – 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Bank holiday Monday		School closed to staff and pupils
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School reopens to pupils		

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday Monday	All day	School closed to staff and pupils
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Summer half term holiday		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens to pupils		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer day	All day	Children to visit new classes /schools.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer holiday		