

Acomb First School

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Newsletter 1 2018-19

Acting Head Teacher Message

Welcome back everyone after what I hope was a restful and memorable sunny summer break. This week's newsletter provides important information regarding the beginning of the new academic year. Additional information can be found on our school website. I have updated the calendar with key events that will take place this term. On behalf of the entire staff at Acomb, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning children and their families.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns or questions that you would like to raise with me.

Mrs Clarke

Staff Changes

Class 1 will now be in the very capable hands of Mrs Becky Barber. Mrs Barber is delighted to be joining the team at Acomb and has lots of exciting things planned for class 1. Should you need to speak to Mrs Barber, she will be available on the school yard at the beginning of the school day and also at home time.

New Classrooms

Reception class and class 2 have been enjoying their brand new classrooms that have been redecorated during the summer holiday. Class teachers will be sending out letters about their class routines and information next week.

Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets will be coming home in book bags this week for you to update and return to school in the envelope provided. Please return the forms to school by Wednesday 12th September. Please ensure you have updated the contacts section and all relevant phone numbers.

Dinner Money and Swimming Money

Can any money, including any outstanding payments from last year, be paid as soon as possible. Please send in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, detailing also what the payment is for. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week or £83.60 for the whole half term. Please do not allow debts to build up.

Water Bottles

This year school are providing named water bottles which will stay in school. They will be washed and refilled daily in school. All children are able to access water whenever they need it throughout the day.

Snack

Children in Reception and class 1 continue to receive a free snack at break time as part of the Government Fruit and Veg Scheme. Children in Class 2 may bring in a healthy snack from home.

Wednesdays

Year groups 1 - 4 will continue to visit Wentworth Leisure Centre for swimming and multi-sport lessons. They have 30 minutes of swimming lessons and 30 minutes of multi-sports, with their class, managed by Wentworth coaches and supported by school staff.

Please send swimming kit (trunks or one piece costume, towel and goggles) in a named bag. Our 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 of £5 per week towards the costs of this provision which is currently subsidised by school.

Walking home – Year 4 children only

Children in year 4 are permitted to walk home independently with written permission. We would also ask that you notify Mrs Hinchcliffe of the days your child will be walking home.

PTA

The PTA are currently setting a date for their AGM and are looking forward to seeing new members at the meeting this year. Further information about the AGM and opportunities for new and existing members will be sent out soon.

Beginning of year pack

Packs will be in book bags, with a covering note and will contain a selection of letters that we would like you to sign and return to school by Friday 14th September. Please return packs in the brown envelope provided.

Uniform Reminder

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

- 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)

Years 1 - 4 also require navy blue school badged joggers and a sweat shirt with a white T-shirt or polo shirt for Wentworth on Wednesdays and other sports events. Trainers are best and those with laces are fine, as long as pupils can tie their own laces. It's a good skill to acquire!

PE Uniform to be kept in School

Royal blue shorts

White T-shirt or polo shirt

Sandshoes or trainers

Joggers and sweat shirt or fleece for cold weather

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to class teachers or a member of staff.

Diary dates

| Date | Event | Time | Notes |
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| Tuesday 4 th September | New term starts | | |
| Thursday 27 th September | 'How to help your child' parent information session | 3.15pm | Crèche available |
| Thursday 4 th October | Macmillan Coffee morning and Stay and Share | 9.00am – 10.00 am | Coffee and cakes in the hall and a chance to visit children in their classrooms. |
| Monday 8 th October | Parent Consultations with class teacher | 3.30pm-6.00pm | In classrooms |
| Tuesday 9 th October | Parent Consultations with class teacher | 3.30pm-6.00pm | In classrooms |
| Thursday 18 th October | Christian Aid 'Big Me' celebration | 2.30pm | School hall - parents welcome |
| Friday 26 th October | Teacher training day | | School closed to pupils |
| 29 th October – 2 nd November | Autumn Half term holiday | | |
| Monday 5 th November | Schools reopens to pupils | | |
| Thursday 8 th November | PTA Disco | Time TBC | |
| Tuesday 13 th November | Nasal Flu vaccinations | 9.30.am | More information to follow |
| Friday 16 th November | Children in Need | | Non uniform/Spotty theme |
| Thursday 13 th December | Christmas performances at the Village Hall | 2 pm and 6 pm | Children to be dropped off at the village hall for 5.30 pm. |
| Friday 14 th December | Queen's Hall visit - Robin Hood Reception, class 1 & 2. | 1pm | Return time TBC |
| Thursday 20 th December | Class Christmas parties | 1 pm | Bring party clothes in a named bag to change into |
| Friday 21 st December | Christmas Jumper day and Carols round the Tree | 2 pm | Christmas jumpers, tops and hats optional - school hall |
| Friday 21 st December | Break up for Christmas holiday | | |
| Monday 7 th January | Spring term begins - school reopens to pupils | | |
| Friday 15 th February | Teacher Training day | | School closed to pupils |
| 18 th – 22 nd February | Spring half term holiday | | |
| Monday 25 th February | School reopens to pupils | | |
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