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Acting Head Teacher Message

We are delighted with how well our children have settled into the new school year and are already well underway exploring their exciting new topics, producing fantastic work and making their teachers proud!

It really has been a super start to the year and we'd like thank you all for the wonderful messages of support and for helping to make the first few weeks as positive as possible.

We have updated the diary dates this week and new dates have been added in red which were not on the previous diary dates.

Our aim is to send out a newsletter on a fortnightly basis, providing you with regular information of what is happening in school, diary updates and reminders.

We are busy updating the calendar on the school website too. To view the calendar, go to the school website homepage:

<http://www.acomb.northumberland.sch.uk/website/home/94445>

As always, if you have any questions or anything you'd like to raise, please do come and see us and we'd be happy to help.

Mrs Clarke

School News

Miss Eames

Lovely news, Miss Eames is delighted to announce that she is expecting her second baby in February! We are all really excited, especially the children in Reception class!

Mrs Craig

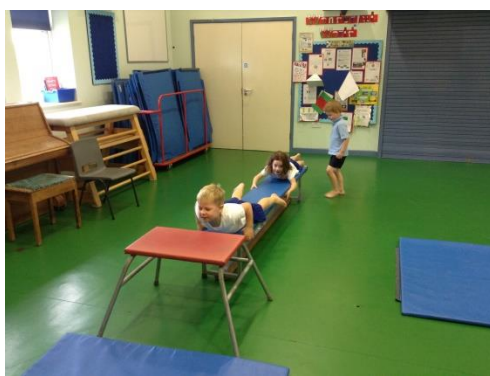
Mrs Craig also has some lovely news; she is getting married next weekend and will soon be known as Mrs Donkin. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Craig and her husband to be, Ian. On behalf of all the staff and governors may we wish you both a wonderful and memorable day!



Class news

Reception - Mrs Manning

Reception have had a great start to school life. They have settled well to the new adults and classroom and made some new friends. They have got changed and done PE for the first time and have been attending assembly with the rest of the school. They are all enjoying their school lunches. They had a great time picking the apples from the school trees and making and eating a delicious apple crumble! They have chosen Dinosaurs as their first topic ready to start next week.



Class 1 - Mrs Barber

Class One have had a lovely start to the term and have settled in very well. We have enjoyed learning all about change as part of our new topic. The children have been investigating changes in weather in the United Kingdom and have enjoyed acting out different weather types for their friends.

We have been learning all about historical changes too! The children have been discussing the differences and similarities between modern toys and old toys. Class One have also been learning all about E-Safety and have been busy making their own E-Safety posters to help others stay safe online.

In maths we have been looking at place value, all of the children have loved using practical objects to work out how many tens and how many ones are in different numbers.

We have been reading lots of Julia Donaldson books this term, we have been learning how to retell different stories, whilst also learning about character descriptions to help us create our own versions of the story 'Room on the Broom.' I am very impressed with Class One's positive attitude to learning and their enthusiasm when reading both at school and at home.



Class 2 Mrs - Hinchcliffe

The children in Class 2 have settled into their new classroom and have made a good start to the year. Everyone seems to be enjoying our prehistoric history topic and we already have some wonderful dinosaur poems and cave paintings up on the wall.

I am very excited about our Stone Age Day in October when we will have a visitor in school who is going to show us the skills Cavemen needed to live. Lots of exciting activities for the children to get involved in.



Attendance

A great start to the year; overall attendance figures for the first two weeks were 99.18%. This is a fantastic start and we really appreciate your efforts to arrive at school promptly ready to learn!

Uniform Reminder

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

Payments

Please can any payments made to school be the correct money where possible. The office does not keep change, as all money is banked regularly. We thank you for your help with this. Dinner money must be paid weekly in advance on Monday each week or at the beginning of each half term. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week or £83.60 for this half term. Swimming and Multisport contribution is £5 per week or £40 this half term.

Beginning of year packs

Thank you for returning your packs promptly, could the remaining few packs be sent into school by Monday 24th September please.

Parent Mail

Please contact the school office if you are not yet registered or are having problems with your account.

School Admissions

The Online admissions portal opened on the 12th September for applications to Middle School, details how to apply online have been sent to year 4 children via Parent mail. Please contact the Admissions team on 01670 624 889 if you have any questions. Please see below for details of Middle School open days.

Hexham Middle School

HMS are holding an information evening for parents and pupils on Thursday 4th October from 6 – 8pm. The Headteachers talk will begin at 6pm and again at 7pm in the Main Hall.

A parents' only Open Day is taking place on Friday 5th October at various times throughout the day, this will involve a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet senior staff.

For more information or to book a place on Parents' Open Day telephone 01434 602533 or email admin@hexhammiddle.co.uk

St Joseph's RC Middle School

St Joseph's are holding an open afternoon from 2pm to 3pm on Wednesday 26th September and an open evening on Thursday 27th September from 7pm. For further information ring 01434 605124.

Corbridge Middle School

Corbridge are holding their open day on Tuesday 25th September at 10.15 - 11.45am and at 6.30 - 7.30 pm. For further information ring 01434 632191.



Date	Event	Time	Notes
Monday 24 th September	PTA AGM	2.45 pm	School hall
Thursday 27 th September	Year 4 visit to HMS	TBC	Coach transport provided.
Thursday 27 th September	'How to help your child' parent information session	3.15pm	Crèche available
Monday 1 st October	Stone Age workshop Class 2	9.00 am	More information to follow.
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.
Thursday 4 th October	Open the Book Assembly- Reverend Jeremy Thompson	2.45 pm	Pupils and staff
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
Tuesday 16 th October	Reception class photo - Hexham Courant	9.00 am	Full school uniform
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	TBC	More information to follow
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 at 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
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		



