



Newsletter

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Introduction

What an interesting week! The best part of my job is always talking to children. I have been delighted recently to see the work they are doing in class and also seeing some children come to my office with work and achievements of which they are especially proud. Charlie's cornet exam results were stunning – a distinction is an excellent achievement. Amiel's writing was truly some of the best Y6 writing I have seen in all my time – I look forward to seeing how this develops over the year.

Upcoming Events

September

Tuesday 25th: Welcome Meetings

Years Five & Six 5.00pm

Thursday 27th: Y5/6 Trip to York Food Festival

Friday 28th 2pm: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

October

Monday 1st: Y2 visit to York Minster

Tuesday 9th (pm): Parent 'Crafternoon'

Friday 12th: Non-Uniform day (Friends of Acomb)

Thursday 25th: School closes for half term

All dates are available online at: www.acombprimary.org.uk/parents/calendar-dates/

A separate Dates for the school year will be sent out with this week's newsletter.

Helpers Needed

We need some adults to help Y1 and Y2 walk to Holgate Methodist Church and back. If you could help with this – even if you can only help one way – please speak to Mrs Forrest in the office (or the Y1 or Y2 class teachers). The dates we are going are:

Wednesday 3rd October – AWLS & DHSW

Friday 5th October – EST and TD

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are holding a coffee afternoon on Friday 28th September from 2pm in the school hall. Every year group will be making something to sell and Y6 will be helping to serve drinks and cakes on the day. Please come along to support this very worthwhile cause.



Conkers

Our children with allergies to nuts may also have a reaction to conkers, so we would ask children not to bring them into school.

Reminders from each phase

Foundation Stage (Reception)

The Reception children are going to visit St Stephen's Church in Acomb on Monday, 1st October (in the morning) as part of Places of Worship Week. The children should all wear school uniform, sensible footwear and a coat. If any parents/carers can accompany us, please let us know. Unfortunately, we can't accept an offer of help if you have other children in your care. Thank you, K. Bradley and E. Peggs.

Key Stage One (Y1 & Y2)

Year 2 Minster Trip – Monday 1st October

On Monday 1st October Classes TD and DHSW will be visiting York Minster to link to our upcoming work on the Minster fire and with places of worship week. We will be **travelling by coach** and will arrive there around 10am. **All children will need a packed lunch and a drink (no glass bottles or nut products please)**. The children should all wear school uniform, sensible footwear and a coat. If any parents could help on this trip, please speak to Mr Dennis, Mrs Hatch or Mrs Wragg. A donation, of £9 via ParentPay, towards the workshop and travel costs would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Lower Key Stage Two (Y3 & Y4)

STEM Workshop

Miss Shaw's class will be taking part in a 'Plant Health Detectives' workshop lead by a STEM ambassador who works for DEFRA (Department of Education, Food and Rural Affairs) and has been given a grant by the Royal Society of Biology to run the workshop across York. The activity will highlight the importance of plants and is based around a "bug hunt" which will be carried out in our school grounds, where the children will look for insects. The will be followed by lots of fun and interactive classroom activities to allow the children to identify the insects and think about why some insects are harmful and other harmless. The activity will take place on the morning of Monday 8th October. The children have been given a photo permission letter today to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Upper Key Stage Two (Y5 & Y6)

Year 5/6 Trip to York Food Festival

On **Thursday 27th September**, classes CJ, EJ/MB and OB will be attending York Food and Drink Festival, where they will participate in a range of workshops. We will leave school immediately after registration in order to be in town for a 9:45 registration at the Festival's Food Hub. We will be walking to and from York so pupils will need comfortable walking shoes, school uniform and a suitable jacket or coat. The workshops will run between 10am and 12pm, meaning that every child will need a packed lunch on this day. We will have lunch when we return to school. We would greatly appreciate a donation of £2 per child, via ParentPay, towards the cost of the workshops. Also, if any parent helpers can accompany us on this trip - please speak to Miss Bevins, Miss Johnson, Mrs Batey or Ms Jackson if you are available. Thank you for your support.

Young Voices – Year 5 children

The children in Year 5 will be singing at the Young Voices Concert in Sheffield on Monday, 14th January. All the children have been given a letter today with a form to order tickets and consent to attendance, photographs etc. Please return the form as soon as possible and by Monday, 22nd October at the latest. Thank you.

Influenza Programme

All Pupils in Reception to Year 5 – 2018/19

Children will be immunised in school on Wednesday, 5th December but only with parent/carer's consent. To do this, parents/carers MUST visit www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent using access code G97MU.

Friends of Acomb Primary

The Friends' Group AGM will take place on Thursday 27 September, 8-9pm at the Inn on the Green (Acomb). We'll recap on the year past, look at the year ahead and hopefully make plans for a new committee. It'd be great to see some new faces and we're really keen to welcome anyone who thinks they may be able to run the odd fundraising event for the group- hope to see you there! We're looking for some green fingered volunteers to help clear the central school courtyard. Watch this space for a date – we would really appreciate some help!

GDPR Forms

Mrs Forrest will be contacting all parents who haven't yet returned a GDPR form for their child, including forms that are incomplete. Changes to the law require us to seek information and permissions from you and, without the form, we can't respect your wishes. (This includes not allowing Adventure Photography to take your child's picture unless we have permission).

After School Friends of West Bank Park

The After School Friends of West Bank Park (a group for Reception to Year 2 children) will be starting up again next Friday, 28th September at 3.30 pm. We'll be making leaf and petal smash-art wall hangings. £2 a family, siblings welcome. To book a space, contact Fi Calvert at WBafterschoolfriends@outlook.com or search: After School Friends of West Bank Park, on Facebook. Thank you.

Amendments to the School Lunch Menu

Week 1 – On Wednesdays, the main course will be changed to sausages with gravy, mashed potato, green beans and carrots,

Week 3 – On Mondays the pasta with Mediterranean sauce is served with garlic bread, peas and sweetcorn. The pudding will now be banana cake. Tuesday's main course will be ham and tomato pizza with rice salad and mixed vegetable fingers followed by chocolate shortbread. Wednesday's pudding will now be strawberry mousse. On Thursdays the chicken will be served separately from the BBQ sauce (so that the children may decide if they want it). Friday's pudding will be vanilla, chocolate or strawberry ice cream as the supplier is unable to provide toffee yoghurt ice cream any more.