



Introduction

Years Five and Six had a great time at the York Food Festival this week, with lots of workshops and activities, making food and learning lots of new things.



Upcoming Events

October

Monday 1st: Y2 visit to York Minster;

Reception classes visit St Stephen's Church

Wednesday 3rd: Classes AWLS & DHSW visit Holgate Methodist Church

Tuesday 9th (pm): Parent 'Crafternoon'

Friday 5th: Classes TD & EST visit Holgate Methodist Church

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/

Crafternoon

On Tuesday 9th October, we will be holding our first 'Crafternoon' of the year. On this, you can come to school to work alongside your child or children in their classrooms on something practical. Reception and Year One classes will be sending out time slots to all parents. Years Two to Six are opening classrooms from 2pm.

Please come along to support the children – you will be able to get in through the playground doors to the classrooms.

The back gate (Nursery Drive) will be opened from 2pm.

Music Tuition

The Music in Schools teacher, Ms Hanson, will be coming to school on Wednesday 17th October at 3pm to give a talk and demonstration to parents of children in Years 3-6 who would like to learn a brass or woodwind instrument.



Harvest

As part of our continuing work with YoYo, this year we will be having a Harvest celebration linked to the idea of giving on Monday 22nd October. The children will be learning stories from the bible about bread and collaborating together to create a whole school assembly at the end of the day. During this assembly a representative from the local food bank will be visiting and we would love to present him with a school contribution of food. If you would like to donate food to this cause, then please leave it in the marked crates in the reception area. For an up-to-date list of food items, please visit: <https://york.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> and look at the right hand side of the page. As a guideline, tinned products, long-life milk, long-life juice, breakfast cereals and sanitary products are always welcome. Thank you!

Library Volunteers

We are looking for some volunteers to help out in our school library. Please contact the school if you have a regular slot available to help with the general upkeep of the library. This will include ensuring the books are organised and tidy, helping to add new titles to the school collection and sorting through any duplicate or damaged books to allow room for new stock.

Please contact office@acomb.pmat.academy or by phone on 798453 to let us know.

Many thanks,

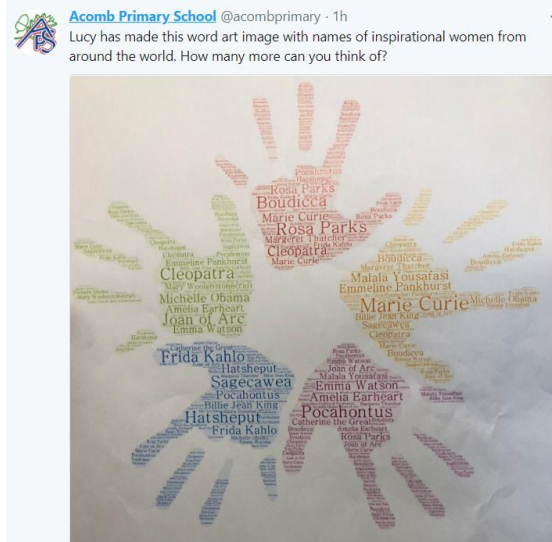
Miss Peggs

Friends of Acomb Primary

Many thanks to everyone who came to our AGM last night. It was fabulous to welcome some new faces and to appoint a new co-chair for the group: Katy - we are literally thrilled to have you! We're also very excited about our new 'FOAP Parent Social' arm; thank you to our very enthusiastic volunteers for taking on this role! We are going to plan the dates for fundraising events this term over the next week or so. Please do keep an eye out on our social media pages. The Christmas Fair looks set for Friday 30th November 2018. We're also going to send out some details about vacant committee positions so please do have a read through and get in touch if you think that one of the roles may suit you. Thank you.

Inspirational Work

Lucy in Y6 did some lovely work this week using the Chromebooks, that she came to show to me. She had been reading about Inspirational Women and wants to raise awareness of these people who do and have done wonderful things in the world.



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.

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. 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.

Lower Key Stage Two (Y3 & Y4)

Year 3 and 4 will be visiting St Stephen's Church on Tuesday morning as part of Places of Worship Week. We are looking for volunteers to assist the classes with walking to and from the church. If any parents are able to do this, please speak to your child's class teacher. We will require people for the following sessions:

ESH: 8.50am - 10.20am

KJSW: 9.50am - 11.20am

RS: 10.50am - 12.20pm

Upper Key Stage Two (Y5 & Y6)

Pathfinder Results 2018

Here is a summary of the results of the Pathfinder MAT schools from summer 2018. As you can see, they are a strong set of results and we will continue to build on these strengths this year.



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A RECORD BREAKING YEAR OF RESULTS

Congratulations to all of our schools on their fantastic 2018 results



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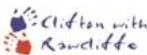
New Earswick
Primary School



Heworth
Church of England Primary School



Hempland
Primary Academy



Clifton with
Rawcliffe



Badger Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Archbishop Holgate's School
A Church of England Academy Founded 1545



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KS2 SATs Results

	Progress	Working at Expected Standard		Achieving Higher Standard		
	Pathfinder	Pathfinder	National	Local Authority	Pathfinder	National
Reading	+0.71	77.3%	75%	73%	31%	28%
Writing	+2.30	87.7%	78%	76%	30.1%	20%
Maths	+1.34	82%	76%	76%	31%	24%
Combined	No National Data	71.9%	64%	61%	15.7%	10%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	No National Data	79%	78%	76%	38%	34%

- At Pathfinder results for **Progress** and **Attainment** at the Expected and Higher Standards are above both national and local authority scores on all three key measures.
- We are delighted to have schools in the Trust in the **top 5%** nationally for progress in **reading, writing and maths**.
- Over half of the schools in our Trust had more than **75%** of pupils reaching the expected standard in **reading, writing and maths**.

KS4 and KS5 Results

GCSE

- Outstanding GCSE results!
- Last year's Progress 8 score of **+0.53** was in the **top 5%** of schools nationally and this year's progress score looks set to be even stronger.
- **61%** of students achieved at least one A/A* or 7/8/9 (the new equivalent of A/A*).
- **77%** of all subjects at GCSE are classed as 'outstanding' and are in the **top 25%** nationally.

Sixth Form

- **Top 10%** or better for the past five years for student performance.
- This year **70%** of ALL A Level grades graded at A*-B.
- **97%** of all students achieved at least one A*-B or equivalent.

Excellent progress and outcomes for all our pupils, whatever their starting point

