



Newsletter

No. 2

Friday 14th September 2018

Introduction

It has been another good week at Acomb Primary. The new reception children are settling in very well and have enjoyed their first proper taste of school dinners – they are super eaters and have had excellent manners – the kitchen staff have loved getting to know them.

Upcoming Events

September

Thursday 20th: Welcome Meetings Reception & Year One 5.00pm

Years Two, Three and Four 5.30pm

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/

Charity of the Year

Following on from the success of last year's work for St Leonard's Hospice, we have chosen another charity to support this year. Based on some of the work that Y5 & Y6 did last year, we thought that SASH (Safe and Sound Homes) would be a good one.

SASH is a youth homelessness charity that works across York, North Yorkshire, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Hull. Their focus is on prevention and they hope that those they help never have to experience homelessness again.

You can find out more about them at

www.sash-uk.org.uk

Watch this space for news about fundraising events.

Apples

We have picked the apples from the trees in the school grounds to use in the kitchen next week. If there are any spare we will put them outside classrooms – please help yourselves to them when you drop off or pick your children up next week.

Uniform

Uniform has been much better round school this week - thank you. There are still a few black cardigans and jumpers though. Please ensure your child has the school colours on each day.

Reminders from each phase

Foundation Stage (Reception)

A reminder that children in the Foundation Stage (Reception classes) all attend school for the whole day from Monday, 17th September

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.

PMAT News

We are hoping to put together a football tournament against other schools in the Pathfinder MAT. Watch this space for more details.

Each week I attend a Headteachers' meeting where we discuss various issues. This week we talked about priorities for the coming year that are common across schools so we can share expertise and skills. This is a very positive move as it helps us and all of the other schools to continue to grow and improve.

Friends of Acomb Primary

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Summer. Back into the swing of fundraising for this term and coming up we're hoping to have Christmas Card making, some Halloween fun and, of course, the Christmas Fair. Kicking things off will be our AGM at the end of this month (exact date to follow shortly!) We'll be recapping last year, discussing plans for the year ahead and we'd really appreciate your coming to support us. We are looking for individuals to take ownership of some of our smaller fundraising events - like bake sales, book sales, seasonal competitions (pumpkins, eggs) etc. These events are great for our school community, valuable earners, the children love them and they take very little effort to organise. If you think you can help in this way please get in touch so we can start planning for this term. Thank you. Here's to another fantastic year of fundraising!

Other Reminders

Summer Reading Challenge 2018:

There is still time to sign up and complete the Summer Reading Challenge. The Challenge finishes on 16th September so the children have time to go to the Library to sign up and/or tell them about the books that they have been reading. Please send your child's certificate to school for assembly. We are very keen to win the trophy as we won it in 2016 and 2017! Thank you.

Choir - update

Please note Choir will finish on 5th December. The Christmas Concert will be held at the Gateway Centre in the evening of Thursday, 6th December. Please put the date in your diaries! Details will follow at a later date.

All Pupils in Reception to Year 5 - 2018 / 2019 Influenza Programme

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.