



Introduction

Welcome back. Half term seems a long time ago now, we have had such a busy week with the NSPCC visiting, poppies being made and lots of excellent work going on in classrooms throughout the school.

Upcoming Events

November

Friday 16th: Non Uniform – Children in Need

Monday 19th: School closed to children – staff training day

Tuesday 20th: Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st: Parents' Evening

Monday 26th-Friday 30th: Bewerley Park Y6 Residential

Friday 30th: Christmas Fair

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

Friends Group Update

Thanks to everyone who took part in the pumpkin carving competition and the cauliflower card designs. The cards will arrive back in the next couple of weeks so there will be plenty of time to send them out to relatives for Christmas. Please take a look at the **attached letter** about the Christmas Fair taking place on the 30th November. In support of this your child will have raffle tickets in their bags, please buy as many as you can there are plenty of fabulous prizes to win.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a parents' evening appointment on Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st November. At the time of writing this, 76% have done so. If you haven't managed yet, you have until next Friday, 16th November to do this at:

<https://acomb.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/default>

If you have any trouble, please ask Mrs Forrest at the school office.

Christmas Events

It's that time of year when we start to think about Christmas! Rehearsals are underway and teachers are busy planning for work and events. Here are a list of confirmed dates so far:

- Wednesday 5th – Christmas Dinner for all children
- Thursday 6th – Choir Concert at Gateway Centre
- Tuesday 11th – 9.15am KS1 Nativity (school hall)
- Tuesday 11th – 1.30pm KS1 Nativity (school hall)
- Wednesday 12th – 9.15am KS1 Nativity (school hall)
- Tuesday 18th – 10.00am KS2 Concert (Gateway Centre)
- Tuesday 18th - 1.30pm – Reception Nativity (Gateway Centre)
- Friday 21st – Reception classes Christmas party (morning) Friday 21st – 1.00pm – Carols in the Playground

Rotary York Ainsty

On Wednesday, 14th November Rotary (York Ainsty) will be coming to school to plant crocuses (with some of the children) on the roundabout at the front of the school. This is part of their Purple4Polio campaign to raise awareness and also funds to help eradicate polio throughout the world. For safety reasons the **vehicle access gate will be closed** for about an hour from 9am. The pedestrian gate will be open. We shall have a non-uniform day in the spring term, when the crocuses are out to raise funds for the campaign.

Clubs

Mr Shimmin still has places at both Dodgeball clubs on a Friday. For bookings please follow the link

<https://www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk/book-now/>

Coach Gunn will be running a Basketball Camp at Acomb during the Christmas holiday. Please see

<https://www.facebook.com/coachgunnbasketball> for further information.

St Stephen's Scout group are having their Christmas Festival on 24th November, 12.30-6.30pm, at the Gateway Centre. If you would like to book the miniature train ride and visit to Father Christmas for your child, please see the attached flyer. Paper copies will be available on Monday from the school office. Forms and payment can also be left at the office and will be collected by the Scout group.

Reminders

All Pupils in Reception to Year 5

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. **The school is not able to authorise this for you.**

Foundation Stage (Reception)

The reception children will be having an Owl Adventure Workshop on Tuesday, 20th November. Owls will be brought into the classroom and the children will learn about owl habitats and what they eat. A donation of £2 towards the cost, via ParentPay, would be greatly appreciated. (If you do not have log in details please contact Mrs Forrest in the school office). Thank you, E Peggs and K Bradley

KS1

We really need some helpers to hear children in Y2 read each week. If you can spare some time, please speak to one of the class teachers or to Mrs Forrest in the school office. We only have one person at the moment and could really do with some more. Afternoons are better for us, but anytime would be useful.