



Introduction

I can hardly believe we are approaching the final week of term already. The reception children who started with us 14 weeks ago have settled really well into school life and everyone has been working incredibly hard to put on wonderful Christmas performances – reception and KS2 are performing on Tuesday and our whole school carols in the playground is still to look forward to next Friday.

Upcoming Events

December:

Tuesday 18th 10.00am KS2 Concert (Gateway)

Tuesday 18th 1.30pm – Reception Nativity (Gateway)

Tuesday 18th pm: Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party

Thursday 20th pm: Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party

Friday 21st am: Reception & KS1 Christmas party

Friday 21st 1.00pm: Carols in the Playground***See Below**

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

Carols in the Playground

You are all invited to join us for Carols on the KS2 playground at 1pm. If you wish to take your child home after that you may do so by collecting him/her from the classrooms via the playground doors. **Year 5/6** children who normally walk home unaccompanied will **only be allowed to leave early** if you have given consent by writing a note in his/her planner. All children who don't leave early will finish, as normal, at 3pm. Please remember that the **Out of School Club is closing promptly at 5pm** on Friday, 21st December

Christmas Jumpers

All children may wear Christmas jumpers if they have one on the last day of term (Friday 21st December).

Reading/Phonics Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out with reading and/or phonics in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you have any spare time on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please email office@acomb.pmat.academy to tell us when you have spare time. Thank you, A. Walker

School Christmas Post

Post boxes for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are in the main entrance near the school office. For Years 3-6 the boxes are in the Library. Please make sure they are addressed with the child's name and class. The last day for posting is Thursday, 20th December at 9am.

Classes TD and DHSW

On Thursday, 20th December the children in Year 2 will be making pizzas. We will provide the base, the sauce and the cheese. We have liaised with the school kitchen and Ms Harrison will provide the ingredients we need for children who have special diets and their pizzas will be made and cooked separately. If your child wishes to bring a **maximum of 2 extra toppings** he/she may do so. Please put them in a labelled container/packet. Thank you.

S. Wragg and T. Dennis

SASH Christmas Donations

SASH is a charity helping prevent homelessness in young people aged 16 -25 in North and East Yorkshire. As a school, we are supporting this charity throughout the year. We will donate our collections from the Christmas performances to SASH but they also need items to offer young people in their new homes. If you can support SASH with a donation it will be very welcome. Donations can be brought to reception. Items they need are: spray deodorant, full size shampoo and conditioner, face wipes (not baby wipes please) and Christmas chocolate. Please bring items before 19th December.

Lost Property

Please take time to look in the Lost Property box (in reception near the school office) before the end of term when all items will be recycled or donated to charity.

Medicine in School

A reminder following a few requests from parents that we only administer medicine (not cream or lotion) that has been prescribed by a doctor. A form should be completed at the school office and the medicine handed in there. Children should not be in possession of any medicines etc. in school. Please see our policy on the school website for full details.

Foundation Stage (Reception)

The Foundation Stage party is on Friday, 21st December. The children may wear their party clothes to school for the whole day. Please could all parents send a donation of £1 per child towards the party food etc. We will cater for all dietary requirements. Thank you.

On Wednesday, 19th December the Reception children will be watching Toy Story. As it has a PG certificate, please let Mrs Bradley or Miss Peggs know if you do not want your child to watch the film. Thank you.

Key Stage One (Y1 & Y2)

The Year 1 and 2 party is on Friday, 21st December. The children may wear their party clothes to school for the whole day. Please could all parents send a donation of £1 per child towards the party food etc. We will cater for all dietary requirements. Thank you.

Lower Key Stage Two (Y3 & Y4)

The KS2 Christmas concert is at the Gateway Centre in Acomb at 10am on Tuesday 18th December. (Parents do not need tickets for this event). The children should all wear school uniform. As their party is during the afternoon, the children may bring their party clothes to school and change after the concert. Please could all parents send a donation of £1 per child towards the party food etc. We will cater for all dietary requirements. Thank you.

Please find attached a booking form for a Year 3/4 Football Club commencing on 15th January.

Upper Key Stage Two (Y5 & Y6)

The KS2 Christmas concert is at the Gateway Centre in Acomb at 10am on Tuesday 18th December. (Parents do not need tickets for this event). The children should all wear school uniform. The Year 5/6 party is on Thursday, 20th December and the children may wear their party clothes to school for the whole day. Please could all parents send a donation of £1 per child towards the party food etc. We will cater for all dietary requirements. Thank you.

Holgate Pre-School (www.holgatepreschool.org.uk)

Holgate pre-school is a long standing provider of childcare in Holgate Methodist Church (on Acomb Road). The opening hours are 9am-2pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. Children are accepted from the age of two and a half. If you are interested please email info@holgatepreschool.org.uk or phone 07957 101801

Message from Angela Blackwood of the Road Safety Team, City of York Council

Thank you very much for the welcome that I received at the recent Parents' Evenings. It was great to have positive conversations with so many of you around active travel, walking and cycling to school, to work, for family bike rides and for general recreation. It was a pleasure to be able to offer support and resources in such a rich and wide variety of ways. Those of you who requested a set of the 8 Cycling Leisure Maps produced by City of York Council should now have received them via your children. If you didn't have the opportunity to ask for these maps and you would like them, please let us know and we can get them to you. (You could have a look at them, alongside lots of other useful information, on the City of York Council iTravel website.) In celebration of the efforts you have already made, becoming only the third school in York to achieve Gold in the STARS Award, Mr Dennis, Mr Haynes and I are planning to offer some new opportunities in school next year.

I look forward to continuing our work together.

Thanks again, and all good wishes,

Angela Blackwood