



Introduction

Rehearsals for the nativities and Christmas concerts are in full swing now and school is looking and feeling very festive. The children (and staff) enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday – big thanks go to the kitchen team for making it such a success.

Upcoming Events

December:

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)
Tuesday 18th 1.30pm – Reception Nativity (Gateway)
Tuesday 18th pm: Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Thursday 20th am: Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
Friday 21st am: Reception & KS1 Christmas party
Friday 21st 1.00pm: Carols in the Playground

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

Christmas Parties

Please note that the Y1 & Y2 party is on the same day as the reception party (Friday 21st December in the morning). Children may wear their party clothes in school all day.

Christmas Jumpers

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

Acorns After School and Breakfast Club

1. Debt Management

Each month the club sends out invoices to parents and carers for sessions used by children across the school. These should always be paid in full within the appropriate timescale. There are, unfortunately, a large number of families who owe money to the club – with a total of around £2000 owed in late payments. This is simply not acceptable and childcare places will be removed from families in debt and offered to those on the waiting list if debts are not cleared urgently. The school budget is having to cover this shortfall and we don't have the funds to do this.

2. Dates and Bookings

On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th (next week) Breakfast Club will be in their classroom NOT the hall as it is the KS1 nativity and we need to set up the hall.

On the last day of term, we envisage that most children will leave at 1.30pm when the carols in the playground session ends. **Please can all parents who use the after school club confirm arrangements for their child – ie let club know if your child is or is not going to club that day. Additionally, club will close at 5pm on the last day of term (Friday 21st December).**

Next week, please make sure you inform club of any changes to requirements – for example if you are taking your child home after the KS1 or reception nativity.

If you do not inform club of changes you will be charged for booked sessions anyway.

3. Spaces after school

We are now fully booked at club every after school session. If you do need childcare, please contact club via email anyway and we can let you know if a space has become available.

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.

SASH Christmas Donation

SASH is a charity preventing homelessness in young people aged 16 -25 throughout North and East Yorkshire. As a school, we have decided to support this charity throughout the year.

We will be donating our collections from the Christmas concerts and performances to SASH but they also need items to offer young people in their new homes. If you could possibly support SASH before Christmas with a donation it would be hugely appreciated. Any donations can be brought around to the front of school and placed in the SASH container.

Items they need are:

- Spray deodorant
- Full size shampoo and conditioner
- Face Wipes (not baby wipes please)
- Christmas Chocolates

Please bring in donations by Wednesday 19th December. Thank you.

School Lunch payments

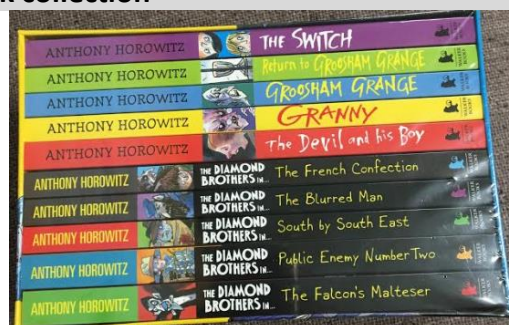
Please could parents check their child's school lunch balance and pay **the full** amount owing. Meals for the week are ordered on a Monday and should be paid for on Monday too. Next week, Mrs Forrest will be contacting parents who owe more than the minimum payment of £12.50.

Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisation – the 'Catch Up Health Bus'

NHS staff will be offering the nasal spray for the flu immunisation for any children who were **not** immunised in school on Wednesday. The bus will be at Askham Bar Park and Ride, on Saturday 22nd December between 10am-1pm. It will offer the nasal spray for children from Reception to Year 5 age. Parents do not need to bring anything with them. It is a drop in bus so no appointment is necessary.

Anthony Horowitz book collection

The Book People currently have a great offer on Anthony Horowitz books that could make an excellent Christmas present! If any parents would like to order the 10 book bumper pack for £10, please bring payment (cash only) to the office by Wednesday 12th December. The books will be delivered to school on Thursday 13th.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your donations. As a school we raised £223.76.

Menu alteration to the main course for next week:

Monday – Margarita Pizza

Tuesday – Sausage casserole (as a trial), potato wedges and peas

Friday – Battered cod (or baked potato)

Foundation Stage (Reception)

Letters about the Reception nativity performance have been given out this week. Please remember to return your slip to Mrs Bradley/Miss Peggs as soon as possible. Thank you.

Key Stage One (Y1 & Y2)

Parents have all been advised regarding extra tickets for the performances. Please let the school office know if you no longer require any spaces. Thank you.

Lower Key Stage Two (Y3 & Y4)

All the children in classes KJSW, RS and ESH will be going to see the Cinderella at the Grand Opera House in York on **Friday 14th December**. We have managed to get tickets for just £10 per child which is an amazing reduction on the normal prices (oh yes it is!). **All the children** will need a packed lunch to be eaten at school before we walk to the theatre. They may also bring a small snack or small bag of sweets **TO BE EATEN AT THE THEATRE**. They do **not** need a drink for this but should bring their school water bottle. School uniform should be worn with a coat and sensible footwear for walking. Please note, we will **not be back to school until approximately 4pm so please collect your child from school at this time**. If you are able to accompany us on the trip, we still have **5 spare places for adults** which will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Mrs Forrest about this. **We need your permission for your child to go to** the theatre and a donation of £10 for the ticket can be made via ParentPay. Thank you, the Year 3/4 team.

For the KS2 Christmas performance, the Year 3/4 children will be walking to the Gateway Centre in Acomb for a **rehearsal** on Tuesday, 11th so they will all need a coat and sensible shoes for walking.

Upper Key Stage Two (Y5 & Y6)

Please note, the children will be walking to the Gateway Centre in Acomb for a **rehearsal** on Tuesday, 11th so they will all need a coat and sensible shoes for walking.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORT CLUB

WEDNESDAY 2ND & THURSDAY 3RD JAN

@ Acomb Primary School, West Bank, York, YO24 4E5



Boys & girls aged 4 - 13 (Reception - Year 8) welcome!

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Alternatively, book online then leave cash in a clearly marked, sealed envelope at Acomb Primary School office.

Cash payments must be received within 72 hours otherwise booking will be automatically cancelled.

WEAR suitable clothing and footwear

BRING water bottle, packed lunch and snacks

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