



Introduction

It is lovely to see the passion with which our school council candidates are campaigning this week. It has generated a lot of discussion around school and I look forward to election time with excitement. The campaign was launched with a visit from Rachael Maskell MP, who talked to the children in assembly and then had a look round school – she was very complimentary and positive about our school.

Upcoming Events

November

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/

Volunteering in School

We really need some helpers to hear children in Y2 read each week. You don't have to be a parent or carer of a Y2 child. 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.

Wallpaper

Out of school club are looking for spare ends of or leftover rolls of wallpaper. If you have any, please drop them into school or to the club classroom. Thanks. Please remember, **the Out of School Club mobile is not working at the moment – all messages should be emailed to oosc@acomb.pmat.academy**

Parents' Evening

Next week is our first parents' evenings of the year. It is a chance for you to come and talk to your teacher and see how your child is getting on at school. It is an important date in the school calendar and I'd like to make the most of your time in school on the evening. We would like you to complete a short survey about school while you are here. **From 4pm** (after clubs have finished), we will be setting up some computers in the hall to do this on and I will be available, along with some of the school governors to help you do this. We will be giving out raffle tickets to everyone who completes a survey with prizes drawn at the end of each evening.

If you haven't yet completed the consent form for the flu immunisation programme, you will be able to do that on parents' evening too.

I will be working in the hall throughout both evenings so if you would like to come along to ask me any questions or to have a chat about school then I'd be really happy to see you. We will also be setting up refreshments in the hall if you'd like to have a drink while you are in school waiting to see the class teachers.

Photo orders

The deadline for handing in orders at school is 3pm on **Tuesday 20th November**. You will still be able to order online after that date but you may incur a late delivery charge.

Stamps

A reminder that we collect postage stamps to donate to SANDS, the stillborn baby charity. Please hand any donations in at the school office. Thank you.

Christmas Events

Here are a list of confirmed December dates so far:

- Wednesday 5th – Christmas Dinner for all children (**letter to be sent to all children next week**)
- 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)
- Tuesday 18th – afternoon – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
- Thursday 20th – morning – Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
- Friday 21st – Reception classes Christmas party (morning)
- Friday 21st – 1.00pm – Carols in the Playground

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

Parents/Carers are invited for lunch on 26/11/18. The children have been given a letter today.

KS1

Parents/Carers are invited for lunch on 27/11/18 (Year 1) and 28/11/18 (Year 2). The children have been given a letter today.

See below for details of how to **order tickets** for the KS1 Nativity – The Sleepy Shepherd.

Tickets will be made available through the parents' evening booking system website. Initially, these are limited to 2 per child. If we have additional tickets available, they will be offered to Y2 parents in the first instance.

Tickets will be available to book from TONIGHT – FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER at 7.30pm and will close on Friday 30th November at midnight.

1. Go to <https://acomb.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>
2. Complete the details to login. You will need to use your child's registered name, not a shortened version (ie Stanley not Stan).
3. Select the KS1 Nativity Event (press continue).
4. Choose a date and time that you want to book for and then select how many tickets you would like.

We will be able to access a list of who has booked, so there is no need to print tickets.

If you have any problems with this, please contact the school office.

Survey on food and food affordability among households with children in York

We have agreed to forward the following information to you. Importantly, the data collected will be anonymous.

Food is central to our well-being, our relationships and our health. But at times providing a nutritious diet for yourself and your family can be hard when food prices are high. This survey, led by the University of York and the York Food Poverty Alliance, explores families' experiences around accessing and eating food in York. We are asking all parents with children at primary schools in York to participate. We hope to contribute to local knowledge about food and people's experiences around food in York. If a need for change is identified, we will set up projects to address food and affordability issues, and campaign for change to improve the lives of people in York.

Many thanks,

Rosie Baker

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Our website: <https://yorkfoodpoverty.org>

To access the survey, please click here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FQP5W7S>