



Introduction

In most years, next week would be half term. There is still a week to go and despite a few illnesses going round and some tired looking children, everyone is managing very well. I'd like to take this chance to remind you though, of the 48-hour rule. If a child is sick or has an episode of diarrhoea, they must stay away from school for two clear days following the last episode. This is based on the following guidance from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Upcoming Events

February:

21st: Crafternoon

22nd: School Closes for Half Term

March:

4th: School reopens

4th, 5th & 7th: Mudpie Arts workshops for book week

6th: Book Fair in School

8th: 8.45am Stay and Read Session – please join your child to read in their classroom for 20 minutes.

18th: Training Day – School Closed to children

19th & 20th: Parents' Evenings

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

SASH

Please find attached a newsletter from SASH, our school charity of the year.

Tests Information Sessions

For parents of Year Six children, we have had to change the date of the SATs information evening to Tuesday 2nd April at 5.00pm.

Information sessions for Y1 (phonics) and Y2 assessments will take place at 2pm on Monday 1st April as planned. More details will be sent out about this after half term.

Resurfacing of Roundabout

The resurfacing work is almost done, with the remainder to be completed at the start of next week on either Monday or Tuesday. The same will apply on those days – if you need access after 9.30am you should park further away and walk in to school. It will be dry and can be driven on straight away, so will be fine for 3pm.

Friends of Acomb Primary

The Friends Group would like invite you to a 'Pig Racing' night on Friday, 22nd March at York RI. A booking form is attached to this newsletter. Forms and cash (in an envelope please) to be returned to the school office by Friday 15th March. Copies of the form are also available from the office.

'Strictly' Dance Fundraiser

One of our Governors, Darrell Shimmin, and his wife are taking part in the 'Strictly St Leonard's' fundraiser in aid of the hospice on 9th March. If you would like to sponsor them, please follow the link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/strictly-darrellandlesley>

Flu Immunisation

If your child is in **Reception to Year 5** and has missed the **nasal flu immunisation** in school, you can come to our drop in flu clinic. This is our **final clinic** in **York** so this will be the **last chance** to get the vaccination this school year. No appointment necessary, just turn up at Haxby Costa, Ryedale Court Shopping Centre, The Village, Haxby, York, YO32 3SA on Friday 1st March 10am to noon.

Workshop Dates

As part of our Science topic on animals and their habitats, **Years 1 and 2** will be taking part in workshops run by Animals in Tuition on Tuesday, **19th March**.

To celebrate **World Book Day**, we will be having workshops run by Mud Pie Arts to help bring our books to life. These will be as follows:

Year 2 on Monday 4th March

Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday 5th March

Years 3 and 4 on Thursday 7th March

A contribution, detailed below, would be greatly appreciated to support the cost of these workshops. Please donate via ParentPay (you will need a log-in for this). Thank you.

Reception £1.50

Year 1 £4.50 (**for 2 workshops**)

Year 2 £2.50 (£2 reduction applied as the final price for the Minster trip was less than anticipated)

Years 3 and 4 £1.50

Active Travel Questionnaires

Thank you to all those who have completed the active travel questionnaire so far. I appreciate the feedback gathered, both on the form and from those who have emailed me or been to see me at my door. The project we are undertaking is an exciting opportunity to work alongside the council and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs to ease the congestion on Hamilton Drive and to further our own active travel work. The park and stride facility will operate through a one way traffic flow (entrance via Hamilton Drive and exit via Mattison Way) and will have excellent opening and closing times to give parents/carers time to do the drop off/pick up and return to their vehicles. The questionnaire, although limited in scope, is merely to gather initial thoughts. If you would like to share further feedback, there will be an opportunity to attend an open evening where active travel issues will be discussed and school and council representatives will be on hand to discuss these further. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire (<https://goo.gl/forms/xPDkA3ZJfCze04zN2>), please could you do this before I attend the next project meeting **on Tuesday**. Thank you T. Dennis.