



### Introduction

As half term draws nearer, we are thinking about our next Crafternoon session on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February. We would love you to come along and work with your children in class making something. As usual, Years 2 to 6 will open classrooms from 2pm. Reception and Year 1 will send out slot for parents to come along as it is easier to manage this way.

### Upcoming Events

*February:*

21<sup>st</sup>: Crafternoon

22<sup>nd</sup>: School Closes for Half Term

*March:*

4<sup>th</sup>: School reopens

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>: Mudpie Arts workshops for book week

6<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair in School

8<sup>th</sup>: 8.45am Stay and Read Session (see below)

18<sup>th</sup>: Training Day – School Closed to children

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evenings

All dates are available online at: [www.acombprimary.org.uk/parents/calendar-dates/](http://www.acombprimary.org.uk/parents/calendar-dates/)

### Year 3/4

We are going to make musical instruments and it would be great if the children could bring in the following items by **Monday 18th February** ready for us to use on 21st February as part of our 'Crafternoon' session:

- Cardboard boxes (**big brown ones** not the flimsier type like cereal boxes!)
- Pringles containers / empty water bottles (500ml size)
- Extra lids from plastic bottles.

Thank you, Mrs Johnson

### Active Travel at Acomb Primary

As part of our ongoing work towards making Acomb a safe and healthy place to commute to and from, we have recently teamed up with Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Primary, Sustrans and City of York Council to begin a project aimed at reducing congestion and improving safety in the Hamilton Drive area. Our first proposal is the creation of an additional park and stride facility for both schools to use, situated at the York RI on Hamilton Drive, and we would appreciate some feedback on this. Please complete the form at the attached link to answer a few simple questions on this proposal. <https://goo.gl/forms/xPDkA3ZJfCze04zN2>

Thank you, T. Dennis

### Pantomime at Church of LDS

The Church of Latter Day Saints at the top of West Bank is staging a pantomime, Aladdin, at 7pm tonight and at 7pm on Saturday evening. Tickets are free and there is no need to book – just turn up! Reasonably priced refreshments will be on sale beforehand and during the interval.

### Parking

If you are running late to collect a child, please let us know. Please don't double park and inconvenience others who are ready to leave the premises. Thank you.

### Water Bottles & Uniform For Sale

A reminder that we sell water bottles at the school office for £1 and have permanent marker pens for labelling them. If your child brings his/her own, please put their name on the bottle – we have a large number in lost property without names. We also have second hand items of school uniform in the reception area for just 50p per item.

## Workshops

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, **19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Reception and Year 1** on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Years 3 and 4** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

A contribution, detailed below, would be greatly appreciated to support the cost of these workshops. Please pay via ParentPay. Thank you

Reception £1.50

Year 1 £4.50

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

## A Message from Zoe in Y5

Zoe, in class CJ, is running a teddy tombola at a Family Activity Day at the York Marriott Hotel on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. All proceeds will go to St Leonard's Hospice. If anyone has a teddy bear (or bears!) they can spare, please give them to her or hand them in at the school office. Thank you.