



Introduction

The first week back seems to have flown by. It's been a very busy one with lots of super book week activities going on in school. Y5 and Y6 had a great day yesterday with visiting author AP Winter – he spent time in each class and talked to the children about their own writing. There has been a lot of book sharing and talking about our favourites. It was great to see so many of you for our stay and read session this morning too. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

March:

15th: Red Nose Day – Non-uniform day for all children (wear something red theme)

18th: Training Day – School Closed to children

19th & 20th: Parents' Evenings (19th & 21st for Mrs Stevens)

April:

2nd: 5pm Year Five Bewerley Park information evening

2nd: 5pm Year Six Tests information evening

4th: London Trip for Y4/Beningbrough Hall trip for Y1

5th Beningbrough Hall trip for Y2

8th: London Trip for Y3

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

Shakespeare Festival

2019 marks 15 years of Shakespeare productions at Acomb Primary School. To commemorate this, we are holding a special festival in the week of 10th June. We will be taking a group of children to showcase our work on tour round some other schools in Pathfinder MAT Monday to Wednesday and will be performing in **Museum Gardens** on Thursday 13th June.

To finish the festival, we will have a whole school event on **Friday 14th June**.

We will send out more details nearer the time, but you will all be welcome to come and see us in action during the week.

Red Nose Day

This year's red nose day / comic relief is happening on Friday 15th March. To support this, we will have a non-uniform day with a theme of 'wear something red'. Children should bring a donation on the day to take part.

Science Learning Centre Lecture

Please see the attached flyer about a lecture at the Science Learning Centre taking place next Tuesday evening.

Year 3 and 4 Trip to the British Museum

Please see attached a letter about the London trip for Y3 and Y4 parents. (The children have all been given a paper copy today too).

Bewerley Park

We are holding a meeting for all parents (and children) in Year Five on Tuesday 2nd April at 5pm about Bewerley Park. We will show you some videos and talk about the trip. We will be able to answer any questions you may have at this stage about this wonderful residential opportunity.

Year Five parents will all receive a letter today about the visit which does have a reply slip attached.

Parents' Evening

This term's parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March. Bookings can be made online via the usual website:

<https://acomb.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/default>

Bookings go live tonight at 7.30pm.

Please note that Mrs Stevens will hold her meetings on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st.

Good News

I'm pleased to be able to share some more good news with you. Miss Storey, who teaches in Y1, is expecting her third baby. She is hoping to be with us till the end of the school year and we will work on covering her leave in the coming weeks.

Keeping Children Safe Online

We've received some information this week about an app called 'IMVU' which allows people to contact strangers through 'chat rooms'. It is marketed at young people but doesn't have many restrictions and although it is a game, where children create characters it has the potential for misuse. Please check if your child is using this and talk to them about what they should do if they see something that upsets them online. This short BBC video, which Y5 & Y6 watched this week, may help you to talk to your children – it could be something that you show to them either. As always, keeping an open dialogue is the best way to educate children about keeping safe.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/when-you-see-something-scary-online>

Calling all Dads

Please see the flyer from Gateway Church on the next page.

Book Week

We have some spare £1 World Book Day vouchers that are valid until 31st March. If you would like one, please call at the School Office.

If you would like to do more Book Week activities, please see <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Years 1 and 2 Trip to Beningbrough Hall

As part of our Homes topic the Year 1 and 2 children will be going on a trip to Beningbrough Hall on the following dates:

Thursday 4th April – all **Year 1** children in classes AWLS and EST

Friday 5th April – all **Year 2** children in classes TD and DHSW.

We shall leave school at 9am and travel to Beningbrough by coach, returning at approximately 2.45pm. Whilst we are there we will learn about homes of long ago and what it was like to be a Victorian servant. Please dress your child as a Victorian servant for the day. He/she should bring their modern day coat though! All the children will also need a packed lunch and a drink (as usual, no glass bottles please). A donation of **£7.50** would be greatly appreciated to cover the cost of transport and the workshops. The School will pay for National Trust Membership. Please use the ParentPay system to make your donation. Thank you for your support. If you are able to accompany us, please let your child's teacher know – seats on the coaches are limited so please let us know as soon as possible.



Calling all Dads!

You are invited to the FREE launch of a new monthly Saturday morning group for Dads and primary male carers and their children aged 2-6 years (younger and older siblings welcome).

Saturday
16th March
10am-12pm
Gateway Centre
Acomb

Free
Launch
Party

Bacon
and
Coffee

Play and
activities

Dad's
Challenge

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DADS
OUT?

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