



### Introduction

I'm delighted this week that the first School Council Newsletter is coming to you alongside this newsletter. The children have worked very hard and are excited about their project – please take a look to see how you can help.

As we get to the end of half term, I'd like to thank you all again for your support. Have a great week, see you in March!

### Upcoming Events

*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 (see below)

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

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

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/)

### Site Manager

I am delighted that we have appointed a site manager after some time without one! Mr Graham Noble started with us this week and you will no doubt see him around school – most likely after school when he is here 3-5. Please say hello to him if you see him around.

### Red Nose Day

This year's red nose day / comic relief is happening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Team Point Winners

This half term, the **Red team** are our winning team with the most team points – well done to them all. **As a prize, they get a non-uniform day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

### '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 9<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to sponsor them, please follow the link

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

### Book Fair

**A book fair will be held in school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

During the day all the children will have the chance to visit the fair with their class and they will listen to a story or poem whilst also having the opportunity to browse and buy a book. They will be given their World Book Day voucher when they visit the book fair. This can be used to purchase one of the World Book Day £1 books or can be used towards the purchase of another book. The book fair will also be open after school until 3.45pm if parents/carers would prefer to choose a book with their child. Books can be reserved when children visit with their class.

Prices will range from £1 (for the World Book Day Books) to £10. The majority of the books will be in the £5-£7 price range. The event will be staffed by Derek Harrison of Primary Books and will offer a wide selection of books. Envelopes will be sent home on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to be brought in on the Wednesday ready for the book fair.

Thank you in advance for your support of this event.

### Years 5 and 6

Next half term, class CJ, EJMB and OB will be learning about 'Electricity' in science. One of the projects will involve the children creating their own switches using large (approx. 2 litre) plastic bottles. Ideally, the children will have a bottle each for this. As there are 90 children in Upper Key Stage 2, if you have any of these bottles spare, please could your child bring them to school during the first week back? Thank you very much.

### Ignite Sports Clubs

Please see the flyer below for Ignite sports clubs after half term.

### Girls' Football Match

Well done to the girls' football team who played an excellent match against Westfield last night. Fantastic teamwork, spirit and play was on show as the game finished with a tense 2-0 loss. Well done girls!

### Keeping Children Safe Online

We received this information today from the local authority local area team. Please take a look and be aware of this especially during half term when children may be playing on their games more than usual.

*As part of my link work with one of my schools this morning I have been made aware of a new internet challenge that children are seeing through access to the internet. So far it has been reported to be seen on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, WhatsApp and appears in the game Minecraft.*

*The challenge is called Momo. There is a horror character that appears on the screen and asks them to accept the challenge. If they do not accept the challenge it tells them that the character will come and get them in the night whilst they are sleeping, if they do accept the challenge it encourages self-harm and eventually suicide.*

### Swimming

All the children in **classes CJ and KJSW** will be going swimming every Friday afternoon from Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May (8 sessions). The lessons take place at Energise (Better) and the children travel there and back by bus. Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum and children can only be excused for medical reasons. Please ensure that your child arrives at school with appropriate swimwear and a towel. A contribution of £20 per child would be greatly appreciated to help cover the costs involved. For this the children receive time in the pool, the services of three qualified swimming teachers, a lifeguard and transport to and from the pool. **Please pay online using ParentPay.** Thank you

### Year 3 and 4 Trip to the British Museum

Tickets have now been booked for the journey that Year 3 & 4 will be taking to London to visit the British Museum in April. Please read the attached letter which invites you to a meeting to discuss further arrangements.

Mr White

### RNLI Visit

Three lifeguards from the RNLI visited school today and shared information with the children on how to keep safe in open water. If you would like to see more information about this then please look at the links below:

<https://rnli.org/safety/respect-the-water>

<https://swimsafe.org.uk/>

### Keeping Children Safe

Whilst we have not received any official communication about this, we are aware of reports in the local press that police are looking into about a silver van that may have been driving round the area and approaching children. As ever, please be vigilant and talk to your children about staying safe when they are walking to or from school or playing outside, especially during half term.



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Dear Parents/Carers

Please see the table below for a list of sports clubs for the Spring 2 Term starting the first week back after the half term break, these are all delivered by Mr Shimmin.

Boys and girls are most welcome, the children will have the opportunity to keep fit and healthy, learn new skills and most of all have lots of fun!

<i>Spring 2 clubs</i>							
Day	Time	Sport	For	Dates	Cost	Places	Where?
Tuesday Lunchtime	12pm – 12.30pm	Netball	YR 3 – 6	5/3/19 – 9/4/19 6 weeks	£12	24	Playground
Tuesday After school	3pm – 4pm	Multi skills	YR 1 & 2	5/3/19 – 9/4/19 6 weeks	£18	24	Hall
Wednesday After school	3pm – 4pm	Football	YR 5 & 6	6/3/19 – 10/4/19 5 weeks NO CLUB ON WED 27 <sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH	£15	24	Field
Friday After school	3pm – 4pm	Dodgeball	YR 3 - 6	8/3/19 – 12/2/19 6 weeks	£18	24	Hall

To book please visit the following website and click BOOK NOW - <https://www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk/>

Places are likely to go quick, so book fast!

\*Please note there are still places available at our multi sport club on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of February.\*

Many thanks for your support.

Mr J Shimmin

Ignite Sports Coaching



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