



## Newsletter

## No. 2

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Introduction

The second week of term has been a busy one in school, with the reception children staying for lunch this week and everyone really back in the full swing of things.

### NSPCC

Today, Y1 to Y6 had assemblies run by the NSPCC on the theme of 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. The NSPCC is our school charity for this school year and together we have launched our first event to raise money for them. This is a challenge event and each class will be taking part in a physical activity during the week of the 16th of September. Your child will be bringing home a sponsorship/donation form to be returned to school by Friday 27th September (cash or cheques payable to NSPCC). Good luck everyone with your challenge! Thank you for your support with this. S. Wragg

### Reception Children

Please could all Reception children bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby and also a recent family photograph? Please remember to add your child's name to the back of each photo. Thank you. K. Bradley and E. Peggs

### Reading Challenge

The summer reading challenge ends on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Please send certificates (not medals please) to the office as soon as possible as we will hold a special assembly to present them in a few weeks' time. As an added incentive, the class with the most completed challenges will be given £100 to spend on books for their class bookshelves.

### Lost Property

Please make sure that **all items of clothing** are labelled with your child's name. We've already had a huge amount of lost property without names and it's impossible to know who these items belong to. Please also label your child's water bottle - permanent marker pens are available at the school office. If your child has lost a water bottle, please check in the box (also at the school office). Unnamed items of clothing/shoes will be recycled for the school second hand box or donated to charity.

### Dates

We have lots of important dates throughout the school year and keep our school calendar up to date on the website. It is a Google Calendar and will sync easily with your phone or tablet.

You can see this calendar at: <http://www.acombprimary.org.uk/parents/calendar-dates/>

### Coming Soon:

#### September

Mon	16	Sponsored event for NSPCC during this week	NSPCC is our school charity of the year
Mon	16	Welcome Meetings: 5.00pm – Y2 (EST, DHSW), Y3 (DB, RS) 5.30pm – Y6 (EJMB, OB)	A chance to find out about routines and expectations for the year ahead as well as to have an early look round the classrooms.
Tue	17	Welcome Meetings: 5.00pm – Reception (KB, EP), Y1 (AWLC, EST) 5.30pm – Y4 (TD, KJSW) & Y5 (KJSW, CJ)	
Fri	27	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm School hall	Each class will be making something to sell.

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October			
Thu	10	Open Afternoon	A chance to work alongside your child in their classroom.
Fri	11	Non-uniform day for Friends of Acomb Primary	To raise money for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. Donations to be sent on the day. No theme for dressing up.
Mon-Fri	14-18	Walk to School Week	
Tue	22	Y6 Parents' Meeting about Bewerley Park	To go through final arrangements, kit list, etc.
Thu	24	School closes for half term	
Fri	25	Staff Training Day – school closed to children	

### Welcome Meetings – Childcare now available

**We are now able to offer childcare for pupils (sorry not pre-schoolers) for next week's welcome meetings.**

Monday: Children should go to class TD (next to the library – KS2 side).

Tuesday: Children should go to class DHSW (next to the library – KS1 side)

Please drop off and collect your child from these classrooms. Thank you

### Year 6 Trips

#### York Food and Drink Festival

Year Six will be going on a trip to the York Food and Drink Festival in the city centre on **Monday 23rd September**. We will leave school at 11:50am and return at approximately 3:50pm. Whilst we are at the festival, we will take part in a variety of workshops at different locations around the city. It will be a 'hands on' learning experience which, in previous years, have included cheese making, chocolate workshops and herb planting. The children should all wear school uniform, suitable shoes for walking and a coat. Your child will have lunch at school **before** we leave. They may take a water bottle with them. We do need additional parent helpers so please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you are available. A donation of £2 is requested to cover the cost of the workshops and this should be made using the ParentPay system.

#### Visit to St Olave's School

Year 6 have been invited to St Olave's School on **Tuesday 1st October** to meet the author 'Robin Stevens' who is best known for her 'Murder Most Unladylike' series. We will need to leave school at **8:15am**, as we need to be there for a 9am start. **Please let us know if you are unable to drop your child at school for 8.15am**. We will walk to the venue and all children should wear school uniform, sensible footwear and a coat. We will return at approximately midday for lunch at school. There will be the opportunity to buy her books and have them signed. Waterstones will be supplying the books on the day at the discounted cost of £5.50 per copy **but only if they have been ordered in advance**. If anyone would like to buy a book(s) at £5.50 each, please send payment (cash only) in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and the book title by 3pm on Wednesday 18th September. We would greatly appreciate adult helpers so please speak to your class teacher if you can accompany us. There is no cost for this trip but please give consent via ParentPay.

#### York Library visit

Year 6 will be visiting York Library on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** for library week. We will leave school at 9:15am and walk to the library for 10am. The children will have a tour of the building including the local history and archive section before having time looking at books in the children's section. We will return at approximately midday for lunch at school. All children should wear school uniform, sensible footwear and a coat. We would appreciate adult helpers so please speak to your class teacher if you are able to help. There is no cost for this trip but please give consent via ParentPay.

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## Active Travel

Here at Acomb, the way in which we travel to school, and the impact this has on others and the environment, is very important. Our active travel policy (available to view on our website) reminds parents of the school's expectation that parents and carers will 'establish positive active travel behaviour' and 'will not park on double yellow lines'. We have recently received a number of emails complaining about parking near or on the school site and the council has been in contact with us about this. At Acomb, we are fortunate enough to be part of an unprecedented active travel committee that includes councillors, the travel department, Sustrans, other schools and the police and we meet regularly to discuss travel issues. Therefore, we would strongly remind all those coming to the school to be considerate and to park appropriately in the interests of pupil safety. This is particularly crucial in the vicinity of the school gates (**including the Nursery Drive entrance**) where emergency vehicle access is required at all times. This is also mentioned in our policy which states 'this increases congestion and reduces pupil safety'. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. T. Dennis

## Health/Medical

### Inhalers

If your child needs to use an asthma inhaler at school, please make sure that he/she has a labelled inhaler (and spacer where necessary) in the classroom at all times.

### Head Lice

Several parents have contacted us to say their child has had to be treated for head lice. Please check your child's hair very carefully and treat, where necessary. Your local pharmacy will advise about which products to use. Free combs available from the school office.

### Flu immunisation for Reception – Y6

A copy of the letter sent by email earlier this week is attached. The deadline for registering is no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## Year 4/5 trips to London on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September

The final details for the trip to the Natural History Museum will be sent to Year 4/5 parents in a separate email.

## Year 3 Trips

As part of this term's topics, the year 3 children (classes RS and DB) will be going on the following school trips:

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September:** We will visit the Yorkshire Museum in York to follow a Roman trail and take part in a workshop, 'A Legionary's Life'. All the children will need a packed lunch and a drink (as usual, no nut products, fizzy drinks or glass bottles please).

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October:** Our second trip is to visit the Roman Bath (under the pub of the same name!) in York and be guided by a Roman soldier. All the children will need a packed lunch and a drink (as usual, no nut products, fizzy drinks or glass bottles please).

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** We are going to the Jorvik Centre in Coppergate to travel back in time and experience life as a Viking. This time we shall return to school in time for lunch but the children may bring a mid-morning snack with them.

For **all the above trips** the children should wear school uniform, sensible footwear and a coat. We shall be walking to all the venues. If you can accompany us on any (or all!) of these dates, please let us know or leave a message at the school office. There are some costs involved so a donation of £6 would be greatly appreciated via ParentPay which will go towards the visits/workshops. Thank you for your support.

## Ignite Sports Coaching

Mr Shimmin's company Ignite Sports Coaching has been nominated for the Minster FM Listener Choice Awards 2019 in the "Best Under 18s Activity Group" category. He would greatly appreciate it if you would like to vote for Ignite Sports Coaching by using the link:

<https://www.minsterfm.com/local-events/lcavote-activitygroup.php>

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## English Youth Ballet's production of Swan Lake

English Youth Ballet perform full length productions of classical ballets with professional principal dancers in the leading roles in regional theatres across the UK, giving young dancers outside London an opportunity to perform within a professional setting. One of our pupils, Josie in Year 4, is performing in Swan Lake at the Grand Opera House in York. The dates are 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September and tickets can be purchased by following the link

<https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/english-youth-ballet-swan-lake/grand-opera-house-york/>

## Friends of Acomb Primary

Thank you to everyone who came to see the newly improved courtyard area. It is such a fantastic space for the children to use. Just a couple of dates for the diary:

Our AGM is on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at the **Inn on the Green in Acomb at 8pm**. It would be great to see you there. We will be discussing our exciting plans for the coming year. We will also be appointing roles on the committee. If anyone has any interest in carrying out one of these roles please let us know via email to [friendsofap15@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofap15@gmail.com). The pumpkin carving competition is back by popular demand and will take place on Thursday **24<sup>th</sup> October**. Look out for the posters for more details.

## Football Club Y3/4

Please see the attached flyer from York City for a Year 3/4 football club, starting next Tuesday

## Tatty Bumpkin taster session for Reception, Years 1 and 2

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2-7 YEARS enhancing wellbeing through yoga-inspired classes

The happy, sensible classes are filled with fun, music & creative movement.

Children are guided through creative & engaging yoga-inspired routines that come to life with storytelling & music.

Concentration & physical confidence flourishes as strength, balance & coordination skills are mastered.

**WEEKLY FOCUS**

- WEEK 1: balance
- WEEK 2: dynamic movement
- WEEK 3: relaxation & breath
- WEEK 4: multi-sensory world
- WEEK 5: feelings & people
- WEEK 6: music & communication
- WEEK 7: daily living skills

Wiggle like a snake

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**AFTER SCHOOL NEXT WEDNESDAY 18 SEP at Acomb Primary**  
**FREE TASTER SESSION** for those in Y1 & Y2 15.00 – 16.00 (held in one of the classrooms- children are collected from own class to attend).  
Contact Clare on 0771 5325662 or email [york@tattybumpkin.com](mailto:york@tattybumpkin.com) to book a space (subject to availability). This is followed by a 5 week term costing £27

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