



Introduction

Once again it has been a busy week in school with reception library visits, active travel breakfast (over 80 attendees) and our special library summer reading challenge assembly – well done to class DHSW who had the most children completing the challenge this year (66%) – they won £100 to spend on books for their classroom and were very excited by this news in assembly today.

With one more week to go till half term, a reminder that **we close on Thursday 24th and re-open on Monday 4th November.**

Ignite Sports Coaching

We would really appreciate support from the parents, children and school staff we work with. It would be fantastic to be recognised for the work we do with local schools!

Ignite Sports Coaching has been nominated for the Minster FM Listener Choice Awards 2019 in the “Best Under 18s Activity Group” category. We would really appreciate it if you took the time to vote for us by using the link below;

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

VOTING CLOSSES FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER AT 5PM Thank you

Year 1 and 2 visits to York Minster

As part of our history topic about the Minster Fires, Years 1 and 2 will be going on a trip to York Minster. Class DHSW and the Year 2 children in class EST will go on **Tuesday 12th November**. Class AWLC and the Year 1 children in class EST will go on **Thursday 14th November**. We will leave school at 9.15am, by coach, and return at lunchtime. Whilst we are at the Minster we will learn about the three fires that have taken place there and also look at how it is used as a place of worship. The children should all wear their school uniform. It can be chilly in the Minster so please make sure he/she has a coat. **All the children will need a packed lunch** and a drink (as usual, no nut products or glass bottles please). A donation of £7.50 would be greatly appreciated to cover the cost of the guided tour, a meeting with the stone mason who worked at the Minster at the time of the most recent fire and the transport. Please do this via ParentPay where payment includes giving consent for the trip. If any parents can accompany us, please let your child’s teacher know. Thank you.

Friends of Acomb Primary

Many thanks to everyone who came to our AGM last night. It was lovely to see some new faces and we really appreciate everyone’s continued support. Details from the meeting in addition to our annual report will be made available shortly. The committee are looking for individuals to take on the running of occasional events e.g. bake sales, book sales, discos, film nights etc. You only need to volunteer to run one such event per school year and you will receive full support in terms of event planning and promotion from FOAP. Just running 5 of these additional events could raise an extra £1000 per year and that’s HUGE in terms of our fundraising. Please contact us if you’re interested in putting yourself forward for this: friendsofap15@gmail.com

The first event in our schedule this year is our Pumpkin Carving Competition - £1 to enter, please bring your entries to the front of school (on the lawn) from 08.30am on **Thursday 24 October** - happy carving!

Keeping our children safe

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child at school please contact Miss Johnson or Mr S White, our Safeguarding Leads.

Year 5 Parents

A reminder to order your audience tickets (£17 each) for Young Voices via **ParentPay** before 3pm on Wednesday 23rd October. To order:

- add the number of tickets you wish to order
- mark the 'choose payment amount' box
- put £17 in the price box
- then the system should automatically multiply the £17 cost by the number of tickets you require to give the total you need to pay

Harvest at Acomb

As part of our ongoing work with YoYo, this year we will be collecting food for the York Foodbank. Donations can be left in the large plastic boxes in reception from Monday and will be collected by the Foodbank after a special assembly on **Thursday 24th October**. For up to date needs, please visit: <https://york.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>. Stocks are currently running low of tinned meat pies, tinned stews/curries/chilli, sponge pudding, UHT milk, coffee and chocolate. All donations are welcome, but please do not bring any products containing nuts. Thank you. T. Dennis.

Choir Christmas Concert

A date for your diary - this will be on Monday 9th December at 6pm at the Gateway Centre in Acomb.

Year 3 trip to the Jorvik Centre

A **reminder** that the year 3 classes are going to the Jorvik Centre on **Tuesday 19th November**. We are going to travel back in time and experience life as a Viking. We shall return to school in time for lunch but the children may bring a mid-morning snack with them. The children should wear school uniform, sensible footwear for walking and a coat.

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/>

October

Tue	22	Y6 Parents' Meeting about Bewerley Park at 5pm. Year 6 children welcome.	To go through final arrangements, kit list, etc.
Thu	24	School closes for half term	
Fri	25	Staff Training Day – school closed to children	

November

Mon	4	School opens for all children at 8.45am	
Tue	5	Individual and Sibling Photos. School hall.	Pre-schoolers can be brought from 8.00am for photos with school-age siblings. All other siblings will be photographed during the school day.
Mon-Fri	11-15	Anti-Bullying Week	
Fri	15	Children in Need – non-uniform day	Donations to be sent on the day. No theme for dressing up.
Mon	18	Staff Training Day – school closed to children	On this day, we will be working together to moderate assessments.
Tue-Wed	19-20	Parents' Evening	Online booking system will be used, details will be sent out nearer the time.
Mon-Fri	25-29	Y6 Residential to Bewerley Park	Y6 to be collected around 2.00pm on 29 th
Mon	25	Parent/Carer Lunches for Y3	Further details to be sent out in Friday newsletters
Tue	26	Parent/Carer Lunches for Y2 & Y5	
Wed	27	Parent/Carer Lunches for Y1 & Y4	
Thu	28	Parent/Carer Lunches for Reception	

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