



Introduction

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good half term week. With the clocks changing it suddenly seems much more autumnal now. Please remember that children should have a change of shoes with them so that we can continue to use the outdoor spaces to the full extent.

Parents' Evening Bookings

This term's Parents' Evening meetings take place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November and run from 3pm. Appointments, which last 10 minutes, can be booked online using the system we have used for some time. To do this, please visit:

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

You need to complete your details at the top and your child's details underneath. If you have more than one child at our school just do this for one of them as the other should be automatically linked. Once logged in, follow the instructions on the screen to book an appointment on your preferred evening. Please note that teachers will work later on one of the two dates.

If you have any problems please contact Mrs Forrest in the office.

The system will go live at 7.30pm today – Friday 8th November

Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday 12th November we are marking anti-bullying week by having an 'odd socks day'. Children should come to school in normal uniform but wearing odd socks – the point being that we are celebrating our uniqueness and individuality. There is no money being collected for this, but part of our teaching and assemblies that week will focus on reinforcing the anti-bullying message.

Reception classes

"Owl Adventures" will be coming to visit the Reception classes on Friday the 22nd of November. They will be bringing in some different owls and exotic creatures as part of our work on nocturnal animals. We would be very grateful if parents would donate £3 per child, via ParentPay, towards the cost.

Thank you, E. Peggs and K. Bradley

Admission Consultation for 2021-22 Entry

We are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for September 2021. For more information and to respond to the consultation please visit: <http://www.acombprimary.org.uk/parents-carers/admissions/>

Adventure Photo Proofs

The deadline for ordering online (to ensure free delivery of your photos to school) is **Tuesday 19th November**. After that, you will still be able to order but you may incur an extra charge. (Sorry, we are unable to accept cash orders).

Fundraising by Martha Jones Y6

One of our wonderful Y6 pupils, Martha Jones, wants to raise money to have a defibrillator in school. To support this amazing aspiration, the first event will be a film night on Tuesday 3rd December at 3.00pm for KS2 pupils to watch Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The cost will be £2, which includes a drink of juice or water and some sweets. We will send further details of how to book shortly. I'd like to thank Martha for having this idea and being instrumental in organising this for us.

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.

PE kit

Unfortunately, It is becoming increasingly apparent that many children in school are not coming prepared for their PE lessons. Some are bringing incorrect kit and others have no PE kit at all. Can I please remind you that **all children should come to school each day with appropriate kit**. It is also essential that, now the weather is turning colder, children come to school with the correct kit for their **outdoor** PE sessions too. Please see below our requirements for PE kit:

Indoor and Outdoor Kit (essential items for each day)

Shorts

School PE t-shirt (this must be the coloured t-shirt that matches their team colour)

Plimsolls or indoor trainers/appropriate trainers with good tread

Socks

Outdoor kit for colder weather

Tracksuit bottoms

Jumper

Appropriate trainers for use on the field and playground

Children without appropriate kit may not be allowed to join in with the PE session.

Cauliflower Cards – Friends of Acomb Primary

All the Artwork forms have been given out this week. This year we are asking parents to place all of their card/label/gift **orders online**. It's very simple to do - full instructions for how to order online are printed on the Cauliflower Card design forms which have been sent home with your child. Go to the website <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop> and enter the 4-digit School Code and the 6-character Artwork Unique Code. Enter your child's name, select their class from the list and re-enter your Artwork Unique Code. Once you have added your Artwork Unique Code you can either add another (for example if you have two or more different designs) or proceed to order. **Your completed Cauliflower Cards design form must then be returned to school by 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 12 November 2019.** The forecast isn't looking good for the weekend so plenty of time to get creative - thanks as always for your support and happy crafting!

Year 5 pupils – Young Voices 2020

We know the children in Year 5 are super excited to be learning the songs for YV2020. To assist them further, here is the access code to the Children's Music Room which contains the songs and dance moves to practice even more at home. The code is **YV2020**. Your child can access the Children's Music Room from the front page of the Young Voices website: www.youngvoices.co.uk

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/>

November			
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	
Mon	25	Parent/Carer Lunches for Y3	Details in this newsletter
Tue	26	Parent/Carer Lunches for Y2 & Y5	
Wed	27	Parent/Carer Lunches for Y1 & Y4	
Thu	28	Parent/Carer Lunches for Reception	
			Y6 to be collected around 2.00pm on 29 th

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