



Introduction

This week Y6 have been on their annual residential to Bewerley Park in beautiful Nidderdale. They have been having such a fabulous week challenging themselves to try things they have never done before – zip wire, gorge walking, rock scrambling, orienteering in the woods, canoeing and exploring a lead mine that was first used in 1782 to name just a few. They will come back today tired and muddy but knowing that they have achieved something special. I am immensely proud of all of them and their resilience, perseverance and most of all the support they have shown to one another – hearing the children encouraging each other and being genuinely proud of each other's achievements is always one of my favourite moments as Headteacher.

Christmas Jumpers



The School Council is on a mission to save unwanted festive clothes heading to landfill. With this in mind we have organised the 'Great Christmas Jumper Swap!' Starting Monday, please donate any unwanted Christmas jumpers (**adults and children's sizes**) to our collection in return for a Christmas token. On Thursday the 12th December we will hold a Christmas Jumper Swap where you can come along and exchange your token for a new Christmas Jumper to wear for the festive season. Please see attached poster for more information or ask a class representative.

Carols in the Playground – Friday 20th December



On the last day of the term, we are holding our annual Christmas singing in the KS2 playground for the whole school at 1pm. There will be some songs that the whole school will sing and others for year groups to sing for us. I hope that you can all join us for this – it is a lovely way to finish the term and children may be taken home once it is finished (usually around 1.40).

For children in Y5 and Y6 who normally walk home, permission to leave at the end on their own can be given by writing a note in their planner (this must be signed by a parent/carer).

School will of course be open till 3pm for any children who need to stay.

A reminder that the out of school club will close promptly at 5pm on that day also.

Year 3 classes



The Year 3 classes will be watching the film, 'Horrible Histories – the Romans' next Friday afternoon (6th) in school time. It has a PG certificate. If parents do **NOT** want their child to watch it, please email office@acomb.pmat.academy by 3pm on Wednesday (4th) and we will make alternative arrangements for them. Thank you.

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Christmas Fair



Next Friday is our Christmas Fair, which is a highlight of the term for all of us. Entrance will be through the end doors to the hall (near the staff car park) from 3pm. See below.

Christmas Fair update

We hope you are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair as much as we are! Our elves are working away in the background to get everything ready for what we hope will be our most successful year yet! We've put a few reminders below of the help we need in the lead up to the fair and at the fair itself. As always we appreciate the support we receive from you all.

Donations

A big thank you to everyone who has donated so far, if you haven't had chance to bring a donation in don't worry there is still plenty of time. There is a reminder below of what we would like from each class:

KB	-Chocolate Tombola	EP	-Alcohol	AW/LC	-Luxury Hamper
EST	-Wrapped 'lucky dip' boxes	DH/SW	-Alcohol	DB	-Wrapped 'lucky dip' boxes
RS	-Luxury Hamper	TD	-Chocolate Tombola	KJ/SW	-Luxury Hamper
EJ/MB	-Wrapped 'lucky dip' boxes	CJ	-Luxury Hamper	OB	-Chocolate Tombola

Cakes and Bakes

Today we sent home paper plates with the children for you to return your donations on. We would love to receive, cake pops, biscuits, buns, tray bakes, and larger cakes and loaves, these need to be brought into school on Friday 6th December. Please remember we are a nut free school – thank you.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have come home in bags this week, please send money and stubs back into school by Friday 6th December. Don't forget to write your name and contact details on the back of every stub individually. You can also get more tickets from the school office, committee members and they will be sold at the fair. We have some excellent prizes this year!

Helpers

We're hugely short of helpers setting up during the day as well as during the fair – please get in touch if you can help. You can get in touch in the following ways; Facebook: /friendsgroupacomprimary; Twitter: @FoapAcomb, E-mail: FriendsofAP15@gmail.com, or by leaving your name, contact details (and child's class) at the office.

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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/>

December			
Tue	3	Christmas Dinner	
Fri	6	Friends of Acomb Primary Christmas Fair	3pm start in the school hall
Mon	9	6pm Choir Concert at Gateway Centre	
Tue	10	1.30pm KS1 Nativity	Free tickets available on the parents evening booking system
Wed	11	9.15am KS1 Nativity: pre-school siblings may attend this performance	
Wed	11	7.30pm Y6 singing at Minster Service	
Fri	13	Y3 going to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	
Tue	17	10.00am KS2 Christmas Concert	At the Gateway Centre in Acomb
		pm: Y3 Christmas Party (in school)	
		1.30pm Reception Nativity	At the Gateway Centre in Acomb.
Wed	18	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Party	
Thu	19	Y6 Christmas Party	
Fri	20	am: Reception and KS1 Christmas Party	
		Carols in the playground at 1pm	All welcome and children may go home after this.
		School closes for Christmas Break	

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Year 3 Classes

REMINDER

On **Friday 13th December** we are taking the Year 3 children to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Grand Opera House. We shall travel by coach and arrival time back at school will be approximately **4pm**. The children will all need a packed lunch and a drink to eat before we leave. As usual, no nut products please. In order to cover the cost of tickets and transport we would greatly appreciate a donation of £13 per child, via ParentPay. (All parent volunteer tickets have now been allocated). Thank you, R. Sarson and D. Baldwin

Tickets for Nativities

REMINDER

We are once again using the online booking system for tickets for the **Y1 and Y2** nativities this year. You can access this through the parents evening booking site:

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

Each child has been allocated **two tickets** which can be booked for either Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm or Wednesday 11th December at 9.15am (or you can book one for each performance).

We have capacity for 100 seats at each performance, so may have a few spare tickets after everyone has booked – if you would like to request **extra** tickets, please email office@acomb.pmat.academy, stating your child's name and class and the details of your request. Please note that preference for extras will be given to Y2 parents.

NSPCC

REMINDER

As the NSPCC is our school charity of the year, we'd like to make you aware of the following event for those who are interested. On 7th December at Homestead Park there will be a run called 'Dash In The Dark' for children aged 4-11 years. It starts at 6.00pm and children have 45 minutes to run laps on a 400km lap. They can do one lap or as many as they can in 45 minutes as the emphasis is on having fun! Visit <https://racebest.com/races/2gtfq> for further details and to register and pay the entry fee. Each participant will receive a glow stick and a glow in the dark medal! Costs are: 1 child £10, 2 children £17 and 3 children £21.

Minster Carol Service

REMINDER

Our Y6 children are taking part in the Archbishop Holgate's Minster Carol Service this year. All welcome, please see the flyer below for more details.

Out of School Club

REMINDER

A reminder that OOSC is closing **promptly** at **5pm on Friday 20th December**, the last day of term. Please let us know if you have a regular booking but will be collecting earlier instead or taking your child home after the carols on the playground.

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Archbishop Holgate's School

A Church of England Academy Founded 1546

The
**Guiding
Light**

Christmas Carol Service 2019

York Minster **Wednesday 11 December** at 7.30pm
(Doors open at 7.00, please be seated by 7.20)

Preacher **Revd Paul Deo**
(Vicar of Heworth Christ Church)

**You are invited to join the community
of Archbishop Holgate's School for their
annual Carol Service to be held in the
Nave of York Minster.**



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DECEMBER
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
AT 3PM**

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