



Head's Introduction

I would like to reassure you that school remains open as usual. We continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation and are following guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England.

This week our Y6s were lucky to be able to attend the dress rehearsal of 'We Will Rock You' at Archbishop Holgate's School. A great break from their hard work recently.

For Book Week we have had some lovely activities taking place – illustrator Sophie Keen came to school on Tuesday to work with some of the classes and we had our annual book fair in school on Wednesday with some great books on offer. Lots of you came to our Stay and Read session this morning too – it's wonderful to see the support our children get once again.

We had a special assembly on food waste this week too. Our food waste (cooked and raw including fruit skins) will be collected once a week now and turned into energy. Along with pens, glue sticks, paper and card, crisp packets and plastic milk bottles, we are now recycling more and more as well as continuing to focus our efforts on reducing our use of plastics in school.

Out of School Club



Please remember that Acorns Out of School Club closes **promptly at 6pm**. If you are running late, please arrange for a friend or relative to come and collect your child instead **and inform the staff that this is happening**.

For this reason we would like you to provide the club with emergency contact details for us to ring if you are unable to call yourself.

Parents' Evening Booking System



The booking system opens this evening at 7.30pm. You will need to enter your email address and your child's name and date of birth. Please contact Mrs Forrest if you need any assistance with this.

Reception classes visit to Holgate Windmill



The Reception classes will be visiting Holgate Windmill on Wednesday 18th March. A donation of £1.50 per child, via ParentPay, would be greatly appreciated. All the money is given to the Windmill Preservation Society to support their work.

Class EP will visit from 9:15 - 10:15am

Class KB will visit from 10:15 - 11:15am

Please let us know if you would be able to accompany us on our visit. Unfortunately, we can't accept an offer of help if you have other children in your care. Many thanks, Miss Peggs and Mrs Bradley

Class KJSW



Please could the children in class KJSW bring in a small plastic bottle (250ml approx) with a screw lid – the type that has had water or a soft drink in it. They will need it for for Science Week next week. Thank you. K. Johnson

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Friends of Acomb Primary School

NEW FOAP are having our first meeting of 2020 on Thursday 12 March, 8.00 p.m. at Inn on the Green - we're going to be discussing fundraising efforts and a new focus - further to a meeting with school - and we would love for you to come, chat about what's going on and have your say.

We are looking for local businesses who have funds allocated to help support local projects. If you are such a business or if you work for such a business please get in touch with us for more information - we could really use your help!

Did you know that Riverford will pay FOAP £25 for every family that signs up to try their veg boxes? Check out their facebook page @RiverfordYorkEastRiding or website: <https://www.riverford.co.uk> and use code: YOR_SCH_APS to qualify. Many thanks.

Bedtime Story Bags

NEW As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are introducing bedtime story bags to Reception, Year One, Year Two and Year Three classes. Children will be chosen each week to take home the story bag which has a bedtime story to share along with a couple of treats for you and your child to share and enjoy while reading together.

Menu change

NEW The dishwasher in the kitchen is broken so, to help with the extra work involved, the main courses will be adjusted as follows next week:

Monday - pasta with tomato and herb sauce, Tuesday - wraps with cheese, ham or tuna, Wednesday – sausages with mashed potato, vegetables and gravy, Thursday – cheese and tomato pinwheels with quinoa salad, cucumber and pepper sticks, Friday - fishcakes and chips or baked potato with cheese, baked beans and salad.

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/>

March			
Mon	16	Staff training day	School closed to all children
Tue	24	Parents' Evening	
Wed	25	Parents' Evening	
April			
Fri	3	School closes at 3pm for Easter holiday	
May			
A reminder that the early May Bank holiday has changed.			
School will be open on Monday 4th May and closed on Friday 8th May.			

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Word of the Week

Each week, we have a 'Word of the Week' that we talk about in assembly and in classes. On Friday, we celebrate children who have been demonstrating the value in our celebration assembly.

This week's word is:

Word of the week:

Equality

Being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.

Maths Explained

Each week we will be putting something about maths here, for example, definitions or explanations of how we teach concepts, things you can do in everyday life to promote maths, useful website links or puzzles for you to solve together at home.

Maths in everyday life. These are things you can talk to your children about and help them with by asking them questions about while doing everyday activities.

Money: Which coins do I need to pay for ...?
 What is the cost of and ?
 What change will I get from?

Time: Practise reading the time in different places.
 What would the time be 1 hour later/earlier?

$\frac{3}{8}$ of people watching a play are adults.

Puzzle of the day

The rest of the people watching are children.

There are 32 more children than adults watching the play.

How many people are watching the play in total?

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For safety tips and news, follow Internet Matters @IM_org

Hygiene

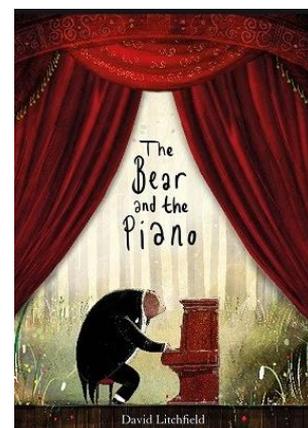
Watch this video on Newsround for a useful way of showing your child how to wash their hands properly:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51698180>

Reading

Reading is a big focus of the work we do in school each day. Children learn phonics systematically from day one of entry to school and this leads into their reading later in the school.

Books We Are Reading

As a new feature in this newsletter we are going to share some books that we are reading each week. Some will be books we are reading in class and others will be books that staff are reading. This week, Year One have been reading *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield



Acomb Primary School Science Week

#ACOMBSCIENCE

Show off your inventions and special projects!
GET INVOLVED WITH SCIENCE WEEK AT HOME

Take a photo of your home science experiments and tweet them with the hashtag **#acombscience**

These will be shared in assembly at the end of Science Week

Please upload by 9:00am
13th March 2020



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