



### Introduction

This week we have been thinking about what curiosity means. We have seen many examples every day of children being curious, learning about the world around them through their work in school. This is an essential part of school and is a trait that will stand children in good stead as they progress through our school and beyond.

### Road Safety

**NEW** We would like to remind you about parking, driving and road safety near the school. Please drive very carefully when coming up or down West Bank and round the roundabout. Our number one priority is pupil safety and careless driving and parking puts the children at risk. There are still some parents who park on double yellow lines, in front of our neighbour's driveways and leave car engines idling. The City of York council enforcement vehicle makes random spot checks and will fine people who do any of these things.

Please help us create a safe commute to school.

### Snacks at Break Time

**NEW** Key Stage Two children should only bring a healthy snack to eat at playtime – no crisps or chocolate bars please. Children shouldn't take food from their packed lunch to eat at playtime, it needs to be a separate snack.

### Lost Property

**NEW** Lost property will all be in the school reception area (by the school office) for the whole of next week. Please take time to come and look. After that everything will be recycled or donated to charity. **A reminder that all school uniform, shoes, coats, PE kit etc should be named.**

### Non Uniform Day

**NEW** Next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February will be a non-uniform day for all children to raise further funds towards having a defibrillator in school. Martha in Y6 encourages you to send in whatever donation you can spare please to make the final push towards making this life saving equipment available.

### Swimming after half term

**NEW** **Classes TD and KJSW** will be going swimming every Friday afternoon from Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (6 sessions). The lessons take place at Better (formerly Energise) and the children travel there and back by bus. Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum and children can only be excused for medical reasons. Please ensure that your child arrives at school with appropriate swimwear and a towel each week. A contribution of £20 per child is requested to help cover the costs of time in the pool, three qualified swimming teachers, a lifeguard and transport to and from the pool. **Please pay online using ParentPay.** Thank you.

### School Council

**NEW** Please see our attachment about recycling school milk bottles.

### Keeping our children safe

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## Mental Health Rocks Workshop for Y6

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**NEW**

On Monday 12th February, year 6 will be taking part in a 90-minute mental health workshop run by 'My Mental Health Rocks'. The focus is to change the negative perception of mental health and support your children to understand the nature of their wellbeing and how it helps them to thrive in life.

Within the workshop we will be talking about:

- What is mental health?
- What are the characteristics of my mental health?
- How does it support me to thrive in life?
- Why do I sometimes feel disconnected from my mental health?
- What are my superpowers and how do they help me?

If you have any questions, you can contact a representative via email ([hello@mymentalhealthrocks.com](mailto:hello@mymentalhealthrocks.com)) or your child's class teacher. 'My Mental Health Rocks' may photograph pupils during the workshop to be used on their website and social media to help raise awareness of the campaign. If you would **not** like your child's photograph to be used for these purposes, please inform the school office by email to [office@acomb.pmat.academy](mailto:office@acomb.pmat.academy) or speak to your child's class teacher.

## Clubs after half term

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**NEW**

The clubs below start after half term, commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February and will run until Easter. There is no charge for these clubs and all places can be booked via:

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

Bookings will open at 7pm tonight and close at midnight on 23rd February. Children in Years 5 and 6 may walk home unaccompanied but they **must have a note in their planner** from a parent/carer to show that you have given permission for this. If your child goes to the Out of School Club, he/she will be taken there. However, please let the OOSC know if you no longer require a booking.

**Year 4-6 Girls Football** on Mondays from 3-4pm with Miss Sarson. This club is for girls who are keen to play football and develop their skills in a fun environment. Your daughter will need: football boots (no metal studs) or trainers, warm layered clothes and a water bottle. Shin pads are encouraged after the first session.

**Y4-6 Coding Club** with Mr Baldwin on Mondays from 3-4pm

**Y1-2 Sign Language Club** with our trainee teacher, Miss Horrocks, on Mondays in class EST from 3-4pm

**Reception, Y1 and Y2 Disney Club** with Mrs Chesters on Wednesdays from 3-4pm

In addition to these, please see the flyer from York City attached to this newsletter.

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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/>

February			
Fri	14	School closes at 3pm for half term	Non-uniform day – donations towards the defibrillator
Mon	24	School opens at 8.45am for all children	
March			
Wed	4	Book Fair in school all day	
Thu	5	World Book Day	We are <b>not</b> dressing up for this
Fri	6	Stay and Read	Parents/carers invited to stay and read for 15-20 minutes at drop off time
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			
<b>A reminder that the early May Bank holiday has changed. School will be open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.</b>			

#### KS2 Film Night

**REMINDER** On Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February class CJ will be hosting a Film Night in the hall for all children in KS2. They are raising funds for costumes for 'Taming of the Shrew' and books for their classroom. The film will be 'Paddington 2'. Please see the attached flyer for booking details. Paper copies are available from the school office. The form must be completed first and then payment will be via ParentPay. Thank you. Class CJ

#### Grandparents' Day

**REMINDER** On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 9am we will be inviting Grandparents of children in Years 1 and 2 (Class AWLC, Class EST and Class DSW) to come into school and talk to small groups within the classes about the toys that they played with when they were children. If they have any toys to show the children it would really bring our topic to life. This will be part of the introduction of our history topic on toys. We are giving plenty of notice for this event and will ask in a future newsletters for names of those interested in attending. A. Walker

#### PE Kit

**REMINDER** It is essential that all children have PE kit at school **every day** including suitable footwear for outdoor lessons (**not shoes or boots**). When lessons take place outside a warm top and PE trousers/jogging bottoms are also required. Please remind your child that it is compulsory for them to change for PE lessons. If they don't have their kit they can not take part in the lesson and may face an additional consequence or sanction if this happens on repeated occasions.

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## Course Information from Family Matters York

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Please see the courses below and click on the link if you are interested.

### **Time Out for Parents - Children with Additional Needs**

When: 24th February for 6 weeks on Mondays 9.30 to 11.30am

Where: at the Gateway Centre, Acomb, YO24 3BZ.

### **Time Out from Anger**

When: 2nd March for 4 weeks on Mondays 12.45 to 2.45pm

Where: Clifton Children's Centre, Kingsway North, Clifton, YO30 6JA

### **Time Out from Anger**

When: 3rd March for 4 weeks on Tuesdays 7 to 9pm

Where: Manor CE Academy, Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton, YO26 6PA

### **Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years**

When: 27th February for 5 weeks on Thursdays 12.45 to 2.45pm

Where: Cornerstone @ St. George's, Millfield Lane, Osbaldwick, YO10 3AL

Please see <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/> for more information.

## Can you help?



We want to see our milk bottles recycled! We need some volunteers to take them and put them in your plastic recycling bins at home.



## If you have room, take them soon!

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# YCFC Foundation After School Football Club

York City Football Club Foundation After School Clubs use a series of structured development sessions together with fun and challenging games which are designed to engage with children of all abilities.

All YCFC Foundation coaches are FA qualified and DBS checked

## Acomb Primary School Spring 2020

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Years 1,2 & 3  
3.00pm – 4.00pm

£24 for 6 weeks

Places are restricted, and bookings will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Bookings can only be made via [www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity](http://www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity) and will close 48 hours prior to the courses starting.

No cash payment will be accepted for bookings by school or YCFCF.

For more information on our other activities, young player development centres, and Holiday Football Fun Courses visit <https://www.facebook.com/YCFCFoundation/> or call 01904 559508 or email [enquiries@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk)



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