



### Introduction

It has been nice to see some sunshine this week as it always seems to raise everyone's spirits. We have had another good week in school, with lots of interesting topics happening in classes – Reception had a visit from a local estate agent today as part of their work on houses and where we live and Year Six have been reading and writing about the story of War Horse with some excellent use of synonyms.

### Staffing

**NEW**

Mr Baldwin is a lot better now and we are hoping that he will be back at work on Monday. Thanks again to Miss Richardson for teaching the class for the past three weeks.

### Reading Volunteers

**NEW**

If you could spare us some time, we are in need of some volunteers to hear readers. If you could help with this, please let your class teacher or the school office know.

### Reception children

**NEW**

As part of our work on our local area, the Reception children will be going on a walk into Acomb on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. We will leave school at 9.15 am and return at approximately 11.15am. Whilst we are in Acomb we will find out about the different shops and services and take a look at the old Acomb Primary School building. The children will have a chance to go into some of the shops to ask questions and find out more about their local area. They should all wear school uniform, a coat and sensible walking shoes. Please remember the weather can be unkind in February so the children may need hats and gloves too as we will be outside for most of the morning! We will need plenty of parent helpers to come on the trip with us so please let the class teacher know if you are able to help out. Unfortunately, we can't accept an offer of help if you have other children in your care. **Please see ParentPay to tick the consent button for the trip.**

Thank you for your support. K Bradley and E Peggs.

### PE kit

**NEW**

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.

### Dogs

**NEW**

Please remember that dogs (**with the exception of assistance dogs**) are not allowed on school premises at any time. Where necessary, they should be tethered **outside** the green gates at the bottom of West Bank or the Nursery Drive entrance.

### 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.*

## 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/>

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>			

## Year 4 and 5 trip to Magna



On **Friday 7th February**, Classes TD, KJSW and CJ will be visiting Magna Science Adventure Centre to learn more about our science topic of 'Rocks and Soils'. Usually the centre would be closed on this day but we are very fortunate as they have agreed to open and accommodate us. The children will leave after registration in the morning and arrive back at a slightly later time of **3:30pm**. All the children will need a packed lunch and a drink – as usual no nut products, fizzy drinks or glass bottles please. School uniform and a coat should also be worn. A donation of £12.50, via ParentPay, will cover access to the centre, school area, a workshop and transport. **We need a couple more helpers so if you would like to join us on this trip please let Mr Dennis know as soon as possible. Thank you.**

## Grandparents' Day



On Monday 9th March 2020 at 9am we will be inviting Grandparents of children in Years 1 and 2 (Class AWLC, Class EST and Class DHSW) 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

## Christmas Jumpers – School Council



We are still collecting Christmas jumpers/tops (adults and children) which we will save for a Christmas Jumper exchange. Please send any you can spare to the school office **before 31<sup>st</sup> January**. We will keep them for Christmas 2020! Thank you.



**Tomorrow**, Sarah Harrison (Miss Sarah our school cook!) and her daughter will be hosting afternoon tea (in the school hall from 12-5pm) to fundraise for Emily's trip to Romania as part of the Young Leaders Award scheme. Students are actively encouraged to fundraise for the costs of the trip. As well as afternoon tea, there will be Irish dancing and a tombola. If you would like to come, just turn up! The price is £10 per person or £12.50 to include a glass of prosecco. Sandwiches, scones, cake, biscuits and tea/coffee will be on the menu.

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