



Introduction

With new Government restrictions being imposed this week and the changeable Autumnal weather setting in, it is very apt that this week's word of the week is 'Resilience'. There is certainly no doubting that the children at Acomb Primary School are showing this in abundance throughout. Whether this has been trying new food for the first time (expertly prepared by our fantastic kitchen team may I add), never giving up on a particular maths problem or ensuring that they persevere in their writing and other areas of the curriculum, it has been a pleasure to walk around the classrooms and corridors seeing this in action. Speaking to classes, they have such a lovely attitude towards this element of their character and this is particularly encouraging to see considering the hard times that we are facing as a country and community currently. With this in mind, it is now, more than ever, when we need to rally as a school community and support one another as best as we can. The great thing about Acomb Primary is that we are so good at this already and this is what makes the school 'great' and keeps the children 'always aiming high'.

I hope you've all had a great week and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr White

Weekly News

Free Lunch!

Next Thursday (1st October) we will be offering ALL children the chance to have a **free school lunch**. If your child chooses to have school meals all week, we will adjust payment next Friday to make sure it is free. If your child is having packed lunch for the week he/she may choose to have lunch on **Thursday only** and there will be no charge. The kitchen will be serving pizza with pasta salad and cucumber and pepper sticks. There will also be a choice of puddings. All dietary variations will be catered for. We'd really like every child to have a meal so, as an incentive, we will also draw one name to win an Amazon voucher for £20. If your child is going to have a packed lunch but would like to have the free meal on Thursday, please email office@acomb.pmat.academy before Monday to give us an idea of numbers. However, we will also ask the children on Monday morning what their choice is for the week so they may still choose the free meal then if they haven't made up their mind over the weekend!

Menu changes

For week 3 of the cycle, Pulled pork with savoury rice and vegetables will be served on a Monday and Pizza on a Thursday. From next Friday, 2nd October we will now be able to offer the baked potato option as an alternative to fish.

Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that on Monday (28th September) at 7pm you will be able to begin booking your parents' evening slots. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, these will take the form of a short 10 minute phone call, replacing our usual arrangements. Meetings will take place during the week commencing 12th October 2020. To book your place, go to <https://acomb.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. The booking system will close on the 6th October at midnight.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning couldn't take place as normal today but I just wanted to say a big thank you to those of you who took part in this virtually by posting your photos to Twitter and donating via the school's donation page. Of course, you can still keep donating by following this link <https://t.co/COrRvBiQHd?amp=1> . Keep an eye out next week as our staff will be taking part in their very own virtual 'British Bake Off' on Friday 2nd October to aid the cause even more.



Warm Clothing

The weather has certainly turned this week and, with windows and doors having to be opened for adequate air circulation, the classrooms are getting chillier. Can we therefore ask that you provide adequate layers of clothing, for indoors and outdoors to keep your child warm during these times.

Children's Mental Health

EveryMindMatters have released new, dedicated advice for parents/carers to help look after their children's mental health <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/> . This may be worth a look if you need some support with this at home.

After School Sports Clubs – Ignite Sports Coaching

School sports clubs will be beginning once more after October half term. This will be subject to any changes made by the Government though. Please see attached flyer for more information about this.

Holiday Club – Ignite Sports Coaching

Mr Shimmin and the Ignite team are delighted that their holiday club is able to run again during the half-term holiday at the end of October at Acomb Primary School, YO24 4ES for children aged 4 -12, Reception - Year 7.

CLUB INFO

Friday 23rd October (Acomb Primary School Teacher Training Day)
Monday 26th October
Tuesday 27th October
Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October
Friday 30th October

As always the club will be sport based with a wide variety of sports, games and activities for the children to play and enjoy. Please check their social media pages and website for further details!

£24 per day

Activities will be adapted to conform to social distancing guidelines.

Maximum of 30 children per day.

2 groups (bubbles) of no more than 15 children.

BOOKING DETAILS

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)



Payments can be made via BACS, childcare vouchers or cash.

Reception classes

For all Reception Parents/Carers

Soon we will be starting our 'Me and My Family' topic. To help us with this, please email a photo of your family to the school office (office@acomb.pmat.academy) by Friday 9th October. Thank you to those who have already sent their pictures. E. Peggs and K. Bradley

Change of Address

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, please let us know by emailing office@acomb.pmat.academy and we will update our records. It is, however, your responsibility to update your details on ParentPay.

Pathfinder Newsletter

The Pathfinder newsletter will be sent separately.

Illness and Absence

We realise that there are a number of colds and sniffles going round the children and it is a difficult time knowing what to do about this. We have sent you a flowchart that should help you when making a decision about whether your child should attend school. You can also find a copy on our Twitter feed.

(<https://twitter.com/acombprimary>).

If your child has had to stay off school while you await a **Covid 19 test result** for him/her or a family member, please email the result to office@acomb.pmat.academy. We must receive this before your child can return to school. We have to request this and all messages are treated in confidence.

Training Days

A reminder that we have two training days this term when the school is **closed** to children. They are Friday 23rd October and Monday 30th November. (These dates are for our school only – all schools set their own training days).

Flu Immunisation Date – Advanced Notice

Immunisations are still due to take place at school on Tuesday 24th November 2020. Please see the attached the online link <https://fx.hdfn.nhs.uk/FluConsent/Form1/#!/Page1> to the booking form which must be completed by parents/carers (not the school).