

## Introduction

Can you believe that we are already at the end of our fourth week of the academic year? It certainly seems to have flown by, with children's mental and social wellbeing currently being the best I have seen it so far this term. All children seem like they are continuing to settle into school life extremely well and are working hard within their lessons. This reflects in our attendance figures too, with over 98% of our children being in school over the past week – an amazing figure I'm sure you'll agree particularly in such strange times.

Have a lovely week ahead,

Mr White

## Weekly News Birthdays



As you know, the onset of Covid-19 has robbed your children of many things but the one thing I'm hearing in the corridors the most has been their inability to celebrate their birthdays in school. So, for those children who would have celebrated their birthday between March 20<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>, we would like to offer them the chance to wear their own clothes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, as they would normally have done had they been at school during this time.

## Character Education

As a school, we are committed to promoting character education within our everyday school life. We do this in school by sharing a 'Word of the Week' that we ask children to show in their personality on a day to day basis. So far this term, we have looked at kindness, resilience and gratitude, with the children showing excellent examples of this. Next week's word will be 'Respect'. As well as in school, we would love you to promote and reinforce this part of their character at home too please. In doing so, we aim to allow children to keep adding these important life traits to their personalities.



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## Walk to School Week



For the whole of next week (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October), we are encouraging as many people as possible to ditch their cars and sustainably travel to school. Although it is called 'Walk to School Week', you can in fact scoot or cycle too. As always, the Park and Stride car park will be open at the top of West Bank so we encourage you to leave your car here. In the interests of health and safety, please could we also ask that, if the scooter or bike sheds are full, your child places their mode of transport against the wall or under the veranda of their class.

As well as this, please remember to always accompany your child when they are scooting down West Bank and ensure that they do not scoot in the road.

## Parents' Evening

If you have not done so already, please remember to book your telephone conversation with your child's teacher before midnight on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thanks everyone for your fantastic virtual efforts in baking and donating to Macmillan. So far we have raised £210 but we are hoping to go even further with this after today's 'Staff Bake Off' comes to an end. We will inform you of the final total next week.



## After School Sports Clubs and Holiday Club – Ignite Sports Coaching



All clubs are starting to fill up but places are still available at both the after-school sports clubs starting next week and also the half-term holiday club! In case you had not realised, we are also running our Holiday Club on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October which is Acomb Primary's teacher training day.

Please see the attached PDF's for more information.

## Regular Updates Change of Address

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, please let us know by emailing [office@acomb.pmat.academy](mailto: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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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).