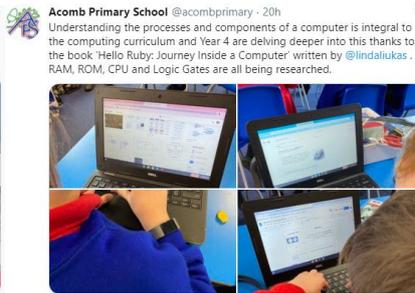


## Head of School's Introduction

As we approach half term, it's really good to be able to keep reporting on how well the children are doing socially, emotionally and academically across school. We're so proud of them and their attitude towards their learning, particularly as we pride ourselves on the curriculum we offer here at Acomb, and seeing their enjoyment of this learning is wonderful. This week, my travels have taken me to all classrooms and I've been lucky to witness some excellent work taking place as always. Some of you may have seen this already on Twitter but, for those of you who have not, please see the pictures below. Why not click on the picture itself to take you to our feed where you will see the posts more clearly. Why not give us a like too!



Mr White

## Weekly News Character Education

Equality was our 'Word of the Week' this week and we were really pleased to see the impact sharing this had with our pupils across the school. Although all our children are wonderful at treating each other equally, the children below have been shining lights in displaying this message. Next week's word of the week is 'Curiosity'.



## Non Uniform Day – Friends of Acomb Primary

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday October the 22<sup>nd</sup> to raise funds for the Friends of Acomb Primary School. This non-uniform day is normally when we collect money to support our Christmas Fair but, sadly, this will not be allowed to take place this year due to Covid restrictions. Instead, we are asking you to spare as much small change as you can to support other things that they do for school. Their work has been relentless over many years in helping to give further exciting opportunities to our pupils on top of what we already do as a school. Their development of the central courtyard in 2018 is merely a small highlight of what

they do and your generous support will go a long way in creating some for of legacy for your child going forward. The teachers will collect any donations on the day. Thank you.

## Training Day

Next week sees us reaching our final week in school before the half term holidays. I just wanted to remind you that school will be closed for a teacher training on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. We also have a teacher training day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Admissions Consultation for 2022-23 Entry

This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by all admissions authorities in the City of York between 12 October and 29 November 2020. The consultation includes the admissions policies and planned number of places available at each school for entry in September 2022. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please visit the admissions page on our website or [www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation](http://www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation).

## Dinner Money

Please remember to check your child's balance on Parentpay if you pay for school meals. Payment should always be paid in advance (before he/she orders meals on a Monday) and the amount owing should never exceed £12.50. Thank you.

## Parents' Evening

It is great to report that Parent's Evening was a resounding success and seemed to go very smoothly. Thanks to all those who were able to speak to teachers about their children. If you were unable to take your phone call, please let us know so that we can arrange a mutually agreeable time for you to meet your child's teacher.

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



Places still available at ALL the after-school sports clubs, especially Y1/2 multi-skills.

"Multi-skills relates to the development of movement skills such as balance, coordination, reaction and timing"

We disguise these skills into fun games for the children to learn and enjoy!

Please note, if you book an after-school club after it has started, £4 is discounted for every session that has passed.

We are also counting down to the half-term Half term holiday club which starts A WEEK TODAY! Wow! Please see the attached PDF's for more information and to book the after school sports club and/or holiday club.

## York City FC Foundation – Happy Healthy Holidays

York City FC Foundation are excited to be launching their Happy Healthy Holiday programme which will be taking place in October half term with the support of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation over a three-day period at a venue near you. We intend these sessions to be FUN and ENGAGING using the vehicle of football alongside multi skill activity to get our young people active. Whilst we are a football club, we are not solely looking for those that love their football but want to include as many individuals as possible. All our courses will follow current Government and FA guidelines as well as social distancing rules. These sessions will have a limit and must be booked in advance. Whilst this course will be free to attend we really want to allow those that can and want to get involved the opportunity so we encourage those that have booked to take up their place. More information is attached.



## 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 can be found at <https://pathfinder.academy/news/>

## 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.

## 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). Our school code 144265.

## Adventure Photography

The school photographer will be coming on Tuesday 3rd November and the children will all have an individual photograph taken during the school day. This year, we will not automatically take a sibling photograph unless you tell us that you would like one. Please email [office@acomb.pmat.academy](mailto:office@acomb.pmat.academy) by 8.45am on Monday 2nd November to tell us that you would like a sibling photo.

Due to the current restrictions, we are sorry not to be able to invite pre-school siblings to have their photo taken.



## Parent Parking

Please remember that we have a roundabout at the front of school and all vehicles should go round it clockwise, as you do anywhere else. Cars and vans have been seen ignoring the roundabout and this is dangerous for everyone, drivers and pedestrians alike. If someone is leaving a space, please wait until they have completed their manoeuvre and then park your vehicle. We also have several spaces reserved for vehicles displaying disabled badges and these should not be used unless you have a badge. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Contacting Teachers

During the past few weeks, many KS2 teachers have been receiving emails from pupils at the weekend. Could I please advise you to speak to your children about this and ask that they only send emails to staff during school time please or schedule such emails for Monday mornings.