

## Introduction

We've had another landmark week with the return of school trips this week. Years Five and Six had a great morning at the food festival on Monday. We are very grateful for the help from the parents and carers who joined the classes for the walk into town and back as well – it is so nice to have you back!

The children have been busy this week baking for the MacMillan coffee afternoon which I am sure will be a huge success – if the weather holds, we plan to put tables outside near the main entrance and for Year Six children to help serve drinks and sell the baking – no fixed prices for anything, just whatever you want to donate.



Lee Haynes  
Headteacher

## Welcome Meetings



Thank you to everyone who came to our welcome meetings this week. It was great to have you in school to find out about the year ahead and to see the classrooms – for some of you this will have been the first time you have been into the school – we hope it was useful.

We will put the presentations that were shared on the website next week.

## Word of the Week

Each week we have a 'word of the week' that we focus on as a school. We introduce it to children in assembly time and display it round the school. On Friday, during celebration assembly, we give certificates to children who have shown good character through demonstrating this word in their work, play or other interactions.

This week's word has been **Community** and next week we are focussing on **Opportunity**.

## Dates for your diary



Attached with this newsletter are dates for the school year to help you plan ahead. We will update this periodically and will update this newsletter each week with upcoming events. There will be more dates to add to Spring and Summer term as the year progresses, but we wanted to share the main planned events now.

One of the important upcoming dates is parents' evening in October. We will once again be offering an online meeting, although we hope to also add some face to face appointments for those who cannot access the online system. We will write to you with more information about that next week.

## Online Safety

Each week we will upload a new guide to the website to support you with keeping your child safe. This week the focus is on parental controls on smartphones.

Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. The attached documents are guides to parental controls for managing apps on Apple and Android devices. They will help you to reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age.

<https://acombprimary.org.uk/curriculum/e-safety>

## E-Safety – NOS account and app



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Online  
Safety**<sup>®</sup>

We have signed up this year for National Online Safety – a website full of useful resources to help parents learn about keeping their children safe online. There is a huge range of explainer videos, help guides and training videos that you can access as well as a useful app that provides easy access to these tools. These resources cover areas such as – use of social media, adding parental restrictions to a mobile phone, common apps, games and websites and much more.

It is completely free for parents and carers. To join, follow this link:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/acomb-primary-school> and sign up for an account.

Once you have an account, you can download the app:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

## NEW – Year 5 Trip to Vue Cinema

As part of the nationwide 'Into Film Festival', all the Year 5 children will be going to see the film 'Addams Family 2' at Vue Cinema, Clifton Moor on Thursday 18th November. This will be during the morning and we will be back in time for lunch. As this is a free celebration of film for children and young people, there is no cost for the film. However, we would be very grateful if you could make a donation of £3 to cover the transport. As the film is a new release, a film rating has not yet been determined but more information can be found at: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11125620/>. Do get in contact if you have any questions. We need a few parent volunteers to accompany us so please email Mrs Forrest at [office@acomb.pmat.academy](mailto:office@acomb.pmat.academy) if you can come.

Thank you, Mr Dennis and Ms Jackson

## NEW – old newspapers

Ms Jackson (Y5 teacher) would like any old newspapers you can spare. Please hand them in at her classroom or put them in the green box in the main entrance near the school office. Thank you.



## NEW – MSA Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a new Midday Supervisory Assistant to support children in the hall during the lunchtime period to join our team. The job is to help prepare the hall for lunchtimes - putting out tables and benches, setting out cutlery, cups and water jugs and cleaning down after the children have eaten. The role is also to support the children whilst they are eating, promoting good manners, the correct use of cutlery and encouraging independence. A vital part of the role is to be aware of children with additional needs and dietary requirements who may need extra support and attention.

Qualifications are not essential, however, experience of working with children would be desirable.

The rate of pay is £9.50 per hour and we are looking for someone 11.10-1.10pm Monday to Friday.

If you would like more information please contact Ruth Collins on the school number (01904 806799) or email: [rcollins@acomb.pmat.academy](mailto:rcollins@acomb.pmat.academy)

## School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

As many of you know, since the retirement of the long-serving Malcolm, we have had a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol on Acomb Road. We are very keen to see this position filled to make a safer commute to school for all of us. If you think you may be able to help, or you may know someone who be interested, please see below for details of the role and how to apply.

### **Could you work a School Crossing Patrol?**

#### **Your School Needs You!**

We are looking for a committed person to join our School Crossing Patrol Service for your School. You will be responsible for ensuring the safety of the children crossing.

Full training and uniform is provided.

£9.79 per hour, term-time only and up to 7 hours per week. Suitable for Job-Share.

The job is sociable, responsible and we welcome applications from people of all ages.

Applicants must be prepared to work in all weather conditions, be polite and able to communicate well.

**For an informal chat about this opportunity, please ring 07909 685095**

## REMINDERS

### **Morrison's Vouchers**

We have registered for the 'Good to Grow' scheme so please send any vouchers Morrison's vouchers you receive to school. We hope to put them towards some gardening equipment for the Out of School Club. Thank you.

### **Consent for Flu Immunisation**

Please see the attached letter regarding the flu immunisation which is scheduled, in school, for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. (Consent must be agreed via the link by a parent/carer – **we are not able to do this for you**).

### **Key stage 2 children**

Any children in KS2 who wish to play football on the field during break times must have a change of clothes e.g. joggers/old trousers to put on instead of their school trousers/skirt.

### **School clothes**

Please remember that all items of clothing, coats, shoes, boots should be labelled with your child's name so that we can return them to the owner if they are lost. A reminder too that the children should have a change of shoes to wear indoors. Thank you.

### **New - Year 3/4 Workshop and School Trips**

As part of our topic on the Romans, we have booked many exciting activities for Years 3 and 4. The children have already handled Roman artefacts on loan from 'Dig'. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, a Roman soldier will be visiting us in school! On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we will be looking round the Roman gallery in the Yorkshire Museum. During the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> October, all classes will also have a chance to take part in a guided tour around the Roman Baths. The cost for all these activities has worked out at a donation of £7 per child – we hope you agree that this is excellent value for money! Please see ParentPay to donate and give consent for these events. We need four parent helpers for each class to accompany us to York on the dates below. Please contact the office if you are available by emailing [office@acomb.pmat.academy](mailto:office@acomb.pmat.academy). The children will all need a packed lunch on **both dates**. Thank you. R. Sarson

#### **Class MCA (Y3)**

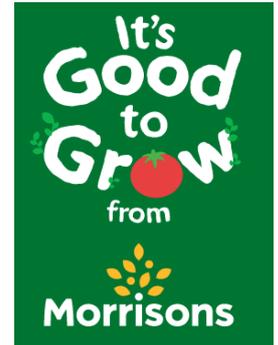
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> October - leave school at 9am to walk to the Yorkshire Museum and return by 1.30pm  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> October - leave school at 9am to walk to the Roman Baths and return by 1pm

#### **Class RS (Y3/4)**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> October - leave school at 9am to walk to the Yorkshire Museum and return by 1.30pm  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> October - leave school at 9am to walk to the Roman Baths and return by 1pm

#### **Class HC (Y4)**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> October - leave school at midday to walk to the Yorkshire Museum and return by 3pm  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> October - leave school at 9am to walk to the Roman Baths and return by 1pm



## Ignite Sports Coaching - After school clubs

### Wednesdays

Year 3/4 Dodgeball

Year 5/6 Football (fully booked)

### Fridays

Year 1/2 Multi-skills

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK AN AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB](#)

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SPORTS COACHING

## AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

**Friday 22nd Oct - Friday 29th Oct 2021**  
**8.30AM – 4.30PM    £24 per day**  
**Acomb Primary School, York, YO24 4ES**

CHILDREN AGED 5-12  
(REC - YR7) WELCOME!

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