



Introduction

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. It's lovely to be back and to see the children settling so quickly back into the school routine. We have been working with Lee & Dawn Threadgold from Animated Objects this week on some drama work linked to our new topics. They'll be back later in the year to work with the rest of the classes.

New: Staffing Update

As a reminder, Mrs Forrest finishes at 1pm each day now. We will be answering the phone and checking emails throughout the afternoon, please bear with us and leave a message if we don't answer.

New: 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 **Trust** and next week, we are focussing on **Creativity**.

Updated: Dates for your diary

January			
Wed	12	Swimming starts for class TD	Each Wednesday till half term. See ParentPay for details
February			
Tue	8	Safer Internet Day	
Fri	18	3.00 School Closes to all children	
Half Term Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th			

Reminder: Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to start in 2022. Governors play an important role in the running of the school and work alongside the headteacher and other leaders and with Pathfinder trust to help the school improve and develop. Governors are made up of parents, staff and people from the local community who have an interest in the strategic leadership of a school. We have two elected parent governors on the committee and have one vacancy currently. If you are interested in this role you can request a nomination form from Mrs Forrest in the school office (office@acomb.pmat.academy) or contact for a telephone chat with myself (Mr Haynes) (contact again via the school office please).

Nominations will close on 21st January. If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held - further details would be sent out to all parents in that instance.

Arrival at School

A reminder that children should not arrive at school unaccompanied too early. We have a number of children waiting for 20 minutes or more outside. This is especially happening with older children who perhaps walk to school alone.

School lunches

The menu for Tuesday and Wednesday (next week) will be swapped so the roast dinner will be on Tuesday and the mince and vegetables will be on Wednesday. (All dietary variations will be catered for).



Spring Term Clubs

These are the clubs we will have running after Christmas. Some are new and some are continuing from this term. Places for school clubs can be booked at <https://acomb.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Clubs run by school staff				
Club Name	Day	Run by	Location	Year Groups
Acapella Singing	Tuesday	Miss Allen	School Hall	KS2
Yoga (8.10am)	Wednesday	Mrs Batey	School Hall	Y6
Earth (science) club	Thursday	Mrs Johnson	EP classroom	Y1 & Y2
Reading & Craft	Thursday	Miss Greenwood	Miss Greenwood's classroom	Y1
Clubs run by External Providers				
Club Name	Day	Run by		Year Groups
Multi Sports	Tuesday	Ignite		KS2
Football	Tuesday	York City	See booking link below	Y3 & Y4
Dodgeball	Wednesday	Ignite		KS2
Football	Wednesday	Ignite		Y5 & Y6
Tennis	Thursday	ABC Tennis		Y1 & Y2
Tennis (8.00am)	Friday	ABC Tennis		KS2
Multi Skills	Friday	Ignite		Y1 & Y2

York City Club Booking Link <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/catalog/product/view/id/15529/s/year-3-4-acomb-primary-school/category/55/>

Ignite link www.ignitesportcoaching.co.uk

Family Matters York - Courses for parents/carers

Time Out for Parents - the Primary Years

Tuesday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 5 weeks starting 18th January, online via Zoom.

For flyer click [here](#)

Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 5 weeks starting 19th January at Heworth Methodist Church, Heworth Village, York YO31 1AE

For flyer click [here](#)

Handling Anger in the Family

Monday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 4 weeks starting 17th January, online via Zoom.

For flyer click [here](#)

Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 4 weeks starting 18th January at The Avenues Children's Centre, Sixth Ave, Tang Hall, YO31 0TX

For flyer click [here](#)

Thursday afternoons 12.45 to 2.45pm for 4 weeks starting 27th January, online via Zoom.

For flyer click [here](#)

To book a place or for further information please contact

Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259

email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk

or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>



Bookings close at 11.59pm on Thursdays for the week ahead. You can book for the term but you **MUST pay for your bookings immediately.**

If you need an emergency place at the club, as before email: oosc@acomb.pmat.academy
This can only be used in an emergency; we cannot take booking requests after the Thursday cut off.

Please note, if you wish to contact the Out of School club after the school day has finished, please select the appropriate option and you will be put through to the Out of School Club room and they will take your message. Remember that the school number has changed to 01904 806799.

Please in line with current guidance, staff will be required to wear facemasks at club when inside.

Friends of Acomb Primary (FOAP)

FOAP would like to thank everyone for your donations and for coming to support our Christmas events. Your generosity has raised just over £1480 of much-needed funds for school, and we're absolutely thrilled! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas – see you again for more fundraising in the New Year!

FOAP are making a fundraising plea to our wonderful school community to help us raise **much needed** funds for Acomb.

One of the easiest and safest ways for you to help us is for you to select FOAP as your chosen charity when shopping online via **easyfundraising** or **Amazon Smile**. Both sites are easy to use and incur no additional costs to you. Each time you shop using them, they donate money to the Friends of Acomb Primary School. During 2021 they sent cheques for just over £50, but there are currently only a handful of people using it so with your help this could be MUCH more!

To help support us via Easyfundraising:

Download the **Easyfundraising App**, or go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Either sign-up or login and choose to support "The Friends of Acomb Primary School – York", then whenever you are online shopping simply go through the easyfundraising app or webpage, select the shop you want, and this will then lead to a percentage of the spend being donated.

Lots of retailers including **Marks and Spencer's**, **Argos**, **ao.com**, **notonthehighstreet.com**, **booking.com** and **gocompare** are available donating various percentages.

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Download the **AmazonSmile App** or go to <http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk>. Either sign-up (if you do not already have an Amazon account) or login (with your existing account) and choose to support "Friends of Acomb Primary School", then whenever you shop on Amazon they will make a 0.5% donation (on eligible purchases) to us.

With the shopping we all do these **small donations will make a HUGE difference**. If you can help us to spread the word and get your family and friends to sign up too, that'd be even better!