



Introduction

I noticed this week that it is staying light for a little bit longer and the first signs of daffodils are appearing out of the ground just outside my office window. The positivity this brings can be very much felt around school, with so much great learning taking place and plans being made for future events, such as the Y4 residential to Robin Hood’s Bay. We have lots of information in today’s newsletter – including a video from the Eco Council about recycling, news of our parent governor election and our revamped Online Safety page.

Reminder: Office Staffing

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 **Compassion** and next week, we are focussing on **Conscientiousness**.

Dates for your diary

February		
Tue	8	Safer Internet Day
Fri	18	3.00 School Closes to all children
Half Term Monday 21st – Friday 25th		

Visions and Values Questionnaire

As a school community, our vision and values are integral to our whole school culture. Every year, we look at how we can make these better and want your opinion as a parent/carer. We have compiled a questionnaire relating to this and would appreciate it if you were to take some time to fill it in.

The questionnaire can be found at the following link: <https://forms.gle/eKY9fi5waqvX3u5PA>

Many thanks for your time. Mr White.

New: Eco Council Update

Attention parents and children!

We need your help.

What do you do with your empty printer cartridges? We have a solution for you!

You can bring them into school to be recycled for free!

Outside the office there is a green cardboard box especially for your empty printer ink cartridges.

This is not only great for the environment but it helps us to raise funds for the school too.

Thank you for your help.

From the Eco-Council



New: Parent Governor Election

I am pleased to say that we have had two nominations for the parent governor vacancy. We are, therefore, holding an election to fill the position. Candidate details and how to vote can be seen at:

<https://forms.gle/UpognyaXi2f4r5Ms7>

Online Safety

A game's age rating can be used by adults to make an informed choice as to whether or not a game is suitable for their child. On our website, you will find information about PEGI and the ratings they use as well as tips on a number of potential risks such as inappropriate content, peer pressure and online spending.

NSPCC

Click for more resources and help

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



**National
Online
Safety**[®]

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers, including Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your **free account**, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/acomb-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including smartphone apps:

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

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



Reminder: Adventure Photography

In 2022 Adventure Photography will be updating their computer system, servers and shop to a better, more improved system with lots of buying choices for parents. Please note that their current online shop will be closing shortly and should you wish to order any archived images using the online shop you have until 31st January to do so. They still have the original images so you can purchase copies by contacting them at the following email address info@adventurephotographystudio.co.uk

Reminder: Year 6 Trip to York Library (Museum Street)

Year 6 children are going on a trip to York Library. Class EJMB will be going on Friday 4th February and Class DB on Friday 11th February. The classes will leave school at 9am and return at approximately 11:30am. Whilst at the library the children will complete a tour and take part in some activities in the children's area.

The children should all wear school uniform, with appropriate footwear and coats as we shall be walking into York. Please see ParentPay to give consent for the trip to the Library. We do need several parent helpers to come with us so if you can help at all, please let the class teacher know. Unfortunately, we can't accept an offer of help if you have other children in your care. Thank you, L. Johnson

Reminder: Term Dates for this school year

A copy of the term dates is attached. Please note, we have a training day on Monday 7th March when the school will be closed to children.



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 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.

To help support us via AmazonSmile:

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!



FEB HALF TERM 2022 HOLIDAY CLUB

Mon 21st - Fri 25th February 2022

8.30AM - 4.30PM £26 per day

Acomb Primary School, York, YO24 4ES



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