



Introduction

Next week would have been the Young Voices concert for Y6, which was sadly postponed. We are pleased to have a new date for this – Friday 13th May. We will write to Y6 parents next week about this.

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

Dates for your diary

February			
Tue	8	Safer Internet Day	
Fri	18	3.00 School Closes to all children	
Half Term Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th			
Mon	28	School Opens for all children	
March			
Wed	2	Book Fair in School	Please note we do not ask children to dress up for World Book Day
Thu	3	World Book Day Activities	
Fri	4	Parent Stay and Read Session	Parents/Carers are invited to join their children at the start of the day to read a book (or two) in the classroom / outdoor areas
Mon	7	School Closed to children – staff training day	We are working on assessments
Mon	14	Science Week	Children across school will take part in additional science activities this week
Fri	18	Non-uniform day: Red Nose Day	
Mon	21	The Big Pedal	Sustainable travel events all week
Tue	22	Parents’ Evening	Provisional dates to be confirmed.
Wed	23	Parents’ Evening	
Tue	29	KS1 Farm Day	
April			
Mon	4	Y4 Residential to Robin Hood’s Bay	Parents’ meeting at 5pm on Monday 31 st January to talk about the visit.
Tue	5		
Wed	6		
Fri	8	School Closes for Easter Break	

New: Parent Governor Election

The election closes at 1pm on Monday 31st January. <https://forms.gle/UpoqnyaXi2f4r5Ms7>

New: Class TD

Mr Dennis would like to hear from any parents/carers who are available to come in to school to hear children read. Please let us know if and when you can volunteer. Thank you.

New: Change to menu next week

We shall be celebrating Chinese New Year so on Tuesday the main course will be chicken chow mein and, on Wednesday, beef in black bean sauce and sweet and sour chicken. All dietary variations will be catered for.

Online Safety

From time to time, we get reports from parents, carers and pupils that some children are not being as nice to one another as they should be whilst online gaming. We wanted to be proactive with this and share some advice with you about online bullying and what your child is being taught about this. This reinforces the E-Safety curriculum we offer pupils in school as well as providing you with some information about how to ensure this does not happen at home.

NSPCC

Click for more resources and help

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

Reminder: 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



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 still need several parent helpers for class DB on 11th February. Please let us know if you can help. 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.

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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