



Headteacher’s Introduction

Wednesday night has to go down as the highlight of my year so far. It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to go to York Theatre Royal and see Class CJ perform on stage as part of the Associate School’s programme. We have taken part in this Shakespeare Festival for many years now and it means so much to see the children performing on stage in front of a packed theatre once again. Well done to all of them for grasping this opportunity and performing with such enthusiasm – we were definitely the most confident and well executed group of the evening. Huge thanks must go to Ms Jackson for all of her hard work in putting this together and to the other staff who supported on the day and into the evening – Mrs Stimpson, Miss Allen and Miss Johnson.

New: Baby News

For the second week running I am delighted to share news of a new arrival. Mr White is now a very proud father to a beautiful daughter - Noa Ivy White. I am sure you will join us in sending very best wishes to Simon and Amy at this wonderful news.

New: Staffing News

As you know, since January Mrs Forrest has been working mornings only in the school office. Today we have an advert going out for a full time position, as Cath will be retiring at the end of May.

New: Word of the Week

This week’s word has been **Gratitude** and after half term, we are focussing on **Individuality**.

Dates for your diary

March			
Fri	18	Non-uniform day for Rec, KS1 and Years 5 and 6: Red Nose Day Years 3 and 4 – Jorvik Trip – uniform to be worn	
Mon	21	The Big Pedal	Sustainable travel events all week
Tue	22	Parents’ Evening	
Wed	23	Parents’ Evening	
Tue	29	KS1 Farm Day	In the Y6 classrooms
		5pm Y6 Parents SATS meeting	
April			
Mon	4	Y4 Residential to Robin Hood’s Bay	
Tue	5		
Wed	6		
Fri	8	School Closes for Easter Break	

New: Parents’ Evening

Booking for parents’ evening opens at 7pm this evening (Friday 11th).

Appointments on both evenings (22nd and 23rd March) are split into two halves. 3.10pm-5.30pm are face to face meetings taking place in the classroom. From 5.30pm the appointments are virtual appointments. Either can be booked in the same way at the usual website:

<https://acomb.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please note that Mr Day’s class are not taking part this time as they had meetings with Miss Peggs before half term.



New: Yellow and Green Team

The yellow and green teams have now reached the top of their team points tube as well so have earned a non-uniform day on Friday 25th March (as next Friday is Red Nose Day non uniform for all).

New: Reading Volunteers

We are looking for some additional volunteers to come and read with some of our Y5 children. If you can spare an hour or more during the week, please contact the school office or speak to Mr Dennis at the classroom door.

New: Class DB Plant Sale

You may remember that just before Christmas class DB had a plant sale. The children grew small plants from parent plants in class as part of their topic on 'Living Things and their Habitats' in Science. The plant sale raised £75 which the children have decided to send to WWF in order to sponsor a Polar Bear. They will receive a stuffed Polar Bear for the class, a certificate and regular updates on the bear's welfare. K. Johnson

New: School lunch menu

We will continue with the current menu (week 3) next week. The menu will be changed in the next couple of weeks and we will send parents a copy as soon as it is finalised.

New: Red Nose Day donations

These can be made via ParentPay and the link is available now.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7215>

Unfortunately, we won't be able to accept cash donations. Thank you.

Reminder: A Capella club

We still have a few places at A Capella club (on Tuesdays 3-4pm) for KS2 children. We shall be singing some new songs from Moana and The Greatest Showman, as well as a recap of the songs we did last term. Please email office@acomb.pmat.academy if your child would like to join. Thank you. Miss Allen.

Reminder: Science Lessons in KS2

During the week commencing 28th March the following will be needed for a science activity:

Please could Y3 and 4 children bring a shoe box.

Y5 and 6 children will be making periscopes so they will all need a long, solid card tube (square ideally but circular should work too). Thank you. K. Johnson

Online Safety

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages. In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, strangers and location sharing.

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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>



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 <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/tm04x9> 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!



EASTER 2022 HOLIDAY CLUB

Mon 11th - Thu 14th & Tue 19th - 22nd April

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