



Headteacher's Introduction

Welcome back! I hope you had a good half term week. It has been great to host parents' evening meetings this week. If you didn't manage to make an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange another time to speak to them. Preparations are well under way for the Y6 residential to Beverley Park in a couple of weeks time and I'm sure the children are getting very excited about this now. This week we hosted teachers from around York to see a demonstration music lesson led by our music teachers from Sing Education. Ms Sarson's Y4 class took part in a lesson and I have received many compliments about their enthusiasm and participation in the lesson – it always makes me proud to showcase our amazing school to other people.

Word of the Week

This week's word has been **Integrity**
Next week we will focus on **Commitment**

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Length of the School Day

First of all a gentle reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am. Classroom doors will be open by this time at the latest – often they are opened before this. Children should all be ready to enter school at this time for registration.

Secondly, I would like to gather your opinions on timings of the school day from September 2023. The government have set a minimum time that children should be in school and as such we need to add 15 minutes to the school day. We are considering two options:

- a) 8.30am-3.00pm
- b) 8.45am-3.15pm

There are obvious effects on breakfast or after school clubs which we will manage once a new timing is set.

I would like to gather your thoughts on this as parents/carers and would ask that you take 30 seconds to complete this one question survey:

<https://forms.gle/DJXppsF4aJXrovUA9>



Curriculum Newsletters

We will be sending out our curriculum newsletters to individual year groups today. They are also available on the website: <https://acombprimary.org.uk/curriculum/our-curriculum/learning-overviews/>

Photograph Orders – free postage

We have been in contact with Adventure Photography who have agreed to give us a code for you to obtain free postage on any orders placed before Friday 18th November.

The code to use is Acomb22

They have sent the following information for you to access this:

Please enter the discount code into the discount code box & click Apply button, this is on the information page after clicking checkout.

The discount code will expire on Friday 18th November.

After this date all orders under £40 will be subject to P&P/Delivery fees, orders over £40 are free P&P/Delivery as standard.

If you have already placed an order and paid for postage, I suggest that you contact them directly as they may issue you with a refund for the postage already paid.

Educational Experiences

Sam's Safari – Key Stage 1

As part of our Science topic, covering animals and habits, Sam's Safari will be visiting Year One and Year Two on Friday 18th November. There will be a variety of animals that the children for the children to see. To help us with this visit, we ask for a contribution of £4 payable via ParentPay.

Owl Adventures - Reception

As part of our Light and Dark topic, the Reception children will have a visit from Owl Adventures on Monday 21st November. The children will get the chance to meet different nocturnal animals and will find out lots of facts about each one. There will also be a chance for each child to hold an owl, should they wish to. To cover the cost of the workshop, we are asking for a donation of £4 payable via ParentPay.

Woodland Adventure Company - Year 3 & 4

On Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st December, the children in Year 3 and 4 will be completing some work alongside a visitor from the Woodland Adventure Company. This will involve learning about Stone Age shelters, how hunting and gathering worked and will involve fire making. To help us with this visit, we ask for a contribution of £6 per child to cover costs. Children should come to school in their normal uniform on these days but should make sure they have a waterproof coat and sensible shoes as the workshop will take place on the school field. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mr Dennis. Thank you.



Poppies

There will be the opportunity for the children to buy poppies next week. Year 6 will be visiting the classrooms to collect donations and hand out poppies. This is cash only.

FOAP

Pre loved book sale – 2nd December

Back by popular demand! We are holding a second hand book sale in the hall on 2 December. We would love you to bring in any children's books that you don't need any more so that they can go on to a new home. There will be a donation point in school reception for you to drop them off. Please start sending them in from next week.

Christmas fair - 9 December

The legendary Friends of Acomb Primary Christmas fair is back in its original form this year on 9 December 3.15pm to 4.45pm inside school. We will be sending more details about how you can help us closer to the time but for now we just wanted to let you know that you don't need to spare a lot of your free time to help. An hour here and there in the lead up to the fair is gratefully received. We always need people to help staple raffle tickets to envelopes or label up tombola prizes, there are a lot of small jobs that really help us to get ready and make the fair successful. If you are able to help in any way please email friendsofap15@gmail.com.

Menu Change

Next week there will be a change to the standard menu. All dietary requirements will be catered for.

Monday	Chicken in a bun with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn.
Tuesday	Minced beef in a Yorkshire pudding with creamed potatoes and country veg.
Wednesday	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, carrots and broccoli
Thursday	No change
Friday	No change

After School Clubs

Club Name	Years	Run By	Day	Time	Dates	Remaining Capacity	Cost
Earth Club	Y5 & Y6	Fossiliam Dr Liam Herringshaw	Monday	3-4pm	07/11 – 12/12 (5 sessions)	6	£20
Top Trumps	Y3 & Y4	Mr Haynes	Monday	3-4pm	07/11 – 12/12 (5 sessions)	9	Free
Microscope Investigation	Y5 & Y6	Mrs Batey and Miss Budden	Monday	3-4pm	07/11 – 12/12 (5 sessions)	12	Free
Film Club	Y3 & Y4	Mr Baldwin	Tuesday	3-4pm	08/11 – 13/12 (6 sessions)	14	Free
Choir	Y3 – Y6	Miss Orrell	Friday	3-4pm	04/11 – 09/12 (6 Sessions)	21	£10

All clubs will be available to book through <https://acomb.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and will run on a first come first served. If your choice of club has a cost attached this will be payable through ParentPay (there will be a slight delay in this updating).



Dates for your Diary

November			
<i>Anti-Bullying Month, with a focussed week from Monday 14th</i>			
Mon-Fri	14-18	Anti-Bullying Week	
Mon	14	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week	Children should wear odd socks to recognise that we are all different.
Fri	18	Children in Need – non-uniform day	Donations to be sent on the day. No dressing up theme.
Mon-Fri	21-25	Y6 Residential to Beverley Park	Y6 to be collected around 2.00pm on 25 th
Mon	28	Staff Training Day – school closed to children	On this day, we will be working together to moderate assessments.
December			
Thu	1	Christmas Dinner for Early Years, Y1 & Y2	Look out for details sent out nearer the time
Fri	2	Christmas Dinner for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	
Tue	6	1.30pm KS1 Nativity	In the school hall
Wed	7	9.15am KS1 Nativity	In the school hall
Thu	8	Afternoon - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parent Event	More information to follow
Fri	9	9am – Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parent Event	
Fri	9	Friends of Acomb Primary Christmas Fair	3pm start in the school hall
Mon	12	Y3 & Y4 visit to Pantomime at York Theatre Royal	
Tue	13	Y6 Christmas Party	
Wed	14	Y5 Christmas Party Afternoon – Early Years Nativity	At the Gateway centre in Acomb
Thu	15	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party	
Fri	16	am: Reception and KS1 Christmas Party	
		Carols in the KS2 playground at 1pm	All welcome and children may go home after this.
		School closes for Christmas Break	
Christmas Break			



Reminder: Reception Caricatures

We have been lucky enough to have one of our school parents, who is a professional caricaturist, come into school to draw caricatures of each of the Reception children. If you would like to have your child's caricature at home, please make a suggested donation of £5.00 via ParentPay. We are hoping to use the money raised towards some outdoor resources, including some number logs, geo boards and a wooden alphabet. The portraits will be available from Tuesday 1st November - just ask at the classroom door.



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 (e.g. sudden illness), please email:
oosc@acomb.pmat.academy

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.

Club Prices from September 2022

Breakfast Club: £4.00

After School (until 5pm): £8.00

After School (until 5.30pm) £10.00