

Head of School's Introduction

We've had a great first week of our 2nd summer half term and it's been lovely to see everyone back with big smiles on their faces and a readiness to learn – the sun has almost certainly improved everyone's mood too. I know many of you will be beginning to wonder about which class your child will be in for our next academic year. This is a process that is currently being undertaken by our staff and is something we take very seriously in order to ensure we have made the right decision for all children based on a number of factors. It is a long process so please bear with us during this. As always, you will be made aware of classes when your child's reports are handed to you.

Mr White

Weekly News Staffing Updates

Following our staffing update in the last newsletter, we realised that we'd made an omission in relation to one of our key members of staff, Mrs Johnson. I know many of you have been asking her about why she is leaving but I must let you know that this is not the case.

Mrs Johnson will most definitely be staying with us and will now be teaching PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) sessions with a specific focus on teaching Science; one of the subjects she enjoys teaching the most. With science being one of the core areas affected mostly by Covid 19, we feel that she is the perfect person to aid children in catching up with this.

New: Charity Fundraiser

During the week beginning the 21st June, we will be completing as many physically active minutes as possible in order to raise money for our charity of the year, Bereaved Children Support York. Our active minutes will come from our PE lessons and Friday Mile but class teachers will also be giving additional opportunities throughout this week to earn active minutes. A sponsorship form, and instructions on how to return sponsorship money, will be handed out separately to your child today and we hope as many people as possible will participate in this event. All the money raised will go directly to our charity of the year. A reminder please that the school cannot currently accept cash so please use our Just Giving page found at the link below.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/acomb>

New: Team Points

Following our continuing trial of our new team point system, Blue Team have now filled their tube and have therefore been given a non-uniform day on Friday 18th June. Well done for all your efforts Blue Team!

New: Summer 2 Clubs

These clubs have already begun and end the week beginning 12th July. There are a few places available as follows:

- Numbots Club with Mrs Stevens for Year 1 and Year 2 on a Monday lunchtime (6 places left)
- Rugby Club with Mr Baldwin for Years 3 and 4 on a Monday from 3pm until 4pm (1 place left)
- Lego Club with Mr White for Year 5 on a Thursday from 3pm until 4pm (7 places left)

New: Competition Time

Just a quick reminder about our fantastic fossil competition being run currently. The closing date for this is June 25th! Details below

We have recently received a fantastic fossil box for us all at Acomb Primary School! The box has everything from coral and ammonite fossils, books packed full of fossil facts and even a piece of real dinosaur bone!



You now have the chance to win some fossil prizes of your own with this fantastic competition. To enter you need to let your imagination run wild and get creative with fossils by telling us the life story of a fossil from the box. How you tell us the story is up to you!

Some ideas:

- Draw a picture of it doing its thing...
- Write a poem telling its life story...
- Invent a dance to show how the creature moved... anything you like!

Entries need to be submitted by 'Fossil Friday' June 25th to be in with a chance! You must submit your entries by posting on their Google Classroom stream or on Tapestry.

Reminder: July's Breakfast and After School Club

Bookings for June's Breakfast and After School clubs has now closed. We have begun to accept bookings for July's clubs with the closing date for this being the 25th June.

In terms of pricing, sessions booked from 3:00pm to 5:00pm will be at a cost of £7.65p per day and sessions booked from 3:00pm to 5:30pm will now cost £9.50 per day.

We ask that payment for June's sessions are completed immediately or there will be at risk of you losing your child's place at OOSC.

Reminder: Ignite Sports Coaching

After School Sports Clubs,

The after school clubs that a currently running will continue through summer 2 and still have spaces available!

Tuesdays - Year 5/6 Multi-Sport

Wednesdays - Year 5/6 Football

Thursdays - Year 3/4 Football

Fridays - Year 1/2 Multi-skills (Games and activities that cover skills balance, co-ordination, agility and speed!)



[CLICK HERE TO BOOK AN AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB!](#)

Reminder - Uniform

Just a reminder that all children in school (including Year 6) should wear school uniform as follows:

- School sweatshirt/school cardigan with royal blue, red or white polo shirt
- Grey/black pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts (skirts should be a reasonable length)
- Blue or red gingham summer dress
- Sensible shoes (including a change of footwear for indoors)

We do have some second hand school sweatshirts, polo shirts and PE shirts in team colours. Please email office@acomb.pmat.academy if you would like any of these items.

Curriculum Updates Computing – Privacy Settings

The privacy settings on your child's smartphone give you control over how the information stored on it can be used. You can turn off location services, for example, to keep their whereabouts private or stop apps from accessing functions of the phone like the camera or microphone. Attached are step-by-step guides on how to tighten up privacy settings on iPhones and Android phones.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of things such as managing app permissions, managing location settings and controlling access for third-party apps and sites.

Maths

Capacity challenge

Family Maths Toolkit

Make a collection of empty different containers. Choose one to be the measuring container.

Which other container do you think will hold more?
Can you find a way to measure it? You could use water, pasta, rice, sand, buttons (on the table).

Now find a container that will hold less. How many of the 50ml container can you fit into your measuring container? Were there any surprises?



Family comments

Child comments

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The 'National Numeracy' website has provided new at home activities to support parents and carers with Maths at home. You can select the relevant age group before then finding all of the different activities that you could try at home, showing you how this links into the school curriculum and any questions you might ask your children to promote learning.

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths>