



Introduction

Year Five were fabulous this week at Young Voices in Sheffield. I know those of you who made it to see them perform really enjoyed it too. It was a very long day for the children and staff but they showed tremendous effort and stamina. It was a really great experience for the children to sing in a choir of almost 5000 children with a proper band. **A reminder to return the white tee-shirts to school as we can re-use them.**

Staffing

NEW Mr Baldwin is recovering well from his illness but won't be back this week. Miss Richardson will continue to teach his class for the coming week.

Reading Volunteers

NEW If you could spare us some time, we are in need of some volunteers to hear readers. If you could help with this, please let your class teacher or the school office know.

Screening of 'War Horse'

NEW Next week, the year 6 children will be watching some extracts from the film 'War Horse' which has a 12 certificate. They will not be watching any of the battle scenes. Please see the following links if you would like more information about the film <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1568911/parentalguide>. If you do not want your child to participate, please let us know by emailing office@acomb.pmat.academy by 8.45am on Monday.

PE kit

NEW It is essential that all children have PE kit at school **every day** including suitable footwear for outdoor lessons (**not shoes or boots**). When lessons take place outside a warm top and PE trousers/jogging bottoms are also required. Please remind your child that it is compulsory for them to change for PE lessons. If they don't have their kit they can not take part in the lesson and may face an additional consequence or sanction if this happens on repeated occasions.

Head Lice

NEW We have been advised that some children have had to be treated for head lice recently. Please check your child's hair very carefully and treat accordingly. Pharmacists can advise about a range of suitable treatments.

Year 4 and 5 trip to Magna

NEW On Friday 7th February, Classes TD, KJSW and CJ will be visiting Magna Science Adventure Centre to learn more about our science topic of 'Rocks and Soils'. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore the elements on our Earth and to learn more about rock types and volcanoes. Usually the centre would be closed on this day but we are very fortunate as they have agreed to open and accommodate us. The children will leave after registration in the morning but will arrive back at a slightly later time of **3:30pm**. All the children will need a packed lunch and a drink – as usual no nut products, fizzy drinks or glass bottles please. School uniform and a coat should also be worn. A donation of £12.50, via ParentPay, will cover access to the centre, school area, a workshop and transport. If you would like to help on this trip please let Mr Dennis know. Thank you for your support.

Keeping our children safe

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child at school please contact Miss Johnson or Mr S White, our Safeguarding Leads.

Dates

We have lots of important dates throughout the school year and keep our school calendar up to date on the website. It is a Google Calendar and will sync easily with your phone or tablet.

You can see this calendar at: <http://www.acombprimary.org.uk/parents/calendar-dates/>

February			
Fri	14	School closes at 3pm for half term	
Mon	24	School opens at 8.45am for all children	
March			
Wed	4	Book Fair in school all day	
Thu	5	World Book Day	We are not dressing up for this
Fri	6	Stay and Read	Parents/carers invited to stay and read for 15-20 minutes at drop off time
Mon	16	Staff training day	School closed to all children
Tue	24	Parents' Evening	
Wed	25	Parents' Evening	
April			
Fri	3	School closes at 3pm for Easter holiday	

Afternoon Tea Event

REMINDER On Saturday 25th January Sarah Harrison (Miss Sarah our school cook!) and her daughter will be hosting afternoon tea (in the school hall from 12-5pm) to fundraise for Emily's trip to Romania as part of the Young Leaders Award scheme. Whilst in Romania Emily will help with activities for young disabled adults, distribute food and visit adults in a state run institution and help with a building project. Students are actively encouraged to fundraise for the costs of the trip. As well as afternoon tea, there will be Irish dancing and a tombola. If you would like to come **please enclose payment in an envelope, clearly marked with 'Afternoon Tea' and your name and surname, to the school office – cash only please**. The price is £10 per person or £12.50 to include a glass of prosecco. Sandwiches, scones, cake, biscuits and tea/coffee will be on the menu. Please let us know of **any dietary requirements**. Thank you

Grandparents' Day

REMINDER On Monday 9th March 2020 at 9am we will be inviting Grandparents of children in Years 1 and 2 (Class AWLC, Class EST and Class DHSW) to come into school and talk to small groups within the classes about the toys that they played with when they were children. If they have any toys to show the children it would really bring our topic to life. This will be part of the introduction of our history topic on toys. We are giving plenty of notice for this event and will ask in a future newsletters for names of those interested in attending. A. Walker

Christmas Jumpers – School Council

REMINDER We are still collecting Christmas jumpers/tops (adults and children) which we will save for a Christmas Jumper exchange. Please send any you can spare to the school office **before 31st January**. We will keep them for Christmas 2020! Thank you.

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