



### Introduction

I have had a few visitors in schools this week from other schools – some in Pathfinder and some from elsewhere. They have been very impressed and have all commented on how focussed and well behaved the children are. We are very proud of our school and the hard work the children put in to their learning.

### Road Safety

**NEW** It has been brought to our attention that throughout the last few weeks there have been a number of issues involving reckless parking and dangerous driving, both in and near the school grounds. Acomb Primary takes road safety extremely seriously and we would like to remind all parents and carers of the laws regarding this. It is illegal to park on double yellow lines, to sit with your engine idling or to park near (and block) school entrances. School entrances, by law, must remain clear to allow emergency vehicle access **at all times**. The council have been notified and enforcement agents will be completing random visits. All the points listed are enforceable. Please help us create a safe commute to school.

### Menu changes

**NEW** On Monday (3<sup>rd</sup> February), sausage rolls will be served instead of pasties. All dietary variations will be catered for. On Friday (7<sup>th</sup> February), following a survey of the children by the School Council, the main course will be tomato and lentil soup, ham or cheese sandwich, pepper and cucumber and a choice of puddings.

### KS2 Film Night

**NEW** On Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February class CJ will be hosting a Film Night in the hall for all children in KS2. They are raising funds for costumes for 'Taming of the Shrew' and books for their classroom. The film will be 'Paddington 2'. Please see the attached flyer for booking details. Paper copies are available from the school office. The form must be completed first and then payment will be via ParentPay. Thank you. Class CJ

### 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.

### Fundraiser

**NEW** The grandmother of two of our pupils, Ann Wands, has organised a fundraiser on Saturday for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance following an accident in Aug 2018. Please see the attached flyer. A reminder too that we have a clothes bank (by the staff car park) for donations to the Children's Air Ambulance. Thank you.

### Keeping our children safe

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## Course Information from Family Matters York



Please see the courses below and click on the link if you are interested.

### Time Out for Parents - Children with Additional Needs

When: 24th February for 6 weeks on Mondays 9.30 to 11.30am

Where: at the Gateway Centre, Acomb, YO24 3BZ.

### Time Out from Anger

When: 2nd March for 4 weeks on Mondays 12.45 to 2.45pm

Where: Clifton Children's Centre, Kingsway North, Clifton, YO30 6JA

### Time Out from Anger

When: 3rd March for 4 weeks on Tuesdays 7 to 9pm

Where: Manor CE Academy, Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton, YO26 6PA

### Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years

When: 27th February for 5 weeks on Thursdays 12.45 to 2.45pm

Where: Cornerstone @ St. George's, Millfield Lane, Osbaldwick, YO10 3AL

Please see <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/> for more information.

## 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	Non-uniform day – donations towards the defibrillator
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 <b>not</b> 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	
May			
<b>A reminder that the early May Bank holiday has changed. School will be open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.</b>			

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## Year 4 and 5 trip to Magna

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**Next 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'. 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 and 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. Thank you.

## Grandparents' Day

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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

## Reception children

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As part of our work on our local area, the Reception children will be going on a walk into Acomb on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. We will leave school at 9.15 am and return at approximately 11.15am. They should all wear school uniform, a coat and sensible walking shoes. The children may need hats and gloves too as we will be outside for most of the morning! **We still need plenty of parent helpers** to come on the trip so please let the class teacher know if you are able to help. Unfortunately, we can't accept an offer of help if you have other children in your care. **Please see ParentPay to tick the consent button for the trip**. If you can't log on, please contact Mrs Forrest in the school office.

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# National Hot Chocolate Day

IN AID OF YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE

All money raised will be donated  
to Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Hot Chocolate  
Cakes Tombola  
Refreshments Raffle



**SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2020**  
**10:00-12:00**

**St James The Deacon Parish Hall**  
**Sheringham Drive**  
**York, YO24 2SE**

For more information contact Ann:  
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