

Head of School's Introduction

We've had another great week in school with all children remaining settled in routines and hard at work. With only a week left until we break up for Easter, staff are now beginning to prepare the curriculum for the Summer term, with some excellent opportunities for learning coming up.

Have a great week ahead.

Weekly News

Word(s) of the Week: Cooperation

Next week we will continue to look at 'cooperation' as our word of the week. This is such an important character trait and it's been lovely to see it used so well across the school. This week's recipients of the award are below. Well done everyone!



New: Homework and Planners

With us now back at school, I'd like to remind you about some of the things you should try and do with your children at home.

- When possible, please listen to your child read aloud over the week and record this in their planner. Signing your child's planner before Friday of each week also helps us to see that you have checked your child's planner for any comments that may have been made by their teacher.
- Your child will be sent spelling homework out weekly, either on a printed worksheet or via the Spelling Shed app. Please help your child learn their spellings at home when you can.
- Maths and English homework will also be set for your child each week either via printed worksheet or the Google Classroom. Please try and encourage your child to complete this by the day given to you by your child's teacher.

Thanks for your support in this as always.

New: Parents' Evening Bookings

As you know, Parents' evening will be taking place on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th April via video call. Appointments will need to be made through our usual online booking system

<https://acomb.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and instructions to do so are attached.

Video calls will take place through this same system on the day. Instructions on how to access the video calls can also be found attached to this newsletter and will be sent out again nearer the time as a reminder. Calls can be made on any internet enabled device - including laptop, smartphone or tablet. Calls will be limited to strictly 7 minutes and a timer will run during the meeting showing how much time is left. The meeting will start and end at the set times and cannot be extended, so if you are booking for more than one child you can run them consecutively. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

New: Next Week's School Menu

On Tuesday (23rd) the kitchen would like to trial a new choice in preparation for the summer term menu. So the children will be able to choose either a minced beef and bean taco with Mexican rice or a baked potato with cheese and beans. All dietary variations will be catered for. Both will be served with green salad, tomato salad and corn on the cob. The children will be asked on Monday morning which they prefer.



New: Red Nose Day

The children have enjoyed a non-uniform day today for Comic Relief. So far £439 has been donated via ParentPay and this will increase when gift aid is applied – an amazing total! The link to make an online payment via ParentPay can be used until Friday 26th March and the minimum donation you can make is £1. Thank you. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2172>

Alternatively, you might like to sponsor Katy in Y5 who is running 40km to raise money for Comic Relief. Katy has run 1.6km every day since 23rd Feb and will complete her final run today on Red Nose Day 2021! So far she has raised over £250. Please follow the link if you would like to make a donation. Thank you.

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

New: Year 6 Cooking

On Friday 26th March, Year 6 will be making lemon cheesecake with Miss Sarah and Miss Pauline. If you would like your child to make their own cheesecake, please bring the following ingredients on the day. If they are not making one themselves, they will still be able to take part in the demonstration and ask questions etc.

We will provide a foil container and a sandwich bag to crush the biscuits.

They will need:

- 2 lemons
- Half a packet of digestive biscuits (200g)
- Half a block of butter (125g)
- Small tin of condensed milk (397g ish)
- 1 tub of cream cheese (250g)
- Small tub of double cream (about 300ml)

Reminder: April's Breakfast and After School Club

Don't forget that our Breakfast and After School Club booking system is now open for April bookings and will remain so until Friday 26th March at midnight. Please go to <https://acomb.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your sessions.

For May, June and July's places, please see below for when bookings will be open for these.

Bookings for...	Bookings Open	Booking Close
May	16/4/21 – 6pm	30/4/21 - midnight
June	13/5/21 – 6pm	28/5/21 – midnight
July	11/6/21 – 6pm	25/6/21 - midnight

As a reminder, I just wanted to draw to your attention to a change in price our After School Club. As of April, 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 March sessions are completed immediately or there will be at risk of you losing your child's place at OOSC.

Reminder: Free School Meal Checker

Further to our reminder email, thank you to all parents/carers who have completed the Free School Meal checker form. If you haven't yet done so, please follow the link for more details.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Yw6es7z11H6K5XDMLIPH3SYaTzLCgnXluctahrmJwv4/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=60462533

New: Parking at School

Please remember that the parking bays set aside for those with a disabled parking permit/blue badge should only be used by vehicles (including taxis) who have a permit. Recently, these have been used by other drivers which makes it difficult for those who need this concession.

New: Ignite Sports Coaching

Summer Term Sports Clubs

Mr Shimmin and Mr Gallagher are very excited to be delivering the following school sports clubs after the Easter break.

Tuesdays - Year 5/6 Multi-Sport (sports such as Rounders, Cricket, Netball and Dodgeball will be on offer!)

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 A SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB!](#)

Easter Holiday Club

There are still some spaces left at the Easter holiday club, places are limited though so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK THE IGNITE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB](#)



Curriculum Updates

Maths

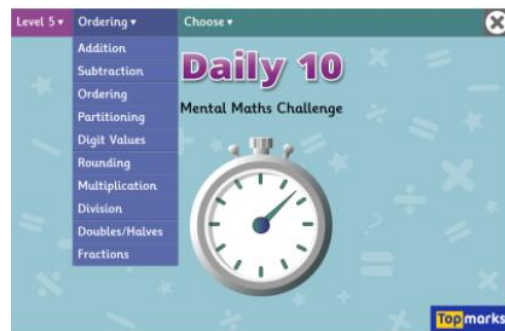
Top Marks Daily 10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

This is a brilliant game for developing arithmetic skills on Top Marks.

The children are able to choose a relevant level and the subject area of Maths that they would like to practise and it will ask 10 questions based upon that area of Maths.

You can choose the time between each question, meaning if you want this more challenging you need to reduce this time!



Regular Updates

Telling School about Covid related symptoms

Just a reminder that it is still relevant for you to let school know if you or your child has any Covid related symptoms. Please do so by either emailing the office or ringing the school to inform us. You should also send screenshots of any Covid test results to office@acomb.pmat.academy before your child can return to school. Thank you.

A reminder too that parents/carers should wear a mask at all times in the school grounds (unless you have an exemption).

Indoor Shoes in School

All children need a change of footwear, for indoors, every day. During bad weather they will need something suitable for playing outdoors, both on the field and the playground.

External Support for Parents

New: Coping with anxiety and stress

The websites below provide information to parents on how to support a child or young person who is experiencing anxiety and/or stress.

- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-anxiety/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/coping-with-stress/>

Reminder: Family Matters Courses for Parents

As I mentioned fully last week, Family Matters York have a number of courses available to offer support to you as parents. If you are interested in finding out more, please go to <https://fmy.org.uk/york/> where you can find a full list of these.

Reminder: Raising Resilient Kids

Britannia Digital Learning have produced a great document that we would like to share with you. The eBook attached to this newsletter is called 'Raising Resilient Kids' and it discusses how we can improve children's mental health through social and emotional learning. This has never been so important given the current climate so we hope you find it helpful.

Reminder: Autism Support Online

Daisy Chain, a haven for families affected by autism, have launched a national virtual support service for parents/carers, adults and young people with a diagnosis or undergoing diagnosis of ASD. The service is confidential and tries to offer families the best support possible.

If this is you, please see the information to the left.