

Head of School's Introduction

Although we've only had 3 weeks back at school since returning from lockdown, it certainly feels like the holidays are falling at the right time for our pupils, who have worked so hard over these past few weeks in all aspects of school life. We hope they all have a good break and recharge ready for the Summer Term.

Please take particular notice this week of the 'Easter Holiday Covid Arrangements' section below, as this will give you all the information you need just in case you're concerned about your child.

Take care of yourselves over the next two weeks.

Mr White

Weekly News

Important: Easter Holiday Covid Arrangements

As school prepares for the end of term, we wanted to contact all parents and carers to explain the coronavirus reporting arrangements for the Easter holidays.

The Department for Education has published guidance which requires schools to be contactable for the first six days of the holidays to assist in the contact tracing of any confirmed coronavirus cases within the school.

In light of this, please find a letter from Pathfinder attached explaining the exact procedures for you to follow over Easter.

New: Primary school pupils and rapid asymptomatic testing

I just wanted to draw your attention to the government guidance surrounding testing should your child become symptomatic. There seems to be some confusion in terms of what constitutes as the correct test should this happen and I just wanted to make this clear to you. The guidance says:

'We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

Rapid LFD tests should not be offered to individuals who develop coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, regardless of their age.'

Word(s) of the Week: Cooperation

We continued our theme of cooperation this week in order to embed this important character trait. Well done to everyone for showing amazing teamwork throughout. This week's recipients of our Character Award are below. Well done everyone!



New: School Clubs

I am pleased to inform you that, as of Monday 12th April, and for the whole of the first half term of Summer, we will be offering a limited number of free school clubs. Those being run are listed below and can be booked via the SchoolCloud website (<https://acomb.schoolcloud.co.uk/>) as normal.

Club	Year Group	Day	Time	Spaces Available
Welsh	Year 5	Thursday	Lunchtime	15
Computing	Year 4	Monday	3pm – 4pm	15
Girl's Football	Year 3	Monday	3pm - 4pm	15
Numbots	Year 1	Monday	Lunchtime	15
Outdoor Club	Year 4	Monday	3pm - 4pm	15
STEM	Year 5	Monday	3pm – 4pm	12

Running Club	Year 6	Thursday	3pm – 4pm	15
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Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

New: Free School Meal Vouchers

For those eligible, free school meals vouchers will be issued today. You will receive £30 of vouchers to spend at a supermarket of your choice. Please look out for this in your emails. The vouchers over the Easter break have been funded by City of York Council.

New: Comic Relief

Our final total was...

£472

(not including gift aid)



Thank you to everyone – an amazing amount for such a worthy cause.

Reminder: April's Breakfast and After School Club

Don't forget that our Breakfast and After School Club booking system is closing this evening at midnight. 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: 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 7attached.

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.

Reminder: 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

EASTER HOLIDAYS - Times Tables Rock Stars

Over the Easter Holidays, we would love for pupils from Year 2 - 6 to really engage with Times Tables Rock Stars at home. It is a fantastic resource that develops fluency in multiplication and related division facts - essential skills for



success with a range of mathematical concepts. For Reception and Year 1 pupils, the competition will still be on - time spent on 'Numbots' will be monitored. As extra, we are inviting you to share any exciting maths activities that you might have done, or observations that you have made, on Tapestry or by sharing on Twitter to our school account. This could be anything, for example, can you collect a certain number of objects from a walk? Which shapes can you make using natural resources in the garden?

On the first Monday back, we will be checking which 3 children in each class have spent the most time on Times Tables Rockstars/Numbots over the holidays. We will also be taking a look at Tapestry for great maths from Reception. The top three from each class will be awarded a certificate and a small prize.

Regular Updates

Next term's school lunch menu

Please see the attached new menu for the summer term. Separate emails have been sent to children with dietary requirements.

Reminder: Free School Meal Checker

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

The Universal Infant Free School Scheme (UIFSM) scheme whereby all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school lunch is not affected by the above (which is an income based assessment).

Reminder: Water bottles and School bags

If you wish to purchase a new bottle or school bag, please contact Mrs Forrest in the school office on 798453 or by email to office@acomb.pmat.academy. (Please don't send cash to school with your child for these items). Thank you.

External Support for Parents

Reminder: 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: 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.