

## Head of School's Introduction

Over the past week, many big announcements have been made relating to the next stage of the Covid plan for the country including certain restrictions being eased on the 17th May. Whilst we are all excited about the prospect of this, I must tell you that current restrictions for schools will remain in place until further notice and until we are told different by the Department for Education. I'm sure you will join us in supporting us with this until we are able to give you further updates.

## Weekly News

### Word of the Week – Responsibility

We regularly talk about responsibility at school and I'm sure this is something that is covered at home too. In school, our pupils have so many responsibilities and we have talked about this this week in terms of their work, behaviour and how we need to look after one another. We're fortunate to have a school full of individuals who are very responsible and I hope this shows at home too. This week, our Character Award children are below. Well done to all of them for showing responsibility in abundance.



## New: Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and parents will be given an opportunity to purchase a copy.

## Reminder: June's Breakfast and After School Club

Bookings for June's Breakfast and After School clubs open today at 6pm and close on the 28<sup>th</sup> May at midnight. Future booking dates are below.

Bookings for...	Bookings Open	Booking Close
July	11/6/21 – 6pm	25/6/21 - midnight

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 May's sessions are completed immediately or there will be at risk of you losing your child's place at OOSC.

## Reminder: Ignite Sports Coaching

### Summer Term After School Sports Clubs

Mr Shimmin and Mr Gallagher's after school clubs still have spaces available!!!

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 AN AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB!](#)

## Summer Half Term Holiday Club

They are also delighted to be back at school during the summer half-term break delivering their activity based holiday club! Visit their facebook page here > <https://www.facebook.com/ignitesportsco> < to see what type of activities were on offer during the Easter holiday club!

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK THE IGNITE SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY 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](mailto:office@acomb.pmat.academy) if you would like any of these items.

## Curriculum Updates Computing

### ESafety – Age Ratings

There are so many different applications and games that sometimes we can lose track of the age restrictions of children's latest interests. It is incredibly important that we are aware of these age ratings so that we can make an informed choice as to what is appropriate for our children.

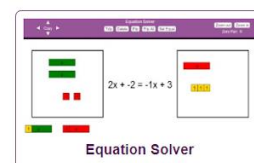
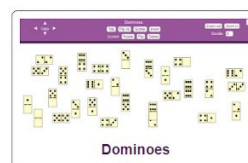
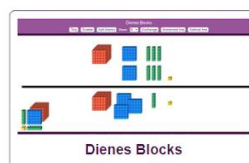
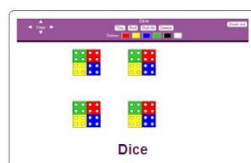
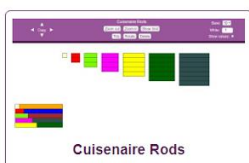
Please see the attached document for more information.



## Maths

In school, we use a variety of manipulatives (hands-on resources) which consolidate pupils' understanding and allow them to conceptualise tricky ideas in maths. Having concrete/physical resources aids their understanding of more abstract concepts, alongside varied representations, allows them to 'see' the maths and make sense of what is actually happening.

Examples of manipulatives include place value counters, numicon, dienes, geo boards and bead strings. Although you may have alternative resources that you could use at home, there is a great website with hundreds of interactive tools and manipulatives to aid mathematical understanding. They have everything from dominoes and dice to Tak-Tiles and tens frames!



<https://mathsbot.com/manipulativeMenu>

## Reminder: Updating your contact details

Please remember to update your address and contact details with the school office by email to [office@acomb.pmat.academy](mailto:office@acomb.pmat.academy). Mrs Forrest will update our records. This is important as we upload your data



periodically to the online booking system that we use for parents' evenings, school clubs and the Out of School Club.

However, we are **not** able to update your email or mobile details on ParentPay, the system we use to send emails and texts and which you use to pay for school meals, trips, Out of School Club etc. Your account is password protected so you need to update ParentPay yourselves.