

Small School Big Ideas

16<sup>th</sup> January 2017


Dear Parents,

Lots happening again this week, but let's talk about last week first!

### **Young Voices**

The year 5 and 6 children joined 5,000 other children in Sheffield Arena on Wednesday and did us proud with their beautiful singing, their exemplary behaviour and their ability to stay awake on the coach all the way home! It was my first visit to Young Voices and the children made it very special. A big thankyou goes to Miss Hodgson for organising the trip and rehearsing the songs and to Mrs McLaren for accompanying the children.



What's on this week:	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Martin Luther King Day. Collective Worship today will focus on his life York City Knights Lunchtime Club (KS2)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	York City Knights After School Club (KS2)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Open the Book in the Village Hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 	Prayer Space Day in St Matthew's church, organised and led by Yo-Yo and our Worship Team Community welcome to visit from 12-1pm Children welcome to show their parents around church after school until 4.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 Tennis Lessons at David Lloyd KS1 After School Dance Club

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## **Celebration Certificates**

Last week, the certificates were awarded to:

- William Barton in Y1 for amazing reading skills
- Austin in Y3 for super rugby technique
- Freddie in Y6 for fantastic fractions work



Also, Jess in Y3 brought in her latest swimming certificate showing fabulous distance swimming skills and stamina.

## **Clubs**

Just a reminder that York City Knights are still running their Lunchtime and After School Clubs this term. These are free of charge as we are using our Sports Premium Funding from the Government and Junior children can come to one club or both clubs. Please ensure that your child has their kit with them in order to attend. If numbers do not improve, we will have to cancel this provision, which is a shame as it is a great chance to work with experts! If your child was not on the original list but would like to take part, do let us know.

## **Coding Club**

We are trying to run the After School Coding Club next half term. It needs 14 children to make it viable. If your child is aged 8 and above and is interested, please visit <https://www.yorkmakerhub.com> where you can register interest. This is a great opportunity to work with professionals and gain skills to last a lifetime. It will also be great fun for boys and girls! If you require help with funding, please still register your interest as we are able to help using our Pupil Premium Funding.

## **Baby News!**

We are pleased to announce the birth of Baby Bowker (name to be decided!). Congratulations to the Bowker family and we look forward to Austin and Will's little brother popping into school to see us soon!

## **Fundraising Update**

A big thank you goes to everyone who helped raise money last half term. We managed to raise an amazing £317.20 for the Children's Society through our Christingle boxes and the retiring collections at our Christmas events.

Our Christmas Jumper Day raised £80.20 for Save the Children and also gave us a few giggles (especially when Mrs McLaren and Miss Hodgson shared a jumper made for two!).

And finally, the money raised at Waitrose in the Summer has arrived. It amounted to £201 towards the defib fund. This has already formed part of the cheque given to the Parish Council at Christmas. Well done everyone!

## **Maths Day**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> we are holding a Maths Day in school where all children will be focusing on Problem Solving. Mrs Davies is organising this and more details will follow.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Christison

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