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Small School Big Ideas

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Dear Parents,

Thanks to those who attended the Plough Service at St Matthew's Church yesterday. It was a special service, thinking about the farmer's year and one of the children commented on how it linked to their 'Farms' topic in KS1, which was great! The Bishop of Selby attended and promised to visit us in our school, so watch out for that.

What's on this week and next:	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Multisports After School Club for Y1-3 starts until 4.15pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.15pm Friends of Naburn Meeting in Y5/6 classroom
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rev Kirkman leading Collective Worship First MAT Orchestra meeting for children in Y5/6 at Fulford
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5/6 Netball Club starts with Mrs Denison
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5/6 Tennis Lessons at David Lloyd pm Sports Partnership Football Club for KS2 starts until 4.15pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Multisports for Y1-3 After School Club, until 4.15pm
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Open the Book 2.30pm in Village Hall Y5/6 visit to Railway Museum. Railway to Greenway project
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sue Ellis (author of Gorgeous Gwendolen Goose and Proud Patrick Peacock) leading assembly in the afternoon, with book signing afterwards Y5/6 Netball Club
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5/6 Tennis Lessons at David Lloyd pm Sports Partnership Football Club for KS2, until 4.15pm

### **Clubs**

Sorry for the mix up with club details on the dates sheet. The above details are the correct ones!

### **Celebrations**

This week, the certificates went to:

- Jon-Jon in Reception, for working very hard in maths
- Charlie F in Y2 for amazing use of Mathletics
- Sam and Jess in Y3 for the top use of Reading Eggs



The lunchtime award went to Jon-Jon for being helpful all week.

The whole school received a Certificate of Achievement from Deans Garden Centre for artwork produced for their Christmas Colouring Competition. Erin and George were awarded individual Highly Commended certificates for their entries. Great art everyone.

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## **Friends of Naburn**

Thanks to all who brought in bags this morning for our Textiles Collection and thanks to Louise and others who helped to protect the heap from the rain! You are all welcome to the meeting tomorrow at 3.15pm where we will be planning future fundraising events.

The Blacksmiths Arms raised £330 for us at their New Year's Eve party, for which we are very grateful. Thank you to all who supported this. They are making us their 'Chosen Charity' so do keep supporting their events. It's great for our children to be part of such a tight-knit community.

## **Christmas Fundraising**

I am proud to announce that we raised £72.21 for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day and a staggering £270.10 for the Children's Society, with our Christingle boxes and retiring collections. Well done all.

## **Mathletics and Reading Eggs**

It was lovely to see so many parents at the information event last week. Please see the attached letter, with further details for those of you who missed the event and a link to a weekly newsletter which you can sign up to. Your child's log-in details are already in their reading diary or planner, hence they are not at the end of the letter. The more your child goes on Mathletics, the more points they can collect, building into certificates. These will be handed out in Friday's Celebration Worship, so you don't need to print them out at home. There is also a celebration board near the Y3/4 classroom, created by Mrs Jackson, where your child can move their name around according to certificates achieved. Remember, weekly points are added up on a Sunday evening and go back to zero overnight! The most active class receives a trophy, currently on display in Y5/6, but which may well move to another class this week! Teachers will set homework tasks on Mathletics and there are also opportunities to play on 'Live Mathletics' against the computer or against children around the world. There is also a 'Rainforest maths' area to practice their skills further. Do have a look.

Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress are more self-led, with the children accessing a text relevant to their reading ability after completing a 'test' at the start. There is a vast library on here, which is very useful in terms of topic work, so do explore this site with your child. This programme particularly focuses on comprehension – something which some of our children sometimes struggle with.

## **Sue Ellis**

Talking of reading..... On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, we are delighted to welcome York author Sue Ellis to lead an assembly for all the children. One of her books, 'Proud Patrick Peacock & Other Stories' contains six stories set in some of her favourite places: Arran, York, Coniston, Liverpool, Sheffield and London. They contain themes of pride/humility, telling the truth, empathy, celebrating difference, welcoming others and resilience, so linking well with our PHSCE work as well as our focus on developing our reading in order to inspire us to write more creatively. More information and video clips can be found on her Facebook page *Sue Ellis Books*.

Books sold on the day are significantly reduced, compared to bookshop prices: Gorgeous Gwendolen Goose is reduced from £7.99 to £4 and Proud Patrick Peacock is reduced from £9.99 to £6. Therefore they cost £10 for both, reduced from £17.98.

Many thanks, Mrs Christison

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