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Small School Big Ideas

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Dear Parents,

We had a busy week last week, with a visit from York author Sue Ellis, who read one of her stories to us. 'Proud Patrick Peacock' is set in York and explores themes of pride and jealousy, which we explored in discussion. She will be visiting us later in the year to talk about how she became a writer and to give us all some top tips to make our writing better.

What's on this week and next:

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Multisports Club Whitby residential meeting for Y5/6 at 6pm followed by Y6 SATs meeting.
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	KS1 and Reception children to visit the Atkinsons' Farm Rev Kirkman to lead Collective Worship
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	NSPCC Number Morning. <b>Non-Uniform with a number theme. Bring in £1 please.</b> Parents welcome to join in for all or part of the morning. 2.30pm Assembly in Village Hall for children and parents to showcase maths work. Y3/4 MEG Music workshop Y5/6 Netball Club
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Y5/6 Tennis Lessons at David Lloyd pm Sports Partnership Football Club with Mr Davies
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mental Health Week. Launch of 'Mindfulness' focus Multisports Club
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day Malawi Club with Ms Cordingley after school
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Open the Book 2.30pm in Village Hall
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5/6 Last Netball Club
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break Up Y5/6 Last Tennis Lesson at David Lloyd pm Last Sports Partnership Football Club with Mr Davies Friends of Naburn Movie Club



### Celebrations

- Jasper in Reception for fantastic phonics sounds and Bella for working very hard on Purple Mash, creating an amazing animal picture and label
- William in Y1 for super non-fiction writing
- Jonah in Y2 for fantastic handwriting and reading comprehension too
- Annabel in Y3 for writing the 'sentence of the week' (something which Y3/4 are doing to improve their writing)

George and Amy were given the Lunchtime Award for tidying up the toys and the storage shed.

Compassion Trust Perseverance

Ben in Y1 proudly showed us his martial arts certificate, Jess C showed us her speed swimming certificate and badge and Felix D shared his player of the match trophy.

30 people achieved Bronze level in Mathletics and 3 Silver. Still no Golds, but keep trying! Don't forget Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress too.

### **MSA needed**

We are STILL in need of a new Midday Supervisor at school, working at least two days per week. Please consider carefully whether this is something you could offer.

### **York Music Centre New Recorder Session to start!**

We have been asked to advertise a **free** taster session on Wednesday 31st January in Millthorpe School Dining Hall, for all ages and abilities.

Beginners 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Grade 1 and above 5.30-6.30pm.

Please email [support@yorkartseducation.org.uk](mailto:support@yorkartseducation.org.uk) for more information or to indicate interest.

Regular sessions will continue after the half term holiday. [www.yorkartseducation.org.uk](http://www.yorkartseducation.org.uk)



### **York Music Centre New Keyboard Orchestra to start!**

York Music Centre has started a new keyboard orchestra aimed at piano/keyboard players at Grade 1-5 level.

Saturdays 9.30 – 11.00 at York Music Centre, Millthorpe School. To register your interest please email [support@yorkartseducation.org.uk](mailto:support@yorkartseducation.org.uk)

### **Friends of Naburn**

There are still some fleece jackets left. Do come along to the school office if you would like to buy one for a bargain price of £5. There will be a Friends of Naburn newsletter soon, but here are a few dates for your diaries in the meantime:

9<sup>th</sup> Feb and 9<sup>th</sup> March Movie Nights

10<sup>th</sup> March Quiz

25<sup>th</sup> March Easter Eggstravaganza

The next meeting will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This will be a short meeting finalising the last few details of the events coming up

Our charity textile collection raised £75.90. Well done everyone for having a tidy at home and supporting the Firefighters Charity and school too.

### **St. Crux**

Usually, we have a fundraising event at St Crux, which raises a lot of money for school. Unfortunately, we have just heard that the fabric of the building needs urgent attention plus work on the stained glass windows, which means that the hall will be out of action until the end of May. Booking requests cannot be dealt with until a completion date is known, so we will let you know as and when we hear any more. We are hoping that the above events will provide alternatives to this usual one and further opportunities to work together, have fun with friends and family and raise money too.

### **Marina**

Talking of fundraising.....you received some vouchers for the Marina in your child's book bag last week. For each voucher handed in, school will receive 30p. This is a new idea from the marketing team at the Marina and it is a great way of supporting a local business and school at the same time as having a delicious snack. Perfect for after the school run!

## **Parent Helpers**

Thank you to Mrs. Marjoram for offering to help with Year 3/4 tennis lessons next half term. She is unable to help on 2<sup>nd</sup> March so we still need a parent helper for this day. If you are able to help, please let me know.



## **48 hour Rule and Absences**

Just a reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea symptoms, we request that he/she stays off school for 48 hours after the last symptom. At this time of year it is easy to pass germs on and we don't all want to be poorly.

Also, if your child needs to visit a doctor or dentist, please try to arrange these in school holidays or after school as missing lessons disrupts the day and disrupts learning.

For those of you thinking of planning your next holiday, October half term 2018 is late again and there are some bargains to be had, without missing school. Do keep this in mind this coming year.

Remember, our school target for overall attendance, set by the City of York, is 97%.

Many thanks, Mrs Christison