



Small School Big Ideas

4th September 2018

Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming the children into school tomorrow and hope that they have all had a lovely summer and that you have enjoyed spending special family time together. The staff have been very busy working together to make the school inviting and exciting and I can't wait to see the children's faces as they walk into their new classrooms tomorrow.

Staffing Update

Last term we said goodbye to a number of much valued members of staff. We welcome the following new members into 'Team Naburn' and, whilst they will never be able to replace those we have lost, we hope that you will make them feel very welcome:

- Mrs Rotchell will be teaching in Year 3/4. She brings much enthusiasm and her classroom is already looking amazing!
- Mrs King will work alongside Mrs Walton and Mrs Wood as the teaching assistant in KS1 and Reception. She brings with her a wealth of experience and again much enthusiasm.
- Mrs Marjoram will work alongside Miss Brett and Mrs Rotchell as the teaching assistant for KS2, until we can recruit for this post. I am very grateful to Hazel for this offer and hope you will agree that this will provide our children with a superb learning experience and support network, with the added advantage that the children and staff already know her very well.
- Mrs Denison will be providing PPA cover for Miss Brett and Mrs Wood and also providing extra teaching support within the R/Y1/2 class on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday morning.
- I will be providing PPA cover for Mrs Rotchell and Mrs Walton, teaching a phonics group every morning and working with groups in KS2 on some afternoons. I will also be working alongside Mr Maybridge at Breakfast Club on a Thursday and Friday as Mrs Bradshaw has decided to give up this position now that Lily has moved schools.

More details of these arrangements will be available at the Meet the Teacher meetings next week.

We are also delighted to keep Mrs Atkinson on as our administrative assistant. She will work Monday to Wednesday. A new administrative assistant has also been appointed, called Mrs Gowlett, and she will work on Thursdays and Fridays. She will also be learning the ropes of School Business Manager, so will be in school on a Wednesday too, working alongside our CYC Business Manager.

Meet the Teacher meetings

Next week we will hold our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. These are a chance for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about their new class, their learning this half

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term, what day PE is, what homework you can expect, how you can help at home etc. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions. The meetings will take place after school in your child's classroom and will last about half an hour – any children will be supervised for the length of the meeting by a member of staff, or could perhaps even try out Naburn Kids Club.

All children in school will have a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting as follows:

- Y5/6 Monday 10th September
- Y3/4 Tuesday 11th September
- Reception, Y1/2 Thursday 13th September

Class Names

At our staff training this week we decided to give each class a name this year, rather than referring to them as Y3/4 etc. We have chosen a forest theme as our children love to visit the forest (once again a huge thankyou to Reuben's family for allowing us to use this amazing resource). We are hoping that this change might help to improve communication with home and will give the children an extra sense of community and pride in their class. The new names are as follows:

Reception, Y1 and Y2 – Rowan

Year 3/4 - Willow

Year 5/6 - Oak



York Press

If you didn't spot our write up in the York Press in the holidays, here is a link to it:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/16597223.naburn-ce-school-in-sats-results-success/

It was lovely to see our children made such a fuss of for their amazing results. It made us all very proud.

Stillingfleet Produce Show

If you are free on Saturday, do pop along to see our children's work on display. It starts at 2pm in the Village Institute and there will be refreshments and a raffle. Let's hope we have some winners, like last year!

A few reminders

- As last year, **a letter will follow tomorrow reminding you about our children who have had liver transplants** and giving key pointers to how you can ensure that everyone in school is healthy, happy and able to participate fully in school life.
- If your child is unwell, please telephone the school office to let us know, or pop in to tell us. We do need to know the reason for absence – 'unwell' is not enough as we have to be very specific in the detail we give to the local authority.
- Student update forms will soon be sent home with children in Y1 to 6. Please fill this in and return to school as soon as possible, to ensure our records stay up to date.
- If your child is in Reception, please register on Parentpay as, even though your school meals are free, we will use this system for paying for school trips and more importantly, as a communication tool.
- If your child is in Y3, school meals are no longer offered free under the Government scheme. Please pay for meals in advance, using your Parentpay account. Reminders will be sent out each Friday if your balance drops below a certain amount. The cost for a school meal is still £2.15.
- Breakfast Club and Naburn Kids Club are available as last year, before and after school to provide wrap around care. Pop into school for a booking form.

We have now become a 'Nut Free' school and therefore no nuts at all are allowed on site. Please be mindful of this when you are preparing pack ups and baking for bake sales as the consequences are potentially life-threatening for the child involved if they come in contact with nuts.

Dates for the term will follow later this week.

I look forward to seeing you all at the gate in the morning.

Many thanks and a happy new (school) year!
Mrs Christison

