

Small School Big Ideas

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Dear Parents,

What a busy weekend it was again, with the Naburn Village Christmas Bazaar. Thankyou to Hazel, Betsie and Annabel for their help manning the tombola stall and thank you to all those who donated chocolate and sweets. We raised £85 for the Friends of Naburn and had great fun too!

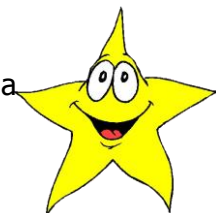
**What's on this week:**

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Forum Day 9am, 2.30pm and 7.30pm Every class has PE with Mr Davies Yo-Yo It's Your Christmas for Rowan Class and Willow Class and assembly for all children KS2 Team Games Club with Mr Davies
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS1 Speed Sports Club with Premier Sport
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Richard Kirkman leading Collective Worship
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS2 Archery Club with Premier Sport Friends of Naburn Movie Night starting at 5.45pm
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	York Lions Rocking Rudolph visiting Naburn from 5.30pm
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Carols around the Christmas Tree at 6pm

**Celebrations**

This week, the certificates went to:

- Alfie, Aidan and William in Willow for collecting enough stickers in class to achieve a bronze award
- Jasper in Y1 for super effort in creating a mini-book all about healthy eating
- Ben in Y2 for a fantastic improvement in his handwriting
- Felix in Y4 for going the extra mile with his spelling homework. He had created a newspaper sports report containing his spellings. Super idea!
- The whole of Year 5/6 for showing great maturity and confidence in their performance at the Yorkshire Dance Festival



Jacob shared his football medal with us and we hope to see his team's trophy soon. Gemma also shared her piano certificate with us. Super!

12 bronze Athletics awards were given out and 4 silver. Well done!

This week, the house points were won by the Pandas.

**Friends of Naburn**

Movie Night is this Friday (30<sup>th</sup>) and the children have chosen 'Nativity'. It is a slightly longer film than usual so pick up time will be 7.30pm. Don't forget that infant children need an adult to stay with them. Well behaved teddies welcome as usual! The cost is £2 per child.



As mentioned before, don't forget that an easy way for the Friends of Naburn to receive funds is by 'Easyfundraising'. Remember to use this every time you shop online for your Christmas gifts and the amounts will soon add up.

## **After School Club**

As detailed in the letter last week, we have advertised for a Co-ordinator and a Play-worker to run the After School Club from January. Please see the advert on our website and the CYC job site and do apply if you are interested. The closing date is Sunday.

## **Gift Aid**

Forms are now available should you wish to donate money to school in this way, either as a lump sum or a regular donation. Money would go into school fund to be spent directly on the children. Do pop into school if you want further information.

## **Parent Forum**

Thankyou to those parents who came to the first Parent Forum this morning and took part in some thought provoking discussions. There will be two other sessions:

- 2.30pm in the Village Hall
- 7.30pm in the school hall

Do pop along to chat as is a chance to further develop communication between school and home. If you wish to ask a question anonymously, do bring it into the school office in an envelope marked 'Parent Forum' and I shall make sure it is looked at. It is a new venture and the format may develop as time goes on. A suggestion this morning was that we might run these meetings every term.

## **Advent and Christmas events**

- As usual, we will be celebrating **Christmas Dinner** together. This year, this will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the attached menu for choices. The class teacher will be taking orders this Wednesday, so that we can let Wheldrake know numbers in advance, so please discuss the menu with your child.
- **Carols around the tree** and the turning of the lights will be on Sunday at 6pm. A poster will be sent out later today with further information.
- We are lucky enough to have a performance of **The Gruffalo's Winter Tale** by York College Performing Arts students on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, which will be a lovely addition to our Christmas festivities and I am sure will be of a very high standard as some of us had the opportunity to watch students from the college perform at the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival last weekend.
- Mrs Wood has organised a whole school **Christmas Den Building** event on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, which the Friends of Naburn have kindly offered to pay for.
- We will also be passing the **Posada** boxes around each class throughout Advent. For those of you who are new to our school, this is a Mexican tradition where figures of Mary, Joseph and Donkey are taken home each evening in the run up to Christmas. The figures are in a special box and can be taken to visit sporting events, Brownies, Cubs, grandparents or whatever your family is doing on the evening on which you look after them. The box contains a little book to record what your child has done (a great opportunity for your child to show off their fantastic writing skills) and there is also a book of the Christmas story and a game to share. Photos or drawings can be added to the book too (we can print photos at school if you email them to the school address). There will be a journey planner in each classroom for children to sign up if they wish to be involved.
- We are also using the **Advent Unwrapped** material produced by the Archbishop of York Youth Trust, which involves focussing on a particular 'gift' each week. Next week's gift is 'hope' and more details will follow next Monday about how you can be involved at home.
- There will be a **Christmas post box** in school from Monday, if your child would like to send Christmas cards to other children. Children in Oak Class will then deliver the cards around school. Please do not feel that you have to send cards to all the children, but you are welcome to if you wish. A class one would be fine instead if you prefer and maybe you could donate the money spent on cards to school or charity?



Many thanks,  
Mrs Christison