

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

What a busy weekend it was yet again, with the Friends of Naburn Movie Night on Friday and the switching on of the Christmas tree lights yesterday. Many thanks to all who helped to make both events such a success. It was lovely to see so many of you at the pub last night and the children sang so beautifully! A special thankyou goes to Anne Clark for leading the music and for giving up her time to practice with the children, and to The Blacksmith's Arms for supplying the refreshments. I feel like Christmas has really begun now!

What's on this week:

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| Monday 3 rd Dec | Every class has PE with Mr Davies KS2 Team Games Club with Mr Davies |
| Tuesday 4 th Dec | KS1 Speed Sports Club with Premier Sport |
| Wednesday 5 th Dec | York College Dance Performance of the Gruffalo's Winter Tale for all children Open The Book |
| Thursday 6 th Dec | 4 children from Y6 to Fulford Maths session |
| Friday 7 th Dec | KS2 Archery Club with Premier Sport |

Friends of Naburn

We now have a date for St Crux, where we have stalls and serve refreshments for the day (at the little church at the end of The Shambles). This is Saturday 23rd March 2019, so please keep the date free, as it takes lots of us to make it happen, and please begin to collect books and bric-a-brac if you are having a pre-Christmas tidy up!

Talking of tidying, don't forget we have our Textiles Collection on Weds 12th December. Unwanted clothes, shoes, belts and handbags are welcome, but no school uniform please.

We have been collecting raffle prizes from various local businesses and in doing so, York Gin has sent us some discount flyers. If you would like one, please pop into the school office.

Christingle

At this time of year, we traditionally send Christingle collecting boxes home with each child. I am conscious that there are lots of requests for money at the moment, but if you do feel able to collect small change in the box, towards the work of the Children's Society, please do. Please bring them back in by Friday 11th January 2019.



After School Club

We have advertised for a Co-ordinator and a Play-worker to run the After School Club from January and have extended the deadline to maximise the number of applications. If you would like to apply, the deadline is now next Sunday. Do not be put off by the qualifications asked for as we can train the right person up! We will be interviewing on 13th December, but rest assured there is a plan B and there will **definitely** be an After School Club from January.

Parent Forum

Thankyou to those parents who came to the Parent Forum sessions. I will be writing with a summary of key points raised later this week. I hope those of you who came found it interesting and would like to thank you for the honest discussions.

Compassion Trust Perseverance


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Mary, Joseph and Donkey have begun their journey. Remember that you do not have to take the figures anywhere special, but can if you wish! Three sets came to the carol singing last night! Remember to fill in the diary and return the box the following morning so that another child can take it home.




Advent Unwrapped


As mentioned last week, this Advent we are using a new set of resources from the Archbishop of York Youth Trust. This week, the focus is on 'A gift of Hope', so children will be thinking about how we can bring hope to others at this time of year. Here are some examples of how you might help at home:



Week 1
A gift of Hope



Advent Unwrapped



Jesus brought a new HOPE to earth. Christians believe that God's gift of Jesus brings us hope and gives us the power to live courageously to care for others. Jesus looked out for those that society rejected and welcomed in the last, the least and the lost. Christmas can be a worrying time for people who already struggle to make ends meet. Many even dread this time of year because of the added pressure to spend money.

How can we bring the practical hope of Jesus to people this Advent?

Bible Link

'So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts its mouth.'
Job 5:16

| <i>Practical Challenges</i> | <i>Reflective Challenges</i> |
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| Donate items to a Foodbank or homeless outreach. | Think about your hopes for this Christmas (aside from presents!) |
| Buy Christmas presents for a family in need. | Take time to be thankful for all you have. |
| Make Christmas cards or crafts to sell to raise money for a local charity supporting people in need. | Try giving something up this Advent. |

Prayer
Lord, thank you for all you have given us. As we get ready for Christmas help us to know your *Hope* and to bring *Hope* to others around us.
Amen

Christmas post box

The post box has arrived, so please use it if your child wishes to send cards to other children in school. Children in Oak Class will then deliver the cards around school. As mentioned last week, 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?



Avon orders

If you wish to order anything from the Avon catalogue, please return your order by this Wednesday. Remember, school receives 15% of the sales, so this is a fantastic opportunity to raise some money as well as ordering Christmas presents, and supporting an ex-parent with her business.

Photo Orders

Tempest have informed us that online photo orders are taking a little longer to complete, but will be with you soon. Sorry for the delay.

Many thanks,
Mrs Christison