

Small School Big Ideas

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**A Nut Free School**

Dear Parents,

We had an action packed week in school last week, with fun in the snow on Friday and a visit from Nibbles the lamb too! I am thankful now that the snow has gone, but glad that we were able to spend some time making the most of it!

If the snow does appear again this winter, can I particularly remind KS2 parents to send children to school with wellies and hats and gloves, so that we can all enjoy ourselves without getting too chilly!

### **What's on this week:**

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Council leading assembly on topic of Road Safety, with Christine Packer from CYC Tri-Golf Club After School Club with Mr Davies for KS2
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mindful Colouring Club with Mrs Walton for R/KS1 until 4pm Y6 SATs Club with Miss Brett until 4.15pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chinese New Year focus in assembly Netball Club for Y5/6 with Mrs Denison until 4.15pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hearing tests for Reception children with school nurse at 9am
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5/6 Tennis Lesson at David Lloyd pm <b>Parent needed</b> Gymnastics Club with Premier Sports for Y1-4 until 4.15pm

### **Celebrations**

This week, the certificates went to:

- Alfie in Y2 for being amazing in class...keen and super helpful in everything
- Jess P in Y4 for always smiling, whatever challenge she is set
- Luce in Y5 for showing our value of 'Perseverance' in maths
- All of Oak Class for being well behaved when Miss Brett was ill last week. The supply teachers commented on what a fantastic class of children we have, with good behaviour and a super attitude to work, which was lovely to hear!



Tennis star of the week was not awarded by David Lloyd staff as it was a different coach last week but Miss Brett has chosen Gemma Britton as the star for her enthusiasm and constant smile throughout the session!

Violet and Penelope shared their Rainbows badges with us and told us all how they had achieved them. They both spoke very confidently in front of the whole school.

19 bronze Athletics awards were given out and 6 silver. I think there will be some gold soon! The house points cup was won by Tigers.

### **School Council News**

Here is a message from the School Council and Mrs Denison:

*"We are working together with the City of York Council's Sustainable Transport team to support considerate parking outside school. We have already had a meeting with Christine Packer from the council to talk about some of the problems, including cars parked on double yellow lines and zig-zag lines outside school. Another big worry for us is the number of cars partly parked on the pavement down to the village hall, which sometimes means we have to go onto the road several times on our way to PE. We are sending home some leaflets tonight to show everyone some ways to help us. Thank you!"*

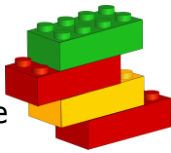


### **Helen O'Grady**

The prize draw for a free scholarship for one term was won by Penelope, who was very excited! I wish her luck as she follows up this offer and gains some acting experience.

### **Lego**

Many thanks to the parents who have brought Lego in. Do have a look at home and consider if you can spare any. The prospect of running a club is looking more likely now as we had one more donation last week.



### **Drop Off Arrangements**

Thank you to all of you for following our new system of dropping off KS1 children at the ramp and KS2 children at the gate. This is working really well and all teachers have commented that it is meaning that the children have a quieter, more settled start to the morning and can get on with their learning more swiftly. It also means that the children are becoming more independent, a skill which they can then apply to other areas of their lives. There are still a few parents who are dropping children off in the KS1 cloakroom, so can I please urge you to help us all by following this new system. As mentioned before, we understand that there are the odd times when you need to come into class with an urgent message and that is still fine.

### **After School Club**

Thankyou to all the parents who are now using the club. Numbers are improving all the time and the children seem to be really enjoying themselves as they shape this new venture. Breakfast Club numbers are on the rise also, which is very positive.

I will continue to keep you posted regarding the After School Club Co-ordinator role. Miss Youll can continue for the foreseeable future and I will continue to support as needed.

There will be a fun food workshop led by Phunky Foods at After School Club on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Places are limited, so book quickly.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Christison

新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year