

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



Dear Parents,

Another well done to all who walked, cycled and scooted to school again last week to support our involvement in the Sustrans Big Pedal. The final results have not been published yet, but early data shows that we managed an amazing 675 journeys, with 64% of school taking part. Also, a huge thankyou goes to all the parents who helped to make Movie Night such a success and especially to Fleur, who has organised them for as long as I can remember, but is now stepping down.

# What's on this week and when we return after Easter:

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr Norris leading assembly about wildlife
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— ath a u	Tag Rugby for Y3/4 with Mr Davies until 4.15pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Buddy Bench Assembly by Y6 group of children
	Mindful Colouring Club with Mrs Walton for R/KS1 until 4pm
	SATs Club with Miss Brett until 4.15pm
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Rev Kirkman to lead Collective Worship for children in Church
	Lego Club with Mrs Christison until 4.15pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Egg decorating day. Bring a hard boiled egg to school!
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 Tennis Lesson at David Lloyd pm
	BREAK UP for Easter
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Seder meal at Stillingfleet at 6pm to mark Maundy Thursday. All welcome. Contact
	Rev Julia on 01904 709713 to book a place. It is a free event.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Naburn Village Big Spring Clean 10am – 12noon. Meet at Village Hall at 10am to be
•	given a job! All welcome.
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	School starts back
	Bikeability for Y5s Monday to Thursday (Remember your bike!)
	NO CLUBS for this first week of term
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Open Day for potential new starters in 2019 or families moving to the area. 9am –
	5pm. Spread the word please!
	Swimming starts for Y3/4.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole school visiting Stillingfleet as part of 250 years of Methodism celebration.
	Pack up needed. Parent helpers needed please 9am – 1.30pm. A letter will follow
	this week. There will be no charge, as the local churches have kindly offered to pay
	for transport.

# **Celebrations**

This week, the certificates went to:

- Thomas Atkinson in Y1 for working swiftly and independently at coding this week
- Alfie Ford in Y6 for super use of a wide range of connectives in his writing

Tom Hitchcock proudly showed us his Blue Peter badge, which he was awarded for story writing. I am looking forward to reading his story, which sounds very exciting. 5 bronze Mathletics awards were given out.

Friday's tennis stars were Sophia, Charlie Farthing and Bethany. Well done!

Pandas won the weekly House Points cup. Bears are still winning overall this half term, but it is very close!

## **Reading Training for Parents and Grandparents**

Following on from a suggestion made by parents, there will be an information evening for parents and grandparents who would like to come into school to be reading volunteers, or who would just like some more ideas when hearing their own children read at home. It will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, from 6pm until 7pm, for grown-ups only.

## Parent Questionnaire

One of our Governors is currently putting the finishing touches to a questionnaire for parents, similar to the one sent out two years ago. More details will follow when it is ready. This is a good opportunity for you to let us know how you feel things are going at school and will help us as we think about moving our school forwards.

### Goodbye

We say Goodbye this week to Victoria Webb and would like to thank her for her work as a Midday Supervisor and a Governor. We will miss her and her super ideas.

### Midday Supervisor Needed

We once again have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor at school. Please consider if you could help with this, even if it is just for one day per week. From Easter we have a vacancy for three days and at present it looks like I will be filling the role, which then eats into precious time that I need to spend on other things or time I could spend in classrooms supporting teachers and children. It is a lovely chance to get to know our children better and, especially once the summer weather arrives, it is pleasant spending time outside.

#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

We have secured a trial of this online programme, which many schools are using to help children to become faster and more secure with their times tables. A separate letter will come home this week, with log in details. If you have some spare time over Easter, why not have a look at it and see what your child thinks! Oak Class had a go last week and were all very enthusiastic when I popped in to have a look!

Once again the children have worked very hard this term. It has been a pleasure to see them grow as individuals and as learners and many visitors into school have commented on how polite, inquisitive and mature they are, which has made me very proud.

Have a lovely Easter everyone.

Many thanks, Mrs Christison

