



Small School Big Ideas

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### A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came on Friday to join in with our Christmas crafts. We welcomed 27 parents and one governor and have received some very positive comments. If anyone didn't manage to fill in a comments slip there are some spare in the school office. Please find attached an analysis of parent comments from parents' evenings. Also, a huge thankyou to all who made our festivities last week possible. We had such a fun time at the parties and at Christmas dinner too. Thanks to everyone who helped from buying crackers to serving juice and biscuits and helping make the parties go smoothly.

Thanks also to all who came to see 'Hooray in a Manger'. It was a wonderful performance and a true reflection of the talent of both our children and staff. Well done all. A picture of the children will be published in tomorrow's Press.

I can't believe there are only 9 sleeps to go before Christmas! Here are some dates:

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>All children should have brought in an orange for Christingle. Deadline is hometime TODAY for those who forgot!</b>  <b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school trip. Packed lunch needed and a coat
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle making with Friends of Naburn
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle rehearsal in church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle 2pm in church. All welcome Friends of Naburn raffle drawn on playground after Christingle Break up 8pm Christmas drinks in the Blacksmith's Arms
Mon 6th Jan	Training Day. School closed
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School starts back. <b>No clubs this week.</b>

### Friends of Naburn

Many thanks to those who organised and helped at the Secret Santa Gift Shop this morning. It was a very special event, with some emotional moments as children chose their gifts with great care. **Leftover Secret Santa gifts will be sold after school today on the playground (all priced at £5).**

Christmas Hamper Raffle – this will be drawn on the school playground on Friday after the Christingle. Tickets still available.

The next textiles collection will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, so please start collecting items if you are having a pre-Christmas tidy up! Flyers went home last week.

### **Advent**

This week, the focus in Collective Worship will be the shepherds, leading to discussions about those who are outcasts or forgotten in society. Please see the attached sheet for this week's ideas which are all about how to care for those people we often forget at this time of year.

### **Posada**

This is the last week for the figures of Mary, Joseph and Donkey to visit your house. Please have a look at the materials in the box and take time out to play the game, do an activity from one of the little books or read one of the stories.

### **Christmas Party at the Blacksmith's Arms**

Please see the attached for details of a Children's party being held at the pub on Monday. Please try to support this if you can.

### **Clubs Letter**

Last week we sent out a letter about clubs. If you would like a paper copy, let the office know. Please return your form by Wednesday.

### **Please nominate us**

Ecclesiastical Insurance is once again making 10 x £1,000 donations per day in the run up to Christmas. Please follow the link below and nominate Naburn CE Primary School PTA. The more nominations we receive, the more chance we have of winning. It only takes a couple of minutes to complete. You will need the charity number which is 1135696. Please spread the word to family and friends too.

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/12days>

### **Mrs Walton**

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Walton this week and wish her well as she leaves to spend time with her twins. The staff and children will be having a special assembly in school for her tomorrow. Please see a message from her below:

*Christmas is always such a magical time, especially when working in a school like Naburn. I hope you enjoyed the Nativity as much as I did, the children made us all so proud and what a performance to leave on. I have been so lucky to have been a teacher at Naburn for the past ten years. It has been more than just a job to me. I have been part of a wonderful community and have had the pleasure of working with the best staff I could have wished for. I wish you all a lovely time with your amazing children this Christmas. I am looking forward to spending time with my family and cherishing every moment before my twins start school next year.*

*I will miss you all, thank you for all your support.*

*Mrs Walton x*

Finally, I wish you all a Happy Christmas. Enjoy spending time with family and friends at this special time of year.

Mrs Christison