



Small School Big Ideas

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### A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

Thankyou to all of you who visited the Christmas tree Festival at the weekend. The event raised £900 towards the upkeep of the church building, which is fabulous! Many thanks for the vast array of decorations, showing what imaginative and creative families we have.

We are now entering a very busy time, so here is what is happening before Christmas:

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Community Nativity Performance 2pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Children to visit church to see Christmas trees Nativity Performance 6pm
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch and parties. <b>Party clothes can be worn all day.</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Circus Skills Club to take place in school
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day ( <b>with school uniform trousers/skirt</b> ) in aid of Save the Children. Voluntary donation of £1. Open afternoon. Parents invited to join in activities in class from 2pm until 3.15pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>All children to bring in an orange for Christingle</b> Friends of Naburn Secret Santa Gift Shop in school hall.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole school trip. Packed lunch needed
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 Break up 8pm Christmas drinks in the Blacksmith's Arms

### Celebrations

Last week, the certificates went to:

- Amelia in Reception for being fantastic in the nativity rehearsals and stepping in when another angel was poorly
- Florence in Y1 for writing a super story about Plop the owl, based on Owl Babies
- Will in Y4 for working particularly hard all week and for being helpful in class
- Mollie in Y6 for having a helpful attitude in class and around school



Charles proudly shared his 10m swimming badge and Alfie R shared his football medal and trophy. Also, Jess Craig has had some more swimming success, achieving 2 Personal Bests in 50m freestyle and backstroke. She placed 6th in freestyle and 8th in backstroke out of 15 girls in her age category. Great sporting achievements this week!

Mathletics – 9 Bronze certificates were awarded.

This week, the house points were again won by the Tigers, closely followed by Bears. We have now collected 888 house points as a school. Well done all!

Compassion Trust Perseverance

### **Friends of Naburn**

Christmas Hamper Raffle - The children will be bringing home an envelope with raffle tickets for the Christmas hampers this week. We'd really appreciate it if you could sell tickets to family and friends, just return the stubs (with phone numbers on the back) and the cash (£1 a ticket) in the envelopes to the school by Thursday 19 December.

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 will be sent home in book bags this week.

### **Advent**

This week, the focus in Collective Worship will be Mary. Please see the attached sheet for this week's ideas which are all about how to care for children this Christmas, just like Mary did.

### **Posada**

The figures of Mary, Joseph and Donkey have been up to all sorts of adventures so far and the children have been busy writing in the little books in the boxes. Please have a look at the materials in the box and take time out to play the game or read one of the stories. Some boxes have a little activity book and you are welcome to do a page with your child.

### **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. 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?



### **Staffing Update**

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Gowlett has had her baby boy. We are still awaiting news of a name and will let you know more when we find out.

The closing date for the TA position in KS1 has now closed and we will be interviewing next week. Again, I will let you know more when we have news.



### **Parents' Open Afternoon**

You are welcome to join us in school on Friday for an afternoon of activities in class. Please arrive at 2pm and stay until the end of the day and please wear a Christmas jumper if possible in aid of save the Children.

### **Special Visitors in School**

You may have heard from your children that we had some visitors in school last week as part of our ongoing School Improvement work. They were Derek Sutherland (Head of Primary effectiveness and Achievement for the City of York), Tina Clarke (Head of Fishergate Primary), Anne Clark (our Vice Chair of Governors) and Dani Rees (Deputy Head from Fishergate). They spent a day and a half observing lessons, looking at books and talking to children. They saw lots of super learning going on and commented particularly on strong teaching, positive relationships with children and good active lessons being taught. Well done once again to the staff and children.

Many thanks,

Mrs Christison