



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. The children have all come back rested and full of delightful tales of their holidays. Thank you to everyone for all the cards, thoughtful comments and presents given to the staff and to me. They were very much appreciated.

A list of dates for the half term is attached (including a few dates for the Summer Term too!).

What's on this week:

Tues 7 th Jan	
Weds 8 th Jan	
Thurs 9 th Jan	
Fri 10 th Jan	Y5/6 Tennis Lessons at David Lloyd pm.
Mon 13 th	Friends of Naburn Textiles Collection

Clubs

Clubs will start next week.

We need a parent helper for Monday's Football Club. PLEASE let us know if you can help, even if only for 1 week.

Friends of Naburn

A **HUGE** thank you goes to the Friends of Naburn for once again generously donating some money to each class as a Christmas present this year. This was very much appreciated by all the staff, who are busy working out how to spend it!

Also, thank you to all who made the Christingle Service and the Santa's Gift Room so successful. These events made our end of year very special and were only made possible by the team work of the adults involved.

We are now beginning to think of St Crux on 14th March. Please have a look at home and begin collecting bric-a-brac, toys, books and DVDs and put the date in your diary. It would be great to have lots of volunteers on the day.

Also, we have a Textiles Collection next Monday for the Friends of Naburn and the Firefighters Charity. Bring along unwanted clothes, belts, handbags, shoes (but no school uniforms please) on Monday morning.

Thankyou to all who organised the Christmas raffle and to all who bought tickets. It raised an amazing £434.

Tennis

The year 5/6 children are starting their weekly tennis lessons at David Lloyd this Friday (10th). Please remember that the children need a water bottle, long hair tied back and a pair of clean

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trainers to change into to protect the tennis courts. Racquets are provided but children can bring their own if they prefer to.

PE Kits

A reminder that we ask the children to wear a plain white t-shirt (or white with the school logo on) for PE and plain black shorts or joggers. They can wear their school jumper over the top as it is Winter. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school so that they can fully participate in lessons. If your child is enrolled in the Cheerleading Club, they can wear gymnastics or dance clothing as it is a special club organised by Premier Sport. Mr Davies has asked that any children doing the football club dress appropriately for the weather as it will be outside ie normal PE kit with a jumper and joggers.

Staffing Update

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new TA for KS1. Mrs Mann started with us yesterday and will be with us on Mondays until the end of the month prior to starting full time in February. In the meantime existing staff will support in KS1. We are lucky that Mrs Mann is a qualified teacher and we are thrilled that she will bring her wealth of experience to the team.

Auditor needed

Our School Fund account is in need of an Auditor. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

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Many thanks to those of you who looked after Mary, Joseph and Donkey throughout Advent and Christmas. The little trio appear to have had a wonderful time and the children's writing is careful and interesting. Well done all.

MEG Opera Project

Please find attached a poster and letter for an exciting new project for KS2 children to be involved in. The University of York's MEG (Music Education Group) and Opera Society are putting on a community opera, Noye's Fludde, over a single weekend - Saturday 21st March 2020 (the rehearsal day) and Sunday 22nd March 2020 (the tech run and performance). If your child is interested then please return the slip on the letter to school by the end of the week. We will then forward these to MEG. Staff from school are not involved with the event and parents will have to take their own child to and from it. It sounds like it will be a great opportunity so do discuss it with your child.

Anyone missing a trowel . . .

Nick Lee has brought a trowel into school that was left in his field after the tree planting last term. It is green and the make is Verve. If it is yours then please do come and claim it.

Chocolate hamper auction!

We have been very lucky and have won a chocolate hamper in the pub's raffle to raise money for St Leonard's Hospice. We would now like to re-auction this hamper and welcome sealed bids – with the highest bid winning! The winner will be announced in Friday's assembly. All bids must be in the office by Friday morning. The hamper is on display in the office if you would like to take a look and contains a chocolate orange, cadbury's fingers and approximately 8 bars of chocolate – an ideal prize if you didn't manage to eat enough chocolate over the Christmas break! Money raised will go into school funds.

Happy New Year,
Mrs Christison