



Small School Big Ideas

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### A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

Well done to the children in Oak Class and to Miss Brett for a hugely successful fundraising sale for WIRES on Friday after school. It was wonderful to see the hall so full of people and the children confidently selling their items. There are a few things left so please pop along to the playground after school this week if you didn't get the chance to come on Friday and would like to support this worthy cause. So far the children have raised just over £200 which is amazing. We will update you on the grand total after half term. Many thanks to all parents who baked the delicious cakes and biscuits.

### What's on this week:

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30pm Y6 Parents' meeting about SATs
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5/6 Final tennis Lesson at David Lloyd pm No Celebration Worship for parents today Break up for half term

### Celebrations

Last week, the certificates went to:

Bethany in Y1 for her fabulous dragon story and her presentation skills

Bella in Y2 for her enthusiasm and resilience in maths

Jessie in Y4 for concentrating well in class this week and for putting 100% effort into her work

Tennis awards were given out by David Lloyd staff and went to Elliott for super effort in the session and to Betsy for her well controlled hitting.



Rockstars – Year 4 won the battle against Year 2. The Most Valuable Player in Year 4 was Barney and in Year 2 it was Freddie. Our Rock Star of the week was Will B. Well done everyone!

Bears won the House Points this week but it was once again very close! The children are all working together now to hit a total of 1,500 house points before we break up for half term.

### Parent Governor

I am delighted to announce that Richard Atkinson will be our new parent governor. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome him as he begins this new role, one which is especially exciting as he used to be a pupil here.

### TTRockstars/Mathletics/Reading Eggs

Following on from our recent parent questionnaire, we have made the decision to end our contract with Mathletics and Reading Eggs. This will take effect on March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will now be

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announcing Rockstar of the week in our newsletters as we move to the new focus on this programme only.

### **School Improvement Partnership**

As mentioned last week, we have now had a staff meeting led by two 'Improvement Champions' from other schools, where we looked particularly at how we can help our pupils to keep going through maths problems. As part of this discussion, we have begun to work on tailoring our Calculation Policy to reflect current practice and to plan a 'Maths School' where parents are invited into school to see how maths is taught. We are currently setting a date for this and will announce it soon so you can put it in your diaries. This is again in response to the parent questionnaire, where 13/18 parents said that they would like a training session in relation to maths.

### **After School Club – Dusk Nature Walk**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March there will be a special nature themed After School Club ending with a dusk nature walk along the cycle track looking for nocturnal wildlife including owls, badgers, foxes and bats! There will also be a focus on looking for the first signs of Spring in the natural world. Fresh fruit, a tasty snack and drinks will be provided as usual. Please note that, given sunset on this day will be at approximately 5.45pm, the walk will begin at about 5pm and we won't return to school until just before 6pm.

Contact the school office to book a place for your child.

### **Flood Updates**

As of this afternoon, there is now an official flood warning in place for Naburn. It is anticipated that the river level will peak in the early hours of Tuesday morning. As with any bad weather alerts we will keep you updated via Facebook and Twitter as and when we find out more. Local radio is also a useful place to find out information.

Have a lovely half term break

Many thanks,  
Mrs Christison