

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to all for getting to school safely in the last week before half term and for yesterday and today too. What a range of weather we are having at the moment! Thankyou for the team spirit shown with parents helping each other out with lifts. Let's hope thigs settle now and we can enjoy a more restful half term.

Do watch out on Facebook and Twitter for updates about the weather. If we do have to close at any point we will notify you through Facebook, Twitter, local radio stations and the CYC website. We cannot send out individual texts in these circumstances as we can only do this from in the school building.

What's on this week:

Mon 24 th Feb	School starts back. Cricket club starts
Tues 25 th Feb	Cheerleading Club resumes
Weds 26 th Feb	
Thurs 27 th Feb	SATs club starts for Y6
Fri 28 th Feb 	Y3/4 Tennis Lessons at David Lloyd pm (see additional note below). Parents welcome at Celebration Worship Friends of Naburn Movie Club starting at 5.45pm The children have chosen to watch 'Sing'

Celebrations

Last week, the certificates went to:

Peyton in Y1 for her fabulous handwriting

Arthur in Y2 for brilliant story writing

Tennis awards were given out by David Lloyd staff and went to Sophia Tunstall, Sophia Thom and Tanith for brilliant effort in their last session and for fantastic rallies.

Rockstars – Year 3 won the battle against Year 6. The Most Valuable Player in Year 6 was Jacob Glaister and in Year 3 it was Luke Daniels. Our Rock Star of the week was Betsy. Well done everyone!

Exciting News!

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Rotchell is expecting her first baby in the summer. We are all thrilled with this news and wish her and Mr Rotchell all the best in this new and exciting journey together. She will be with us until the end of the summer term and we will begin recruiting for a temporary teacher in the coming weeks.



TT Rockstars/Mathletics/Reading Eggs

Don't forget, you have until March 21st to continue using Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Use of TT Rockstars has dwindled a little just recently so can I please urge you to encourage your child to use this to help them with their times tables and therefore their mental maths.

Tennis

The year 3/4 children are starting their weekly tennis lessons at David Lloyd this Friday (28th). Please remember that the children need a water bottle, long hair tied back and a pair of clean trainers to change into to protect the tennis courts. Racquets are provided but children can bring their own if they prefer to.

Compassion Trust Perseverance

Message from the Friends of Naburn

"A huge welcome back to all parents and children after the half term from the PTA. We've got some exciting events for everyone coming up over the next few months and we wanted to send out some dates for your diary.

On the **14th March** it's one of the school's biggest fundraising events of the year, **St. Crux** – this is a huge fund-raiser for the school and you'll have received your St Crux fund raising form before half term. If you haven't already, please do return your form ASAP, we really appreciate your help - we're especially desperate for home-baked contributions, as well as help on the day. Your support is so important to making this event great, and a huge thanks in advance to everyone who's able to get involved. This year the children will be singing, to raise additional money for school. So do bring your child along at either 10am or 12.15pm to join in with this. They will be practicing songs at school in advance of this.

Save the date for our family fishing day on the **16th May** hosted by Pool Bridge Farm – we're just awaiting confirmation on the details, and anyone who remembers the last time we did this will remember what a fantastic family day out it is.

And you won't want to miss the Summer Disco on **12th June** or our Floating Quiz (weather dependent) on the **26th June**. We've also got our end of year party on the **17th July** which will be a fantastic finale to the year, and an event not to be missed.

Bake off: We'd also like to set a challenge for the children, with each class battling to create and sell 'the best in baked delicacies' at one of 3 school bakes coming up this year.

The first will be **Rowan** class on **Friday the 6th March** – can children please bring baked goodies to sell after school on that day in the playground. Next up will be **Willow** class on **Thursday 30th April**, where they will take their turn to 'wow' us with their home-baking, with **Oak** taking on the challenge on **Wednesday 20th May**.

The proceeds from all of the above will go towards a 'Creative Cabin' for the school - which will be a fantastic, much needed additional space for the children to read in and practise music, amongst other things.

As ever, the fundraising we do is only as good as the support we muster from you as parents, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who helps, bakes, organises, and gets involved, however small – your help really does make a difference - thankyou!"

In addition, the Friends of Naburn are looking for ideas for a Record Breaking attempt! The children were asked yesterday in Collective Worship to come up with some good, achievable ideas so do please have a discussion with your child(ren) tonight and tell them to let us know!

After School Club – Dusk Nature Walk

On Friday 6th 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. Book places through the school office.

New Member of staff

This week, we welcome Miss Connell to join our teaching team. Miss Connell lives locally and both she, and her younger brother George, came to our school as pupils. She has successfully worked with us before as a student volunteer and is now in the second year of a three year teaching degree. She will be working with Willow Class until 1st May, beginning by observing Mrs Rotchell, then team teaching and preparing alongside her and then gradually building up her time delivering lessons to the class. Mrs Rotchell has been trained as a student mentor and will be supported by York St John University. We are delighted to offer Miss Connell this opportunity to develop her teaching experience here and hope you will join us in supporting her training.

Many thanks, Mrs Christison