



Small School Big Ideas

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**A Nut Free School**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who came to our residential meeting last week. It was lovely to see so many of you. Miss Brett will be sending the powerpoint to you later this week.

**What's on this week:**

Mon 3rd Feb	
Tues 4th Feb	Closing date for Parent Governor nominations
Weds 5th Feb	Friends of Naburn meeting at 8pm at the Blacksmith's Arms, everyone welcome
Thurs 6th Feb	
Fri 7th Feb	Y5/6 Tennis Lesson at David Lloyd pm Oak Class Fundraising Stall after school in aid of Australian Bushfires

**Celebrations**

Last week, the certificates went to:

Herbie in Y1 for brilliant maths

Zachary in Y2 for fantastic description in his dragon writing

Holly in Y3 for great writing of non-chronological reports this week about the rainforest

Tennis awards were given out by David Lloyd staff and went to Laurence for listening and concentrating superbly and Sophia Tunstall for a super backhand



1 Silver Athletics certificate was awarded.

Bears won the House Points this week but it was once again very close!

**Message from Oak Class**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February after school we will be holding a fundraising event for the Bushfires in Australia. This is part of our topic work and we will be selling artwork, buns and crafts. Please see our posters which will soon be up around the community. Please support us if you can.



**Parent Governor**

The closing date for nominations is Tuesday. Forms are available from the school office.

**Top of the Class Article**

You may have seen us in the Yorkshire Post last week where we were recognised as one of the 'highest attaining schools in your area'. **Well done all!!**

**TTRockstars/Mathletics/Reading Eggs**

On our recent parent questionnaire, most parents said that they preferred reading real books at home rather than using Reading Eggs and also that their child had lost interest in Mathletics. It was good to gather feedback as we look to decide whether or not to renew our

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Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions in March. If you didn't get the chance to fill in the questionnaire and would like to add your views on this, please contact the school office. One parent expressed confusion over which we are focussing on – Mathletics or Rockstars. We are running both at the moment as a transition period, to gauge interest, but it is increasingly looking like we will stop Mathletics and Reading Eggs in March and concentrate solely on TTRockstars. Please may I urge you to make sure your child does not stay up late to play and I have said to the children that any coins earned after bedtime will be deleted. It is also a good opportunity to remind you that the children should not be sharing accounts or passwords in line with safe internet practice.

### **School Improvement Partnership**

You may know already that we have been working for two years now with four other schools in our cluster to help each other on our improvement journeys. The schools involved are Lord Deramore's, Dunnington, Wheldrake, Fishergate and us. It is a programme developed by the Education Development Trust and is proving to be a supportive and helpful process for all five schools and one which we decided as Heads to join together to pursue. We were visited earlier this month by a team led by the Fishergate Head to look at Maths and resilience here at Naburn and last week it was my turn to lead the review at Fishergate, which focused on Reading. I led a team which comprised of two teachers from Dunnington and Mrs Wood too. We spent the day observing lessons and groups, talking to staff, hearing children read and talking to subject leaders and children, before feeding back to staff at the end of the day. Here is what Mrs Clarke, the Head at Fishergate said:

*"Thankyou so much for our review. My staff thought that the whole day was really useful. Although it was rigorous and they had some tough questions to answer, they felt that it was always friendly and supportive and they trusted your feedback and comments. As a result of the review we have something very specific to work on to improve our reading and I think that you may have helped to crack a problem that we couldn't seem to find an answer to."*

The next stage for us is a staff meeting this week led by two 'Improvement Champions' from other schools (Miss Brett is now trained as an Improvement Champion and led such a meeting at Lord Deramore's). We will look at resilience and growth mindset and how we can help our pupils to keep going through maths problems. Watch this space for more updates on where we go next on our journey and how we can involve you further.

### **Coronavirus Update**

Just to reassure you that City of York Council is keeping us updated and the message is this: "The key message is that there have not been any further cases. The risk from coronavirus to individuals living and working in York continues to be low and the City is a safe place to visit. We are operating business as usual.

There are basic steps that people can take to protect themselves from infection:

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water regularly and always before eating.
- There is no clear evidence that wearing a face mask provides any protection so this is not recommended.
- People should use a paper tissue, not their hands, to catch a sneeze or cough and dispose of the tissue as soon as possible afterwards e.g. by flushing down the toilet."

Many thanks,  
Mrs Christison