



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

A huge thankyou to all who made St Crux so successful on Saturday, from baking to providing bric-a-brac and books and to those who helped on the day too. A special thankyou goes to Rachel Atkinson, Becci Landragin, Elliot Jones and Rebekah Hicks who organised the day and kept everything running smoothly and to Louise Earnshaw who provided new signs. It was only when I arrived at 7.30am that I fully appreciated just how much we had to sell and I am amazed at the generosity of everyone. We raised £1,159 which is absolutely fantastic. Afterwards, the leftover food and bric-a-brac was taken to Changing Lives (formerly called ARC) who were very appreciative, so it is good to think that others benefitted too.

What's on this week:

Mon 16 th Mar	
Tues 17 th Mar	Flood follow up drop in at Village hall 5-7pm
Weds 18 th Mar	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm in the pub – everyone welcome
Thurs 19 th Mar	
Fri 20 th Mar	Y3/4 Tennis Lessons at David Lloyd pm
Sat 21 st Mar	Naburn Village Spring Clean 10am until 12 noon Last day to use Mathletics

Oak Class Residential

Well done to all of Oak Class who represented our school superbly last week in Malham. They have returned with many stories of the fun they had and have learnt new knowledge about limestone and Geographical features as well as new skills such as Geocaching. I hope you will agree with me that a big thankyou goes to Miss Brett for organising the visit and to Mrs Wood for accompanying the children.

Coronavirus Update

We are receiving daily updates from City of York Council and will continue to pass on any relevant information. In school we continue to remind children to wash their hands and we are asking that children bring in their own named water bottle to use at lunch to avoid potential cross contamination. Please continue to make sure your child washed their hands before they come to school. We continue to monitor the situation and will be sending a separate letter today.

List of dates for the rest of the Spring Term

Some of the dates may now be subject to change as we await further guidance from the DfE. For example, we may not be able to hold parents' evenings at the planned time and we may not be able to take the children to tennis. We will keep you posted as we know more. We were planning a KS1 trip to Beningbrough Hall next week but have decided to postpone this for now.

Lent

This week, appropriately, focus is on 'Our Community', so we are encouraging the children to do their bit to help others. This is at a time when the residents of Naburn are thinking of ways to help the elderly or those affected by Coronavirus, so is a timely challenge. Here is an extract from the materials to be used on this theme in Collective Worship this week:

"We have the potential to change our local community for the better. Our communities may have obvious challenges or we might need to look under the surface to see where change is needed. There may be practical changes we could make, causes we could campaign for or people we could support. This Lent, let's look outwards to the people and places around us to bring transformation and hope."

Obviously, we ask you at all times to remember to stay safe, but it is good to think of those who may be in need at this time and think of practical ways to help. Maybe you talk to your child/children about ways to help, such as shopping for a neighbour, making a Get Well card or offering to walk their dog?

Here is a message from Anna Porter in Naburn Village

I thought it might be useful to set up a team of village volunteers who could offer support to other villagers who have to self-isolate or become poorly. It's still early days in the outbreak but it's probably worth having plans in place now so that if things get a bit more challenging later on, we're already prepared.

- *Volunteering might involve:*
- *Knocking on doors to check folk are OK*
- *Shopping*
- *Collecting medicines from the chemist*
- *Preparing meals*
- *Looking after pets*
- *Phoning for a chat to ensure people aren't struggling with loneliness*
- *Basically, whatever people might need help with - though each volunteer's level of involvement would of course be entirely up to them*

If you think you might be willing and able to volunteer in any capacity please would you email me on hello@naburnvillage.org with your name, phone number and details of what type of volunteering you'd be able to do and approximately how much time you think you could commit (nobody will hold you to this - it's just an indication!)?

I'll then create a volunteer 'bank' and create some posters to pop up round the village to let people know how to get in touch if they need help.

Kind regards

Anna Porter

Many thanks to all who have expressed their support at this unusual time. Rest assured we have the children's safety as top priority and will continue to act with this in mind as always.

Mrs Christison