



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

Once again, the weekend has been filled with news about the Government's ambition to open schools to certain pupils on 1st June. Many thanks to those of you who have voiced your support to us a staff and to me personally in this time, as we seek, as ever, to do the very best for our children and for our Naburn 'family'. More details are below. I am trying to ring each family as I did in the run up to Easter, although this is taking longer now as you and the children have so much more news to tell me! Please bear with me if I haven't managed to speak to your family yet.

Home Learning

A few parents have asked whether we will be offering videos of lessons to help your children at home. This is not something we will be offering and is something which the unions have specifically advised against as it cannot replicate the teacher-pupil interaction. I hope you appreciate that each individual teacher has their own set of circumstances and we are trying as a school to find our way through this.

We are trialling more zoom sessions as I know the children love this contact, and each teacher is beginning to have their own slant on home learning, within our whole school approach. Should your child require more than we are offering, the government has created Oak Academy, where you will find online lessons by teachers across a range of curriculum areas. There are also other ideas on the home learning section of our website. Can I please also remind you to take this opportunity to have fun with your children, let them lead on a topic which interests them, enjoy the sun this week and to practise some new skills together such as gardening, baking and board games. Please remember to put posts on Seesaw as this is a super way to keep in contact with your child's teacher.

Staff News

Just to let you know that plans are well underway for Mrs Rotchell's maternity leave arrangements, which again a parent has asked about. I cannot let you know any news yet, but as soon as I can I will.

Reception New Starters

Many thanks to those who have sent in their memories of their first day at our school, for our New Starters video. We need more from children and parents, so please send in your contribution to the school email address or Seesaw.

Re-opening Plans

As some of you will know, last week I sent out a questionnaire to gather information about which parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y6 intend to send their children to school, should we open on 1st June. I also sent a similar letter to all our keyworker families. The deadline for this was 9am this morning, so I am now in the process of collating this information, together with the results of a staff health questionnaire, in order to decide, together with governors, exactly what a reopening will look like at Naburn. I am also liaising with our cleaning company, our school meals providers and the school bus company as all of these will help to shape our plans. I have a daily meeting with City of York Heads via Skype where we are working together to decide a city wide response to the re-opening agenda.

Please be assured that the safety of children and staff is paramount, and we will be looking at ways to keep us all as safe as possible in these uncertain times.

Contact with school

Please remember, the admin team and I can be contacted on the school email address and both this and the school telephone answer machine will be monitored daily on weekdays, even though our school site is closed. The teachers and I can also be messaged directly via Seesaw on weekdays, should you have any concerns.

Don't forget to keep an eye on Twitter, Facebook and the school website for updates.

Picture News/Collective Worship

Please find attached this week's 'Big Question' to discuss with your child, as we would usually do in Collective Worship. Here are this week's details:

Story: An Italian architect designs a new way of living.

Question: If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Virtual Assembly: Now live on the Picture News Vimeo channel!



Friday 22nd May 1-1.30pm – **Big Picture News Quiz**

The fun and interactive quiz will look at the recent Picture News stories! **You can take part in this at home with your family. To register, visit the events section of the Picture News website or follow this link:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yIPU2FZSRr2trPcQ-TQHUw

For those of you wanting more, here is the link to Oak Academy's Collective Worship resources. <https://www.thenational.academy/extracurricular/faith-at-home> These are weekly collective worship sessions, led by Church of England's schools and in partnership with those of other faith traditions. Suitable for those of all faiths and none.

TT Rockstars Guinness World Record!

TT Rockstars have been in touch with Guinness World Records about how fast some of their times tables rockers are getting and they have decided to create a new title "**The highest score achieved on 'Times Tables Rock Stars in one minute!'**"

Please see the attached letter which contains all you need to know on how to make your official attempt. So get practicing everyone and good luck!

May Half term task

You may have seen on Twitter that one day when I was at St Oswald's, we recreated a book cover in class (Matilda!), something which the Fishergate children are very excited about. Your challenge this half term is for your child (and you?!) to recreate any book cover and send your photo in to the school email address and/or Seesaw. Here are a few examples to inspire you!

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