



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. We have been so lucky with the weather!

We have had a very busy week in school already. The staff spent yesterday getting classrooms ready and trying to make school feel as normal as possible within the Government guidelines. All credit to them for their creativity and enthusiasm! It has been lovely to welcome children this morning and I would like to say how impressed I am with their maturity and their attitudes. Well done everyone.

Reminders for Children in School

As we are washing our hands very frequently at school, please be aware that your child's hands may become dry. Regular moisturising at home will help this.

Please remember to send your child in with **a hat and sun cream**. They will be outside lots to make the best of this glorious weather and also because Public Health England advice is that there is less risk outside. I realise now that the weather will probably change as it usually does after this kind of message is sent out! If this does happen, please send your child in with a waterproof coat!

Government advice is that you walk or cycle to school if at all possible. I realise some of you cannot do this as you live too far away, but do have a think about whether it is an option for your family.

Home Learning

This will carry on, obviously, but with more of a 'thematic', whole school approach now, which will enable children in school to access the same work as those at home but also enable the teachers to have the flexibility to provide practical activities in school which link in an afternoon. We are obviously trialling this approach and will keep adapting, as we already have. Please be aware that Miss Brett and Mrs King will be teaching in school and cannot therefore access Seesaw and Google Classrooms as frequently as before, but they will be doing their best, as ever.

Picture News/Collective Worship

This week's question focuses on reflecting on the last few months, so do try to have a look at the attached resource and use it to chat at home about your experiences.

Story: Reflected on and sharing with others our experiences during the pandemic.

Question: What have you learned about yourself from your lockdown experience?

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Contact with school

At present, the admin team will be arriving on site at the same time as the children, so please be aware that there will be limited availability to answer the telephone first thing on a morning. Should your child be ill and unable to come to school, please still ring, as usual and leave a message. If you have a need to telephone school, but the matter is not urgent, leaving it until after 10 am to ring would help enormously.

Please remember to keep an eye on Twitter, Facebook and the school website for regular updates.

Staff News

We will be interviewing this week for Mrs Rotchell's maternity post, so I will hopefully have some good news for you in next week's newsletter.

Festival of Ideas 2020

The York Festival of Ideas 2020 Online launches today and as part of the programme, the organisers have released a collection of free, fun activities for school-age children and their families.

<http://yorkfestivalofideas.com/2020-online/discovery-zone/>

How to make a speaking machine, make Glitch art with your photos, make your own prehistoric cheese and look inside an atom. These are just some of the fascinating activities on offer.

<https://twitter.com/YorkFestofIdeas/status/1267732710111543300>

Do have a look and send a tweet if you can – good publicity for school plus great ideas for you to do at home too!

Book Cover Task

Don't forget to have a go at recreating a book cover. Here is one to inspire you!



Kind regards,

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