



Small School Big Ideas

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**A Nut Free School**

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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to open our doors again last week and welcome some children back to school. We have had some very positive comments from parents:

- *(name) has settled really well and has been excited to come to school every morning.*
- *(name) is very happy to be back*
- *(name) likes being able to be outside more during the school day*
- *lessons are delivered differently but in a good way*
- *(name) feels safe and secure and is aware of the importance of hygiene and distancing but the way it's being handled at school is fun*
- *school feels the same but just less people around*
- *he/she is very happy, and as parents we have no concerns at all with the way the school is welcoming children back - just a shame there aren't more children*
- *(name) has been desperately looking forward to school and comes home every day happy and willing to chat (at length) about the day*
- *apart from being a little bored at breaks (name) is really enjoyed being back, he/she felt safe, and I think school are doing a fantastic job! Thank you!*
- *(name) has settled straight back into school and is enjoying being back. He/she seems happy with everything and all of their comments have been positive. He/she is certainly enjoying the interaction with his/her school friends.*
- *it seems you have things very organised.*

We have listened to the views of parents and there was a common thread that children are finding the days a bit long, so we have shortened the days and lunch. Again, this may be subject to change and we will keep you informed. We are also planning in more PE/outdoor time, weather permitting. Another common thread was the poor quality of the 'grab bags' provided by Caterlink. A number of heads (including me!) have raised this issue and we have been assured that the meals will be packaged in a more child friendly way and a larger meal will be provided for Y6. We will obviously monitor this.

### **Picture News/Collective Worship**

This week's question, in school and at home, is 'How important is it to have a routine?'

**Story:** As some children return to school, we think about how our routines have changed during this time.

**Question:** How important is it to have a routine?

Compassion   Trust   Perseverance



## **Reminders for Children in School**

Another reminder that, as we are washing our hands very frequently at school, 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** on sunny days and a **waterproof coat** on wetter/colder days, but **no extra items at all** apart from a lunch if needed in a disposable bag and a named water bottle.

## **Home Learning**

This week's theme is 'Under the Sea' as it is World Ocean Day today. Look out for the activities set by your class teachers and don't forget you can always post on Twitter and Facebook too. It helps the teachers to know that you are ok if you post your child's work on Seesaw too. This week, we will be trying to join in the class zoom session at school too. Again, bear with us please as this is all still quite new!

## **Staff News**

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Mann and Mrs Denison will be the teachers of Willow Class for the next academic year, whilst Mrs Rotchell is on maternity leave. Mrs Mann joined our team in January and has quickly become a much valued member of our 'family'. Although she has been working for us as a TA, she is in fact a highly experienced teacher, with a wealth of experience in teaching and leadership right across the primary year groups. I anticipate that the job share will work with Mrs Mann teaching Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Denison Thursday and Friday, with some cross over time together midweek to plan and assess together, when I will teach the class. Obviously the exact arrangement may be subject to change with COVID 19 and we await further information from the government about plans for September. I hope you agree that this appointment will be an enormous help to the children in Year 2 with their move into Year 3 as they know Mrs Mann already and she knows them very well.

## **Calor Rural Community Fund**

Mrs Wood has been busy working on ideas to transform our KS1 Outdoor Area at school, to make it a better place for all KS1 to use and particularly the EYFS children. We have been lucky enough to receive a £500 donation from the John Knowles Trust and we also have some capital money in our school budget which we could use. This is an important area of school as it can be seen from the road and if it looks attractive, it would help to attract more children to our school, something we are always trying to do.

With this in mind, we have also applied for a grant from the Calor Rural Community Fund. This has meant setting up a Crowdfunder page, which doesn't feel quite right at the moment when many people have lost their jobs and are struggling financially. But this is the only way to achieve 'likes' and 'shares' and that is how we can progress to the final to be in with a chance of winning a grant of up to £5000. **Please visit this page and 'like' us.** Do not feel you have to donate, but if you do feel able, then it is an anonymous way to support school should you so wish. Please also spread the word amongst family and friends and also note that there are only 37 days left before the closing date.

<https://communityfund.calor.co.uk/outdoor-learning-naburn-ce-primary>

### **Request from Mrs Wood and Mrs King**

With reference to the above, if you are having a sort out in the coming weeks/months and happen to have anything which might be useful for our outdoor area, please see the list attached. Unfortunately, we cannot collect these in school at the moment, so ask that you store any items at home until we are able to bring things into school.

Pallets  
Cable reels  
Wooden crates  
Trellis  
Logs (big enough to sit on)  
Pots and pans  
Mirrors  
Wicker baskets  
Wooden bowls  
Stones and pebbles  
Log slices  
Planks (like scaffold boards)  
Artificial grass  
Artificial plants  
Cooking utensils (e.g. wooden and metal spoons, whisks etc)  
Picture frames  
Curtain rings  
Fairy lights (indoor and outdoor)  
Wicker place mats  
Jugs  
Funnels  
Plastic pipes and guttering

### **Book Cover Task**

Don't forget to have a go at recreating a book cover. Only the staff have tried so far!  
Here is Mrs Rotchell (and baby bump!):



Kind regards and keep on keeping safe,

Brenda Christison  
Headteacher