



Small School Big Ideas

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## A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first full week back at school. Once again may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in making last week such a smooth start to the academic year. As we all move to a 'new normal' this newsletter will be the main place to gather information for the coming week. For now, I will not be publishing the usual 'dates for the term' sheet, but please read on to find out our news for this week.

### Celebrations

Children who are awarded the Teachers' Awards will be mentioned in our Friday Celebration Worship in school, which we are holding outside or by zoom in classrooms. Their certificate will then be sent to you via Seesaw as we are trying to minimise the amount of paper we send home, but still want to keep up this tradition as it is a super way to celebrate the great things your children are doing. This week, the awards went to:

- All four Reception children (Arthur, Saffiya, Chloe and Elliot) for settling in so beautifully
- Tom and Theo in Willow for settling in too!
- Charlie in Oak for being helpful and having a great start to Year 6

All our new children in school deserve a special mention as they have adapted to our school very quickly and have made new friends easily. Well done everyone!

This week the Headteacher's award goes to Olivia for being kind and generous.

### PE on Mondays

From today Mr Davies and Mr Norris will take one KS2 class to the playing field on a Monday lunchtime as an opportunity for extra physical activity. This will alternate between Oak and Willow. Rowan will also be added to this rota later in the academic year.

### Morning Routines

The children have been coming into school brilliantly – so independent and mature. Thank you for your help with this. Please may I remind you that it is safer if only one parent drops off and picks up, to minimise the number of adults at the gate.

### Water bottles

Please remember to send a water bottle in to school with your child. A reminder that it needs to be full of water rather than squash please.

### Picture News

This week, the question is: How can we help those without a home? Please chat through this at home.



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### **Snacks**

The Fruit and Veg scheme is up and running now, so children in Rowan do not need a snack as they have access to a piece of fruit or veg every day. In Willow and Oak, your child can bring in a healthy snack, but please avoid chocolate and please remember we are a nut free school.

### **Year 6 Parents - Open Evenings**

Although your child has only just started Year 6, now is the time of year when you will start to choose a secondary school. Usually, City of York Council would send individual letters to your home address but because there was no census this year due to COVID, there was a general email sent to schools which we forwarded on to you last week. Please make sure you have read this email as the open evenings start very soon.

### **Internet Safety**

We have been asked to pass on this message from North Yorkshire Police:

*There have been reports of young people forming group chats on snapchat of people that they have befriended on Roblox, leading to verbal conversations with other people that they do not know, so please talk to your children about the internet.* If you are unsure on age limits for games and social media you can find them on [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

### **Animal of the Week**

I hope your child enjoyed our 'future forest' session last Friday. It was such fun! Each week during this session, Mr Norris will be focussing on one British wild animal. If you would like some extra homework, then your child could research this animal and produce a fact-file or poster about it and upload it onto Seesaw. These will then be looked at on a Friday in Celebration Worship. This week's animal is the badger. See the Home Learning section or the Forest section of our website for information about future animals.



### **TT Rockstars**

A secure knowledge and fast recall of these is vital when trying to solve all sorts of other maths problems. A fun way of your child learning these is TT Rockstars. We are in the process of setting up all children from Year 1 so if they have forgotten their password or are new to our school, don't worry! Battles will start on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept and run from Sunday to Saturday each week. Each week the winning year group will be announced and the 'most valuable player' in each battling year group. There will also be a 'Rockstar of the Week' too. From 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, the battle is between Year 6 and Year 5.

### **Peripatetic Music Lessons**

We offer delighted to be able to offer guitar and keyboard lessons again in school, sticking to strict guidelines. Please contact the admin team for more information.

### **Parish Magazine**

Follow this link for information about the local area, including our Naburn School news.

[https://issuu.com/poppy.green309/docs/escrick\\_parish\\_magazine\\_september\\_2020](https://issuu.com/poppy.green309/docs/escrick_parish_magazine_september_2020)

Many thanks,  
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