



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

I seem to have lots to share this week, as we settle into the Autumn term. The weather seems to have changed now so please make sure your child is dressed for the new season, especially on PE days and when we visit the forest. We had a few chilly children on Friday!

Celebrations

This week, the awards went to:

- Larry (in Rowan) for a fabulous attitude to school life and in particular for superb writing last week.
- Felix (in Willow) for being so enthusiastic in his learning, especially about the new topic 'The Stone Age'.
- Ava-Mae (in Oak) for amazing English work last week



This week the Headteacher's award went to Penelope for being extremely generous during an RE lesson when we were making rakhi bracelets for the Hindu celebration Raksha Bandhan and she made them for others and not herself.



Picture News

Story: Covid marshals may be introduced in some areas to help people follow new rules.

Question: Should you always report those who aren't following rules?

Virtual Assembly: picture-news.co.uk/discuss

See the attached sheet for further ideas to discuss at home, should you wish.



Animal of the Week/Future Forest

Last week was much chillier at the forest, but we still had fun, with Willow Class enjoying a whole class game, developing their teamwork skills and discussing tactics. Oak and Rowan Class worked with their buddies to get to know them a little better within our whole school value of 'Friendship'. Well done to those children who found out all about deer last week. This week's animal is the bee. See the Home Learning section or the Forest section of our website for information about future animals.



TT Rockstars

These are the results from last week's Rockstars:

- The Winning year was year 5
- Most valuable player in Year 5: Will Bowker
- Most valuable player in Year 6: Betsy Marjoram
- Rock star of the week: Felix Scott

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Well done to those children. Keep up the great work. This week's battle is Year 3 vs Year 2

Music in school

Your child may have told you about a new music scheme called Charanga, which we are using in school, to give us a whole school focus on music. Some of the songs have been very catchy so far and the children are enjoying learning about different styles of music. We are now planning for one class to have whole class music tuition in the summer term through York Arts Education. Watch this space for more information about this exciting new venture.

Parking

Thank you to those parents who are parking a little further away from school and walking a little way, to ease the congestion at the front of school. Please may I remind you not to park in the bus bay, even for a short time. Due to new social distancing rules on transport, the bus company is using a larger bus than usual and it needs the whole bay to park in. Also, please do not park on the road opposite the bus bay as this causes congestion when the bus arrives.



Walk to School Week

Talking of cars....next week is Walk to School Week and we join with other schools across the city to try to walk, scoot or cycle more than usual. We will not be awarding the usual stickers, due to COVID rules I am afraid, but please discuss as a family how you can travel to school in a more environmentally friendly way. Active travel to school is the perfect opportunity for children to learn about their local environment and develop their road awareness skills. It also provides an opportunity to get fitter, have fun and arrive at school ready to learn. As always, I appreciate that many of you live too far away to walk, but perhaps you could try parking further away next week and walking a little way in.

This year, Age UK is asking children to write about their journey to school or draw a picture of the things they see along the way. The work will be sent to Age UK's Day Club members in York and is a super opportunity for our children to help older people, especially at this time when they may be feeling more isolated than usual. Letters or pictures can be brought to school on Friday 2nd or Monday 5th and placed into the box at the gate.

Reminders:

Student Update Forms - many thanks to those who have returned your update forms. For those who haven't, please could you do so by Wednesday. This saves the admin team having to chase up by telephone.

Flu Immunisation - a reminder to go online as soon as possible please to register your child for the flu vaccine. The deadline is 25th October and it is available for all children in school.

Family Photos

A huge thankyou to Mrs Marjoram and Sarah Porter who have created our Family Tree in the entrance hall. Please send your family photo in if you haven't already, so that we can finish this display celebrating this very special aspect of our school life. There will be a box at the school gate every morning this week.

Many thanks, Mrs Christison

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