

Small School Big Ideas

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**A Nut Free School**

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is nearly half term. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents, children, staff and governors for working together to get school up and running after our long break away from each other. Thank you for adapting to all the new guidance such as masks at drop off/pick up, returning books on a Friday, staggered pick-ups etc. As always, we keep revisiting these changes and will continue to do so, but for now, thank you for all you are doing to help keep our school safe and keep our children happy and learning.

### **Celebrations**

We have decided to have our Celebration Worship on Thursdays from this week, because of Forest Fridays, so we will give out double certificates this week.

### **Picture News**

This week's Picture News is all about fundraising, something which our Friends of Naburn talked about at their AGM last week.

**Story:** One school in Cornwall have successfully campaigned for future red noses to be changed from plastic to a more sustainable material.

**Question:** Is selling red noses a good way to raise money?

**Virtual Assembly:** [picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



### **Animal of the Week**

We continue to enjoy our 'future forest' sessions each Friday and used the time last week to develop our counting skills, our shape vocabulary and our sketching skills and to make a Stone Age den. It is a busy place! Please ensure your child has a coat at school and wellies on a Friday. Hats and gloves will be good too as the weather gets colder. This week's animal is the grass snake, so do encourage your child to find out about this amazing creature.

### **TT Rockstars**

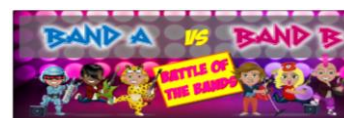
Yr 6 were the battle winners this week, with 381 points

The most valuable player was Charlie Atkinson

Yr 3 scored 52 points and Thomas Atkinson was the most valuable player

Rockstar of the week was Olivia Littlewood

Well done everyone. Keep up the great work.



Please see the attached timetable for information about future battles.

### **Friends of Naburn Forest Fundraiser**

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be celebrating National Outdoor Learning Day. Children can wear non-uniform appropriate for having forest fun (coat, wellies and warm layers please) and we are asking for a donation towards improving our 'future forest'. There will be a collection tub at the school gate, so please support this fundraiser with either the usual £1 or more if you feel able. The forest is a super learning resource, which we are very lucky to have access to and we are looking to improve it further this year with more den building equipment, better clip boards, more science equipment such as magnifying glasses and observation pots, more books to read while we are there (fiction and non-fiction) etc.



### **Friends of Naburn AGM**

Many thanks to those who attended the zoom AGM last week. The minutes of the meeting will follow later this week. Please note that we do not have a class rep for Year 2, if you would like to fill this role do let Becci or the school office know.

### **PE Shoes**

Now that the weather has become more wintry, we are aware that the children may get wet feet at PE. Please can you send your child in with an extra pair of shoes such as school shoes, extra trainers or plimsolls on PE days, so that they can change their footwear when they return to school so they are then more comfy. Please do not put the shoes in a bag as we are still keeping to our 'no bags in the cloakrooms' rule to try to minimise risk.

### **Parent Consultations**

Thanks to all who have signed up for these. I hope you find this a useful opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher(s) and learn how they are settling back in to school life. Usually, we would have a school governor present at such meetings in school and a feedback postbox for you to ask or comment on anything. Obviously things are different this year, but if you do want to comment on the process, or about our return to school generally, please email the school office. The comments slip would usually look like this:

***Parent Consultations Oct 2020*** *Thankyou for coming into school today. Please could you spare a moment to comment on anything you particularly liked.....or anything we could improve.*

### **After School Club Movie Wednesdays!**

Every Wednesday next half term there will be a movie shown. The movie for each week will be revealed, alongside next term's booking forms, later this week. Places will be limited to ensure compliance with current safety guidelines, so please look through the movie list with your child(ren) and book early to avoid disappointment. Please think carefully, however, about whether your child is able to sit through the duration of a film (approx. 90 mins) as we can't have children wandering about the hall, given current circumstances. Before the movie children will have an opportunity for outside play within their class bubbles, with whom they will sit at a table for the duration of the movie. Children will also get an individual bowl of fresh fruit followed by a tasty snack. Please book via the school office, usual rates apply.

### **Naburn Pumpkin Hunt**

Don't forget this alternative way to safely celebrate Halloween this year in Naburn, whilst still having plenty of fun! The Pumpkin Hunt will take place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. See last week's newsletter or our school noticeboard for details.



### **Guitar lessons in school**

Steve Powell, who used to come into school to teach guitar, is now offering lessons privately (rather than through York Music Service). He will still come into school to give his lessons. He is offering a free taster session to any child who is interested so please do contact him if you would like to take advantage of this, or if your child is interested in weekly lessons. His details are on the attached flyer. Contact the school office if you need any further information.

### **Celebration of Light**

This half term holiday, when the days are getting shorter, and some people are beginning to feel sad at the prospect of being on their own again or that winter is coming, why not have a think about celebrating light? Here are some ways to be a light in the world:

1. Make something tasty like biscuits for your neighbours
2. Read for someone who can't see well (could be by Zoom)
3. Make a thank you note for someone
4. Telephone or write to someone who might be lonely
5. Tidy up and put away without being asked
6. Smile and say hello to the people in your street
7. Raise some money for a charity
8. Write a letter to your MP about something you want to see changed
9. Use kind words even when you might be feeling hurt
10. Sort out things you don't need and give them away to people who do need them



### **Rowan Class outdoor area**

You may have noticed that the Rowan Class outdoor area looks a little different. I am delighted to announce that following an exciting refurbishment it now boasts a new stage, role play house, grassed area and a sand pit large enough to sit in! The teachers and the children are looking forward to using it lots in the days and weeks ahead. The children entered a competition through York Vikings Rotary Club and were lucky enough to win first prize of £1,000 which will go towards this project. We are in the process of trying to involve the local press to report on this competition success. Thank you to the parents who gave up time in August to dismantle the old structures, this saved the school a lot of money.

Have a lovely half term and enjoy a well-deserved rest and some family time,

Mrs Christison  
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