



Small School Big Ideas

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## A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

What a fabulous start we have had to our Christmas festivities, with so many donations to The Besom that my car was absolutely full, a mention in York Press for our singing, the lighting of the tree in Naburn and staff busy making Christmas special in each bubble. Many thanks to everyone who is making all this possible and for your ongoing support at this time.

### Celebrations

Last week, the awards went to:

- Jasmine (in Rowan) for writing brilliant instructions for a puppet
- Arthur (in Willow) for super instructional writing
- Betsy (in Oak) for fantastic English



The Headteacher Award went to **all the staff** for their work towards making Christmas extra special this year. The classrooms look amazing and they are managing to spread Christmas cheer even in the midst of a pandemic! I will send some photos this week on social media as it is such a shame you can't come and visit.

It is a good time of year to remember all our staff, including MSAs, the Admin team, Caretaker, After School staff and our school cook, who are all going above and beyond to make our school the special place it is. I am even more grateful of this at the moment as we work hard to keep school as safe as can be and keep our children as happy as can be. For example, the Admin team are cleaning toilets daily, all staff are cleaning classrooms and shared areas and Mr Norris is volunteering to lead us at the future forest each week.

### Picture News

**Story:** Two notebooks thought to be worth millions of pounds, belonging to the scientist Charles Darwin, have been reported stolen from Cambridge University. **Question:** How can we keep our memories alive?

**Virtual Assembly:** Found on the Picture News website



### Hampers for The Besom

Many thanks for the generous donations last week. I am amazed at how many items you brought in and humbled by the good wishes expressed as you dropped off the gifts. The charity has said to pass on their thanks for your kindness.

### Animal of the Week

This week, our animal is the basking shark, so please encourage your child to find out more about this creature.

### Christmas Cards

Many thanks to those children who brought in cards for their classes. These will be displayed this week.

Compassion    Trust    Perseverance

## **TT Rockstars**

- Yr 4 were last week's battle winners, with 1,334 points
- The most valuable player was Luke Daniels
- Yr 3 scored 720 points and Arthur Ratcliffe was the most valuable player
- Rockstar of the week was Charlie Atkinson
- This week's battle is Yr 6 vs KS1. Good luck!

## **Read all about it!**

Well done to Anne Clark, one of our governors, who has managed to get us into the Press. Watch out this week for the paper version. See this link to the digital one:

<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/18921696.schoolchildren-record-carol-singing-videos-mark-lighting-village-christmas-tree/?ref=twtrc>

## **Christmas Events this week**

Tuesday	Christmas Adventures in the Future Forest for Willow and Oak. Make sure your child has a warm coat, wellies and hat/gloves Rowan dress rehearsal of 'Our Very Own Nativity'
Wednesday	Christmas Adventures in the Future Forest for Rowan. Make sure your child has a warm coat, wellies and hat/scarf/gloves. Stone Age survival in the afternoon for Willow Filming of Rowan nativity (to be sent to parents at a later date)
Thursday	Christmas dinner
Friday	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children (bring in £1 donation) Please wear Christmas jumpers but with uniform bottoms (or PE bottoms for Willow) Derwent Lions are very kindly driving by with Rockin Rudolph. This is their only visit to the village this year, especially for us. They are not collecting money, however, if you do wish to donate, please visit <a href="https://derwent.lionsclub.co/">https://derwent.lionsclub.co/</a>

## **Advent**

Here are this week's ideas to try at home:

 <b>WOW!</b> Grab a blanket in the daytime and go outside and lay it on the ground. Lay on the blanket and look up – what can you see? Perhaps some clouds, or trees or the blue sky. What have been your WOW moments this week? Maybe something fun, something you did well, or something that happened. Lay still and think about these WOW moments and enjoy the memories!	 <b>Tree Thanks</b> Go outside to the park or a local forest. Look for leaves that have fallen on the ground. Hold a leaf in your hand and look at it. What do you notice? Did you know that no two leaves are the same! Everyone is unique – such is the wonder of the natural world. Now think about what you are thankful for. You could write your words of thanks on the leaf!	 <b>Listen Up!</b> Head outside into your garden, local park, or forest. Find a safe space to sit and get as settled as you can. Set a timer for 2 minutes, then close your eyes and start to listen carefully. How many different sounds could you hear? How did the sounds make you feel? How might you listen more carefully in your life? Say a prayer of thanks for all the different sounds you enjoy!
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## **After School Club Movie Nights**

There are still a few places available at the final two Christmas movie nights. This Wednesday's film is Arthur Christmas and next Wednesday is The Grinch. The usual snacks will be provided plus popcorn. Please contact the office to book a place for your child if they are interested.

### **Naburn Advent Window Trail Route**

Naburn's First Advent Window Trail starts next Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) and runs for a week. See the attached trail guide which outlines the route. You could print this and tick them off as you go.

### **Easy fundraising**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for Naburn Primary School (via Friends of Naburn School / PTA)? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, M&S, ebay, Currys PC World and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Naburn Primary School to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/naburnschool/>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping! Please note, you have to access the retailer through Easy Fundraising, rather than directly. Your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Naburn Primary School (via FoNS). It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the school will be really grateful for your donations. Please spread the word and ask grandparents, friends etc to sign up too! Anyone can help us raise funds by clicking on our page link above.

Click on the link below to watch the short video which explains how easy it is to shop via Easy Fundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/video/raising-with-the-website>

**Until 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 there is a £5 bonus donation for new supporter registrations!** For a limited time only, new supporters are eligible to receive a £5.00 Donation for their good cause when they sign up to easyfundraising.

1. To be eligible to receive the £5 bonus you must have signed up to easyfundraising between 2nd November 2020 – 23:59 18th December 2020.
  2. You will receive the £5 bonus donation into your account when you have raised £15 in confirmed donations, the donations must be raised within 12 months of signing up to easyfundraising.
- Another incentive to get signed up, Happy shopping!

### **Friends of Naburn Just Giving Page**

Please see below the link to our justgiving page. This is the first time that we have tried to fundraise virtually as physical events are just not possible at this time. Please do donate if you can and share with your families and friends, every little helps!!!!

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friends-of-naburn-pta?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=4nVnxMXW5](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friends-of-naburn-pta?utm_id=1&utm_term=4nVnxMXW5)

Many thanks,

Mrs Christison (or Mrs Christmason, as one of the Reception children called me last week!)

Headteacher