



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a restful half term and a chance to relax and enjoy time together, without school work!

Obviously, as I write, the news is beginning to break that all school children may well be returning to school on March 8th. At present, I know no more than you and, as ever, I will keep you posted when I know the details and can begin to prepare properly. I am meeting with staff tonight and we have already begun to put things in place to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible for everyone. Once I know more, I will write to tell you our plans.

Thankyou to everyone who filled in the parent questionnaire over half term. Your comments (which were overwhelmingly positive) will be used as we now move on to the next stage of our remote learning provision, where it is looking likely that once again we will be teaching in school whilst also planning for the possibility of individual children isolating, bubble closure or even whole school closure once again. Thankyou for your support in this and for the many comments praising the teachers and all that they are doing at the moment. I will be taking all the results to governors later this week where we will look further at how we can continue on our journey to make Naburn the best it can be.

Celebrations

Last week, our superstars were:

EVERYONE! All children, staff and parents because everyone has worked their socks off since January and has adapted brilliantly to remote learning in these difficult times. Everyone is doing their best and that is all anyone can ask for.



The winner of the Friends of Naburn Selfie Competition on the last day of half term went to Oliva. Well done for her imaginative take on the alternative uniform theme!



Picture News

Story: The Egyptian authorities have built a 22-mile long wall around the resort of Sharm El-Sheikh to encourage more tourists to visit.

Question: Do walls divide us or protect us?

Virtual Assembly: Found on the Picture News website, just add /discuss



Please see our school website for more details and some ideas about how your child can use this resource in their remote learning this week.

Wellbeing

See the attached powerpoint of ideas for this week from the CYC Health and Wellbeing Service. This week is:

4. Be Resilient

5. Be Relaxed

6. Be Kind

Compassion Trust Per



Friends of Naburn – “Empties Please”

Just a reminder that the Friends of Naburn School (PTA) have come across a great new and easy way to raise funds for our school through recycling used ink and toner cartridges.

‘Empties Please’ collect and recycle used ink and toner cartridges the environmentally friendly way and will donate the money raised back to us!

Please spread the word amongst family, friends and local businesses, all money raised will go directly to school.

The Blacksmiths Arms have very kindly agreed to have an additional collection bin in the covered, outside area at the pub, so any empty ink or toner cartridges can be left there if this is more convenient. Many thanks to them. Otherwise, they can still be dropped at school.

Lessons From Around the World

Many of you will know that Rob Collins, one of our school governors, has an entertainment business called Covent Garden Entertainment. Each week, he is very kindly offering a live zoom session with interesting people around the world. Rob will introduce the sessions and has offered them only to our school, Escrick and a couple of Rob’s friends’ children too. This will be a half hour session each week where the children can interact and ask the guest speaker live questions.

This week, the Zoom session is with Jay Henderson. See attached poster for more information.

“Kobbler Jay” is a fan’s favourite on the street performing festival circuit. He lives in Windsor, Ontario in Canada and has made his way round Canada performing his death defying tricks. Jay will take us on a lesson about all things Canadian - from the amazing geography in this huge country to their love of maple syrup!

Teachers will send the link out via Google Classroom tomorrow morning, should you wish your child to take part in this session. Many thanks to Rob for this exciting venture.

Year 6 Secondary School Places

Next week CYC will begin to notify parents/carers how to find out which school your child has been allocated and how you can find out key information usually contained within the allocation letter. They will be directing parents/carers to web page

<https://www.york.gov.uk/SecondarySchoolAdmissions> which will contain all of the relevant information such as how to log into Parent Portal, request an appeal form and apply for home to school transport.

You will need to log into your Parent Portal account to find out which school your child has been allocated. We would advise all parents/carers to ensure that you know your Parent Portal username (email address) and password before 1st March as due to the high volume of parents/carers logging into Parent Portal nationally, any password reset requests may take longer than usual.

A poster should be arriving in school this week, with further details on, but we thought we would let you know in advance so that you have longer to make sure you have access to this portal. We will obviously pass the poster on to you when it arrives.

Keep safe everyone and please continue to follow all Government guidance.

Many thanks,
Mrs Christison, Headteacher