

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for all your support with our Wellbeing Week last week. It was a super opportunity for children (and adults) all over the country to pause in our busy lives and look at mental health and I am proud that we took time out to take part as a whole school. The children seem to have really enjoyed the focus and it has been lovely to hear what they have been up to. We will be continuing the theme this week, with a special day on Friday (see below) and each class will also have a wellbeing pass again, so do look out for that. Celebration Worship will take place at 2.30pm on Friday as usual, with the usual log in details, so do look out for that on the teachers' Google classroom plan of the day.

Celebrations

Superstars for the last two weeks are:

- Wilkie (in Rowan) for putting lots of efforts into home learning, especially his non-fiction book about the musk ox
- Jasmine (in Rowan) for working hard at home and posting lots of lovely photos
- Jack (in Willow) for his resilience and for producing some excellent work on volcanoes
- Jemima (in Willow) for her hard work, creative posts and happy messages she sends us
- Theo (in Willow) for his brilliant non-chronological report. It was very informative and beautifully presented
- Reuben (in Oak) for his engagement and interaction with every zoom session, and brilliant questions
- Sophia (in Oak) for her focus and engagement with the work, also ensuring that she takes her wellbeing breaks
- Max (in Oak) for always trying his hardest and his dedication to working



The Headteacher's awards went to Charlie for showing confidence and resilience when taking part in small group zooms with Mrs Marjoram and to Arthur and Thomas for their positivity during Wellbeing Day on Friday. They came up with so many ideas of things to do, from Lego to card tricks and much more in between and kept me very busy and happy, so helping my wellbeing!

Picture News

This week's topic is very relevant to us as it is all about tree planting! Looks like our small school is ahead of the game!

Story: Scientists say that ten rules for tree planting must be top priority for all nations this decade.

Question: How important is it to plant more trees?

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

Compassion Trust Perseverance

Please see the school website for more details about Picture News this week and old stories too.

Join Picture News for their first ever live virtual assembly!

Friday 12th February, 1.30-2pm

To book a space, register on the events page on the Picture News website!



Wellbeing

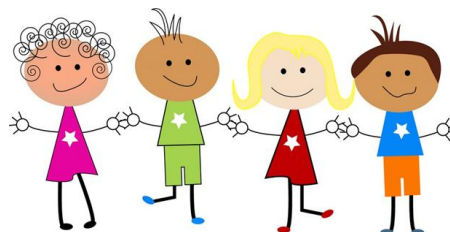
See the attached powerpoint of ideas for this week from the CYC Health and Wellbeing Service. This week is:

3. Be Positive

4. Be Resilient

5. Be Relaxed

6. Be Kind



Friends of Naburn Uniform Day

We would like to invite all pupils to take part in our 'uniform day' on Friday, the last day of half term. We would like to see all pupils at home in school uniform.... but let's make it fun. Silly hair perhaps? Maybe a fun twist on the normal school uniform? We would LOVE to see lots of silly selfies sent to the school email address and then the children at school can vote for the funniest uniformed selfie. Hopefully the voting pupils at school will partake in the complete opposite of school uniform (ie non-uniform).... the sillier the better (maybe staff will join in too?) Let's have a bit of fun on the last day of half term. If you would like to donate £1 + to the PTA we will leave a bucket at the school gate for you to pop money into if you're out walking and passing school, or you could use our Donate by Text service, details as follows:
To donate £5, text NCWC01 to 70970. Many thanks.

The teachers will provide some activities at their morning zoom, which will make the day a little different too, for example maths games to play. Your child could also spend some time doing some of the activities on our Home Learning page, such as finding out about Mr Norris' animal of the week, Picture News or BBC Bitesize. I am aware that we are sending lots of ideas home, so Friday could be a 'catching up day' before we break up for half term.

Chrome Books

Vital York are education technology specialists and they provide support for our school chromebooks. To help protect the chromebooks from harm, they've launched a Chromebook Champion campaign! To become a Chromebook Champion, please see the attached poster and follow the tips for taking care of and cleaning your device.

It has also been brought to our attention that some children have been using Google slides to communicate with each other. Whilst we realise that it is good to keep in touch with classmates, please ensure that your child is not doing this from home, as the teachers cannot control what is written and the children could potentially be writing something mean or harmful. We cannot disable this function as the children need Google docs to do their work, so are asking parents to be extra vigilant and to take this opportunity to remind your child about the importance of staying safe online at all times.

Parish Magazine

Please click on the following link for the latest Parish Magazine:

https://issuu.com/poppy.green309/docs/escrick_parish_magazine_-_february_2021

Primary School Admissions

The Schools Admission Team at City of York Council have asked us to distribute the below message. The primary school admission application form is also attached.

Starting Primary School in September 2021

If you have a child born between **01 September 2016** and **31 August 2017** they are due to start primary school in September 2021, if you have not yet made a school application or contacted the Admission Team, please do so as soon as possible. The closing date for applications was 15 January 2021.

Applications can be made at www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If there is a reason why you have not made an application, for example, you are planning to move out of the area or you are applying to an independent school, we must be informed and we will amend our records accordingly.

Parents/carers will log into their Parent Portal account on 16th April 2021 to find out your child's allocated primary school. Please make sure that you know your username (email) and password for Parent Portal before 16th April 2021.

If you would like further information about the school admissions process please contact us at education@york.gov.uk

Wider Opening of school

There is again much talk in the media about when schools are opening to more pupils. At present, I know no more than you, but headteachers have been told that there will be an announcement on 22nd February, with a routemap detailing how and when children will return. I will, as ever, keep you posted as I know more and am very aware of how much we are all missing each other and the sense of community in our little school that we took so much for granted before all this. Please remember that we do want to welcome all children back as soon as we are reassured that it is safe to do so. In the meantime, take care and keep going for this last week. Then enjoy the holiday and have a lovely rest!

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

Many thanks,
Mrs Christison, Headteacher