

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we had last week, welcoming all our children back and settling back into routines. I am delighted to tell you that all the children settled beautifully. They were keen to learn, happy to see their friends and teachers and responded brilliantly to last minute issues with our internet (again!). We also welcomed 9 new children and have two more starting this week in Year 3 and EYFS, which is super news. Thankyou everyone for all you have done to prepare your child/children for returning to school. I know many of the children are tired now after a full week, so we will be mindful of that as we seek to teach and learn in these two weeks up to Easter.

### **Celebrations**

Last week, our superstars were:

- Peyton (in Rowan) for superb writing
- Shane (in Willow) for his positive attitude and effort in his maths assessment
- Lilly-Rose (in Oak) for settling in beautifully and writing a wonderful poem

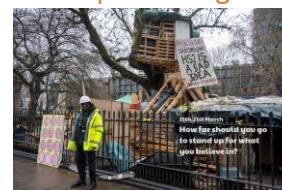


My Headteacher's award went to all the new children for a great first week and settling in so well. (I would also like to say a huge thankyou to all the other children in school for making them feel so welcome.)

### **Picture News**

**Story:** A group have been evicted from a tunnel under Euston Square Gardens after protesting about the building of the new HS2 railway link

**Question:** How far should you go to stand up for what you believe in?



### **TTRockstars**

For the next two weeks all year groups will compete between each other. There will be a Rockstar of the Week from KS1 and KS2 each week. The battles run from Monday to Sunday. After Easter we will go back to two year groups battling against each other, timetable to follow after Easter.

### **Easter Trail**

Similar to the Advent Trail held in the village at Christmas, Naburn is holding its first Easter Trail this year. Please see the attached poster for more information. This promises to be a lovely Easter event for everyone.

### **Parents' evenings**

A letter with more details will be issued later this week. Do watch out for this to book your slot to catch up with the teachers.

## **Census 2021**

National Census Day is on Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> March). For the first time, the Office for National Statistics are running it digitally and are hoping that people will complete it online. Please see the attached poster from York CVC Census Support which provides details of help for those who may need it.

In school we are taking part in “Let’s Count” which will enable children to learn about the census and how filling in the questionnaire helps local services such as the NHS, education and housing. It will also help children to understand the real-life application of their learning in maths, geography, history, PSHCE and is helping us to deepen our curriculum. This will culminate in a counting day on Friday when children will count items in the local area linked to their Forest Friday. We will then be entering a competition to win £1,000 so wish us luck! The lesson plans feature the ‘Counter Cats’ (see illustration below), who are fun cartoon characters to help the children learn. An engaging animation introduces the five cats and their favourite subject. Splotch loves art, Doc loves history, Digit loves maths, Scribble loves English and Scout loves geography.



## **Water bottles**

Just a reminder that children must only bring water to school in their bottles. Juice, or other drinks, are not allowed.

## **Parking**

Another reminder to park considerately when dropping off or collecting your child from school. Never park across anyone’s drive and do not park on the double or single yellow lines. The pub very kindly allow us to use their car park at drop off and pick up so please use that if there are spaces.

## **Lateral Flow Testing**

Just a reminder that adults in households, and also childcare or support bubbles, of primary school pupils can get twice-weekly lateral flow covid testing. Tests are available:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Please use the following link for further information about how to obtain the tests:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Tests are to be taken twice a week (3 or 4 days apart) and all results must be reported to NHS Test and Trace on the day the test was taken. If you test positive, you must start to isolate immediately, follow the stay at home advice and report positive results to school.

Please note, testing for households is voluntary, but it can play a big part in helping to keep our school safe and covid-free so please do start testing if you are able to.

## **Comic Relief Red Nose Day**

Red Nose Day is on Friday and we want to have some fun in school! Teachers are planning some fun activities in class and children are asked to bring in a joke to share with their classmates. We are also asking that you send in a photo of your child pulling their funniest face. These will then be shared in Celebration Assembly. Please email photos to school on Friday morning.

If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief there will be a bucket at the gate on Friday morning. There is no obligation to donate but any donations received will be forwarded onto this worthwhile charity.

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If you would like join our Celebration Assembly on Friday, via zoom, then please use the following sign in details. Please note that it is at 1.15pm this week.

Meeting ID: **812 0535 0401**

Passcode: **Naburncw**

Keep safe everyone and keep following all Government guidance as we seek to keep safe together.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Christison, Headteacher

