

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

I can't believe this is our last week before the summer holidays! Where did the term go? You will hopefully have seen my letter last week with all the details for the end of term. Our aim is to keep safe this week by keeping all our usual precautions in place and hopefully keep open! We have been advised to remind everyone to keep their distance and keep up our strict hygiene rules. We are struggling with some staff isolating, so please bear with us if things are slightly different this week. We do however have lots planned to make it memorable and fun:

Monday 19 th July	Grab bags available all week instead of hot dinners Sports Day with Mr Davies
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 to bring in a school jumper or t-shirt for signing
Wednesday 21 st July	Fun Day. Children to wear PE kits Whole school eating on the field at lunchtime.
Thursday 22 nd July	9.15am Year 6 Parents' Assembly for whole school on field. 2 x Y6 parents per Y6 child only. Bring a chair and sit 2m away from other parents please. No siblings. 2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly via Zoom for all parents of children throughout whole school. Recorded for Y6 parents. Link sent out last week.
Friday 23 rd July	Oak Class to eat lunch at future forest. Break up!
Wednesday 8 th September	Autumn term begins (Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th are training days)

Celebrations

Last week, our superstars were:

- Everyone in Rowan for showing our school value of perseverance
- Everyone in Willow for working very hard, especially at the future forest
- Everyone in Oak for being amazing when they were filming the production



My Headteacher's award went to everyone in Oak Class for working so hard at their Archbishop of York Youth Trust Young Leaders' Award. They organised a family quiz and a food bank collection for the whole school, a 'village gifting' and three art lessons. Tuira also held a lemonade stall, raising money to buy seeds for each class to plant at the future forest and also a 'bee revive' kit for tired bees at school. See below for another venture of hers too! Each child in Oak has worked hard for their award and has developed their confidence and leadership. Many of their initial ideas for a community project could not be done because of covid rules, but this did not stop them and in the end they came up with even more imaginative ideas because of this! Well done all! They will be awarded their certificates on Thursday morning in the Y6 Parents' Assembly.

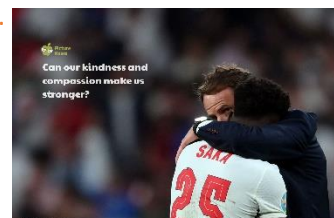
Compassion Trust Perseverance

There will be no Celebration Worship this week. Many thanks to the parents who have joined us to celebrate the achievements of our children each Friday. The children have loved seeing you and I hope it has given you a glimpse of school life in this strange year and enabled you to feel connected in some way.

Picture News

Special story: Primary school pupils around the UK have been writing letters of support to England players who were the target of online abuse following the Euro 2020 final.

Question: Can our kindness and compassion make us stronger?



Sports Day

We are delighted that we were finally able to complete the sports day races this morning. The children had a great morning together at the field, albeit very warm! They enjoyed being able to see each other, something which we know they have all missed this year. The winning house was Bears. Well done to all the Bears and to everyone who took part. Thank you to Mr Davies for coordinating it all.

Friends of Naburn

I would like to say a huge thankyou to the Friends of Naburn for all the work you have done to support our school this year (and in my five years here). I have thoroughly enjoyed the ceilidhs, the barbeques, the Christmas fair stalls, the raffles and all the other fabulous events. Now that you all know the finer details of our funding difficulties, please know just how much your work has been valued.

Community Library

See the below from Tuira's mum:

When the Archie's Challenge Grid was sent home a few months ago as part of an RE lesson with lots of ideas of kindness and helping the community, Tuira expressed her wish of create an exchange book project around the village. We are very happy to say that the Parish Council replied to us saying that they are very happy to support her initiative. They will provide a book shelf on the old bus stop at the Main Street and Tuira will be able to organize the books, and the village residents will be able to borrow and donate new books. We hope this encourage more readers around the village.

I don't have the date for when the Parish Council will attach the book case yet, but we will publish it on the village Facebook group when the books will be available. We are also thinking of ways to keep everyone safe and the books to quarantine before being available, so we can keep the community safe.

What a fabulous idea! Do support Tuira in this if you live in the village, and keep reading!

Summer Reading Challenge

Talking of reading, don't forget to visit the library to take part in this year's challenge, or visit:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Next year

Sadly, this is my last newsletter, but Mr Green will continue with weekly newsletters on Mondays in September. I have met him today to finalise a few practical arrangements for next year and I will send a letter detailing these later this week. Some arrangements may still have to change in early September, as Covid guidance for schools is not being issued until August. However, as always in recent times, we will make plans and let you know if they need to change!!

Many thanks for all your kind words of support as I move on to pastures new (my garden initially!). I wish you all the best and know that you are in safe hands with our fabulous staff. May our wonderful little school continue to have big ideas and may all its children continue to thrive. I wish our Year 6 children well as they all move on to Fulford where I am sure they will continue to work hard and will shine brightly, taking a little bit of Naburn light with them. I also wish Mrs Denison, Mr Norris and Mrs Marjoram good luck as they set off on their new paths too.

I leave you with a quote from one of my favourite books (The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy), which reminds me of our school and everyone within it:



Enjoy the summer holidays and all the best for September,

Mrs Christison
Headteacher