



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to all those who have responded so positively to the two letters that I sent out last week. It has been so lovely to hear all the constructive comments and ideas that you have and also the offers of help in whatever form they have come in. I feel that we are beginning to gather genuine positive momentum. We are all very grateful.

So much to look forward to!

Children in Need

I am excited to announce that we will be holding our very own Naburn CE Primary School 'Children in Need' Talent Show.

This will take place on the morning of Friday 12th and will begin at 9.15am in the Village Hall. For the fun of either taking part, or being part of the audience, please will children bring a pound coin on that day which will go in our Children in Need Collection Bucket and then be sent off to this very worthy cause! Parents and carers are also invited.

Do please encourage your child to take part. They might like to play an instrument, sing a song, tell jokes or dance. They might also be quite talented at something else that they would like to perform in front of our encouraging audience.

I will be asking those children who are interested in this to write or record their names with their Classteachers, along with a short description of the talent that they will be performing. The closing date for them to register their interest will be Friday 22nd October. After half term, I will be organising rehearsals for the children. This will also be an opportunity for me to get an idea of how brilliant the participants are! I can't wait!

Tennis Club

I am in the process of trying to arrange an outside provider to run a tennis club for our children after half term. This might require your support, to help supervise the children while this is taking place at the Village Hall. It is most likely to be a morning club, that will begin at 8am and end at 8.45am. The children will then need to be escorted back to school. Please get in touch with the school office if you would be willing to help.

Hope Community Perseverance

We are in the process of planning our other extra-curricular clubs for next half term. They will be very similar to this terms. I will be continuing my rugby club for KS2 and Maths Club for Year 6.

Explore Library

Explore York Libraries and Jorvik Viking Centre are running the Bloodaxe Reading Challenge again this year in all their libraries.

The challenge is to read 4 books between the launch date of Saturday 23rd October 2021 and Saturday 15th January 2022. Everyone that signs up will be given a bookmark. When children go to the library to tell them about the book they have read they will get a character sticker to go on their bookmark. When they have read 4 books they will get a certificate and the chance to attend an author session with Cat Weldon on Saturday 19th February 2022.

Cat will be talking about her Viking fiction “How to be a hero” series. You can find out more about Cat and her books at <https://www.catweldon.co.uk/>

Parent/Teacher Interviews (18th and 21st October)

I do hope that you have all made arrangements with your child’s classteacher to attend a Parent Teacher Interview. We will chase you and find you if you have not done this yet!



Open Day – 4.11.21

We will be holding an Autumn Open Day on 4th November. Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2022 are invited to come into school from 9am to 12.15pm. The afternoon will be set aside for parents, carers and grandparents of children who currently attend the school.

Straight after school on this date, I will be running a practical Arithmetic session for parents and carers. This will give you an opportunity to view first-hand what the academic expectations are for children by the end of KS2. It will be relevant for all parents whose children attend the school whatever year group they are in, so please make every effort to come along. Childcare will be provided. The session will last approximately 45 minutes and begin at 3.30pm. More details will be sent through to you before we break up for half term about both these events.

Reading Workshop

We also hope to hold a Reading Workshop for parents on 9th December. Reading is our main development plan target, so please make a note of the date and keep your eyes peeled for more details. Thank you

Telling stories on Zoom!

We would love to hear from any parents, carers or grandparents who would be willing to read an extract of their favourite children’s novel to their child’s class. This could be done in a variety of ways to suit you, either over a Zoom call, a recorded piece, or a live venture into school to read in front of our lovely children. Please give the school office a call, if you would like to volunteer. I can’t wait to hear from you!

Shoe Box Appeal reminder

Please can I ask you to make every effort to contribute to our [Shoebox appeal](#), which will help to support the wonderful work of '[Children in Distress](#)'. Please remind yourself of the following details.

- Please wrap shoe boxes with Christmas paper. **Please wrap the lids separately in case the box needs to be opened up by customs.**
- Please complete the Shoebox label which can be found in the leaflet (boy/girl/age/items included) and stick the label to the lid of the box. Items placed in the boxes could include toothbrush / toothpaste / bar of soap / sponge / hair brush / hair accessories for girls / small new soft toy / small toy for girls and boys / stationery items / pencils / crayons / sweets – NOT chocolate / hats / gloves / socks.
- If you are able, we also ask for a donation of £2 to support the charity with the shipping of the boxes, which please keep separate and put in the donation money boxes when you drop off your shoebox.

Taking responsibility for the care of others is an important part of embracing our Church School distinctiveness. We are hoping that each child at school will fill a shoebox full of little gifts for children who really deserve a gift this Christmas and who without a shoe box would get nothing.

We will be collecting completed boxes at school drop off on Thursday 14th October. Thank you

Headphones for Chromebooks

Please can I ask you to help the school by supplying your child with their own headphones for their School Chromebook. If you can help in this way, please pop them in a bag with their name on it. The headphones will be kept in your child's school drawer. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

School Dinner Taster Time

I am currently in discussions with our school meal provider to hopefully arrange for parents, carers and grandparents, to come into school to sample a gorgeous school dinner. This will be a lovely opportunity for you to spend time in school with your child and also get an idea of the quality of the school meal that Mellor's provide. Keep your fingers crossed that I can pull this off! I will hopefully give you more details about how these arrangements have progressed in next week's newsletter.

Dinner Survey from Mellors

There is still time for you to give some parent feedback about the school dinner service. See the link below to the survey which our provider has put together.

Mellors will then collate all responses and present back to each school their findings and actions for moving forward. They will also feedback to the parents and pupils.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CYCTrustSurvey>

PTA Meeting

I understand that the first PTA meeting is due to take place on Monday 18th October at 7pm at school. Please come along. **We need you!**

Worship Team

Leading on from the election of School Council members, we will now be organising a Worship Team. This group will have responsibility for helping me plan Worship Themes for the term, lead aspects of Worship and also lead Worship in school. I have already had numerous children keenly volunteering for this role. So many that we will need elections.

More news next week about School Council projects!

Hope Community Perseverance

Theme Week – The Parable of the Sower - 11.10.21 to 15.10.21

Another reminder that our Theme Week with the children begins on 11th October where we will be introducing our school parable of 'The Sower' to the children by exploring the story through a variety of activities that will help the children understand its significance and how they can apply its meaning to their lives in and out of school. Teachers have planned lots of exciting work which includes art work, drama, and writing, along with a visit from the YoYo Team. Please ask your children all about it!

Harvest Festival

It is our Harvest Festival on Thursday 21st October. This is a joint service with the church again which starts at 10.30am. The retiring collection will be split between church funds and Martin House Hospice.

Our harvest gifts will go to the homeless charities in York as usual. Items suitable for breakfasts such as cereals, porridge, fruit juice, tea, coffee and fruit will go to Carecent who serve breakfast to the homeless. Other items such as tins or vegetables will go to Arclight, a shelter for the homeless. Please bring your items into school on **Wednesday morning (20th October)** so that we can take them along to church when we rehearse. Items can be in a box or loose in a bag.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the service. Reverend Loftus from Barlby will lead Worship with school contributions that link the harvest theme to the work with have been doing on the Parable of the Sower.

Walk to School Week 11th – 15th October 2021

Don't forget that Walk to School Week starts on 11th October, so please encourage your child to scoot, cycle or walk to school. I realise that many of you have to drive to school because you live so far away, but if you could try to park a little further away and walk a little bit that would be great. 'Park and Stride' please! A bus journey will be counted as an active journey so Stillingfleet children can feel that they have made a difference to the success of our numbers! Remember it is a competition and we are a competitive school that loves to win!

Also remember that the Local Authority has added a further challenge for schools during Walk to School Week. [COP26](#) is the 2021 United Nations annual climate change conference taking place in Glasgow, which will bring together world leaders to commit to urgent global climate action. Each of us has a part to play, and travelling actively and sustainably to school is a great way for everyday people to go about their lives in quietly revolutionary ways – helping cut carbon emissions and making the UK and the wider world a greener place!

It's 210 miles between Glasgow and York, and we want our school to challenge itself to 'walk' all of the way there over the week!

- Schools will take part as normal by recording all of our active/sustainable journeys, so there's no extra work for us or the pupils to do.
- Each journey we record will be classed as '1 mile' towards the 210 mile target. We might even want to challenge ourselves to walk to Glasgow and back!
- The LA want to see how many trips to Glasgow we can collectively complete, and will calculate how much CO₂ we've saved together!
- If there are enough schools taking part, with every class getting involved, we could even walk all the way around the globe!

Parent/Headteacher Meetings

I am looking forward to meeting more of you at my headteacher/parent meetings. These will take place on Mondays, beginning at 4.30pm. If you would like to meet me individually, please see the dates below and phone the school office to book an appointment. Thank you

| Meeting Date | Time |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 8 th November | 5pm only available |
| Monday 22 nd November | 4.45pm to 6pm |
| Monday 6 th December | 4.30pm to 6pm |

Picture News

Story: Children's TV channel CBeebies has hired George Webster as its first ever presenter with Down's syndrome. The 20-year-old, from Leeds, is an actor, dancer and ambassador for the disability charity, Mencap.

Question: What does a good role model look like?

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

TT Rockstars

Another reminder about the TT Rockstars battles. See details below. The times have been set to only allow the coins to be earned between the hours of 7am to 7pm.

| Date | Year Groups Battling |
|--------------------|---|
| 4.10.21-11.10.21 | Year 3 and Year 4 (Still Battling – Keep it up!) |
| 11.10.21-18.10.21 | Year 5 and Year 6 |
| 18.10.21- 01.11.21 | Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 1 -6) |

We are looking forward to seeing everyone practising their tables and challenging themselves to improve every week.

Remember how important times tables are and encourage your children to compete at home. If you know your 6 times table, you also know your sixty times table and your 0.6 times table etc. Speedy and accurate recall of times tables simplifies maths processes for children, gets them involved more quickly and successfully in mathematical reasoning and gives them plenty of satisfaction.

Thank you to Mrs Mann for organising these for the year groups and classes.

I hope that you all have a good week and I look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes



Jonathan Green