

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

I would like to start the newsletter with a message of thanks and appreciation from me to you all for being so welcoming to me during my first half term. I can honestly say that I feel so at home in my new school surroundings and I am thoroughly enjoying every second of my work. Thank you so very much.

You will have read the letter the office sent home at the beginning of the week from Public Health York (Maxine Squire and Sharon Stoltz) about the rising numbers of positive cases of Covid that have been reported in the city. Please remind yourself of its content, particularly the information in point 3. We have now had our first two positive cases of Covid-19 in school, so my plea to you is to be even more vigilant and if your child/ren show any Covid symptoms that you keep them off school and book a PCR Test for them. In this instance they should only return to school, if the result of the test is negative. Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

While I am asking for your cooperation, I want to make another couple of pleas. These are related to ensuring you get your children into school on time and not to park on the double yellow lines. The office team has had to deal with a couple of recent calls from local residents complaining about where cars are parked at pick up and drop off. Please do make every effort to do the right thing. Thank you.

Date of School Photos – Monday 22nd November

The date of individual school photographs has changed from November 9th to Monday 22nd November. Toothpaste medals on sweatshirts are banned on this day.

Our new Reception Children

Don't our new children in Reception look smart? They have settled so well into school and are such lovely happy additions who are already contributing so much to the life of the school. They will become stars in the York Press next week. Please keep a look out.



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Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much once again for all those who contributed to the Shoe Box Appeal. See the photographs below of the stack of shoe boxes collected by Naburn and AYJS and then loaded into the van which will start its journey to Romania. I know that together we will have brightened a lot of children's lives at Christmas. Thank you again.



Children in Need

A reminder that we will be holding the **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.

You will be pleased to know that following my plea in last week's newsletter, we now have a long list of sixteen talented acts showing off their amazing talents. It will be total fun from start to finish and a great way to celebrate Children in Need Day and at the same time raise funds for this marvellous charity - and the best thing is ... Mr Green will now not have to sing!

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!

Friends of Naburn Primary Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the first 'face to face' PTA meeting for over 18 months last Monday. It was great to welcome new and old members and find out a lot more about their exciting ideas for raising funds for the school. More details of proposed events will be sent through to you in November.

All Saints Eve at the Pub! Saturday 30th October – 4 to 7pm

The Blacksmiths Arms are kindly laying on an All Saints Eve evening for the children. It will include refreshments, games and fancy dress! Flyers were sent from the school to you last week. Sounds exciting!

Finishing Time of After School Club – 17:45

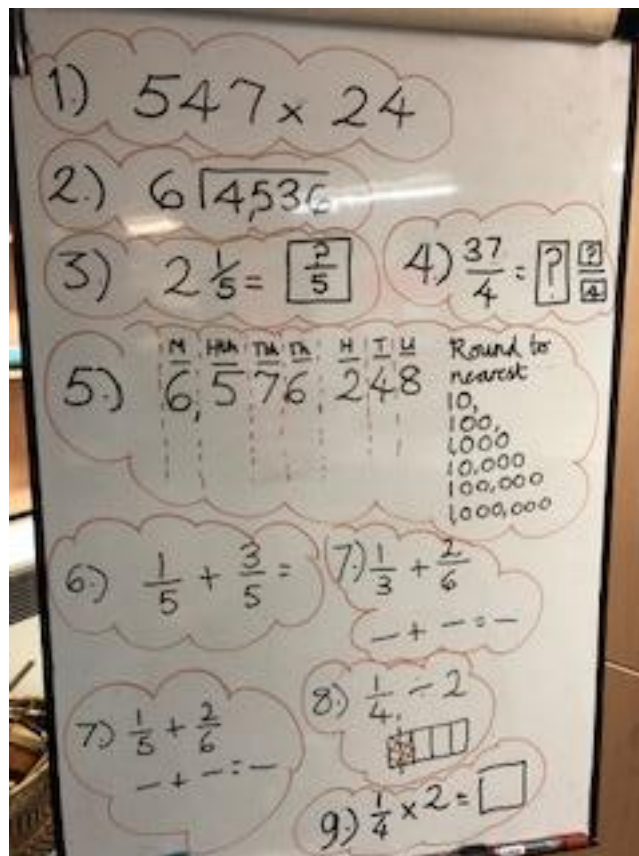
Thank you to all those who responded to the parent consultation about the proposed new finishing time of the After School Club. For those parents who cannot make the 5.45pm pick up on odd occasions, the club will stay open until 6pm. Please can you ensure that the ASC Leaders are aware of this at the beginning of the week so that they can make their own transport arrangements home. If

this is set to be a more frequent occurrence for particular families, know that we will manage it for you, but please give me a call to discuss.

Many thanks for your consideration.

'Ave a go'!

Please have a go at 'Ave a go' below. Do encourage your child to have a look at it with you, particularly if they are in Year 6.



Menus for 5th November and Christmas lunch

You will have received various details about school lunches over the past couple of weeks and more information has come through this week. Please visit the school website to find out what delicious dishes are being created throughout the second half of the Autumn Term.

<http://www.naburnschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Mellors-Theme-Day-Calendar.pdf>

If your child does not have school dinners, please can I encourage you to ask them to at least sample one. Not only are the meals delicious, but it is also a great way to spend time socialising with their friends and enjoying each other's company in a lovely dining environment.

Half Term Fun

York Design Week is taking place between during the half term holiday. There are loads of events specifically designed for Young People of York to take part in and have their voices heard about key issues in their city - and also lots of fun arts workshops that are all FREE to attend.

Full details of programmes can be found online here:

Yorkdesignweek.com/programme2021

Specific events that might be of interest to families include:

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[Cardboard Build with MATT + FIONA](#) - Design and Architecture workshop for 5-16 Year Olds - St Barnabas Church 11-4pm 23rd October

[Drawsome!](#) - Free Music and Arts festival at Spark:York from 3pm 23rd October

[Art is My Career](#) - 'Not a careers fair' - a chance for young people to understand more about careers in the arts and opportunities within the sector - 25th October 12-4pm SPARK, York

[Temperature of the City](#) - Big painting we will paint together - York Theatre Royal, 21-23 October 11-5pm Daily

[Drawing with Architects](#) - A walking workshop drawing with architects around the city - meet at St Sampson's Square, 1.30-3pm 25 October

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

It was so wonderful to see you in school once again for face to face parent/teacher interviews. Unfortunately, there were a number of parents who did not make their appointments. If that is the case with you, please make every effort to contact school to re-book. We are keen to speak to every single parent about how children have settled and about their academic progress. They are essential



meetings and we will continue to chase and find you!

Open Day – 4.11.21

You will have received a letter advertising Open Day earlier in the week with slips to make a variety of bookings for various times and activities. This will take place on Thursday 4th November. Please refer to this letter and send back the appropriate reply slips.

As a reminder to you, we have arranged for parents of children who will be starting in September 2022 to attend in the morning. The visits can be made anytime from 9am until 12 noon.

It might be that you know a family whose children do not attend the school, but would like to visit. If this is the case, please encourage them to phone the school and we will make arrangements to show them around school over the course of the day.

We would also like to make the afternoon of this day an opportunity for parents of children already attending to have a look round school during class time (1.15pm to 3.10pm). This is a great way for you to see first-hand, how the school operates, catch up with your child's learning and help out a little bit in

the classroom. The activities the children will be involved in will be practical, so extra supporting hands would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I will be leading a practical arithmetic workshop for parents after school. This will be a good opportunity to directly witness what the mathematical expectations are for children to reach by the time they leave us at the end of KS2. I recommend at least one adult family member should attend if possible. Those that do come along, will be in a better position to support their child at home and have a better idea of the mathematical vocabulary and techniques we use to enable the children to learn and make progress. I really do not want to feel lonely after school!

The arithmetic session will start at 3.30pm and finish by 4.30pm. We will make arrangements for children to be looked after at school. Year 6 children will be encouraged to come along and hopefully work with a parent or carer. **Please remember that this is available to all parents of children at school.**

NB - All 'in school' parent sessions are currently scheduled to take place, but might need to be postponed, depending on the latest Covid advice from the Government and Public Health York.

We look forward to hopefully seeing you at some point on this day.

Reading Workshop

We are also planning 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!

So far we have had one parent volunteer for this. We would really 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!

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.

Worship Team

I am delighted to tell you that we have now elected our Worship Team. This group will have responsibility for helping me plan Worship Themes for the year, lead aspects of Worship and also lead Worship in school. It was touching to read all the children's letters of application and I know that this group will work well with me and play a big part in the development of the school vision and ethos.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebration at St Matthew's Church was a gorgeous event. It was super to see so many parents, relations and parishioners attending and enjoying the service. The children sang beautifully and reported on their harvest work which centred on the Parable of the Sower that we will now put right at the heart of our school vision and ethos. Congratulations children!

Thank you to the Reverend Loftus for delivering the address and the blessing. Also thank you to Jean Dale and Sally for making the Church so welcoming for us and creating such lovely harvest displays. We are also most grateful to Matthew Horne for playing the keyboard and organ for us.

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The final thanks go to you for providing such wonderful Harvest gifts which will be divided between Arclight and York Foodbank.



KS1 children excitedly waiting to present their contribution to the Harvest Festival Service.

Walk to School Week 11th – 15th October 2021

Last week I promised to tell you how we compared with other York Schools in the ‘Walk to School Week’. You will remember that over the course of the five school days we managed to average an excellent 86.9% active journeys to school. The winning school managed to reach a staggering average of 95.7% active journeys to school. Congratulations to AYJS. Our aim now should be to try and get as close to that number next year. We can do it, if we continue to keep the good habits we gained over the week.

TT Rockstars

The current battle is for all year groups across the school! Current leaders are Year 6, with Year 5 close in second place! This battle will continue over half term so Mrs Mann will announce the winners when we return.

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	4.30pm to 6pm (One appointment slot available)
Monday 22 nd November	4.30pm to 6pm
Monday 6 th December	4.30pm to 6pm

I hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan Green'.

Jonathan Green