

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

It will be a busy and exciting last week before we break up for half term and lot's to report about the week that we have just finished. Fasten your seat belts!

Just before I start to write about these, please may I ask for your continued support and cooperation on the subject of **attendance**. It is **SO, SO important** that your children attend school every single day that school is open, unless of course they are poorly. Maximum attendance is so important at this time, especially after a number of pandemic lockdowns and family self-isolations.

Currently, I am looking in detail at this aspect of school and attempting to come up with strategies to celebrate excellent half termly attendance. Please keep a look out for my thoughts in future newsletters. Equally, please get in touch with me if you have any ideas for how this might be marked.

Ethos and Vision Theme Week

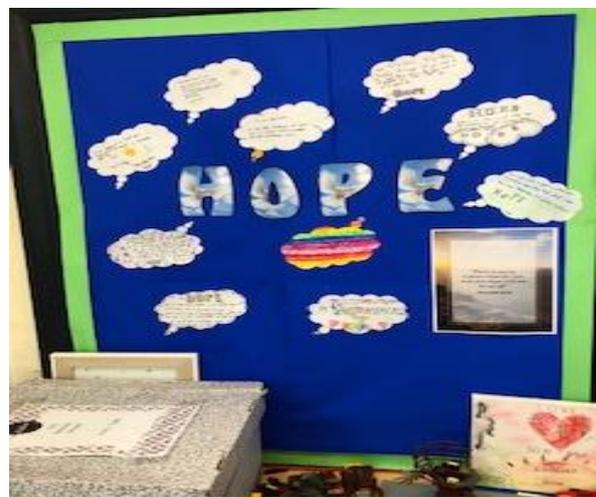
What a brilliant week we have had studying the Parable of the Sower. The activities that the children have been involved in so far have included a drama retelling of the story, rewriting the story, art work on the subject of **perseverance**, stop, motion animation, land art at the future forest, pastel representations of the scenes of the story relating to **hope**, science work on planting, a **community** walk round the village that involved posting letters and display work in the form of a **Hope** and **Perseverance** tree.

We do hope that you are able to join us for our Harvest Festival when we can tell you much more about our exciting work and how we believe it will add value to our school and **community**.



Fun in KS2 retelling the story of the Parable of the Sower

Hope Community Perseverance



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.

At the time of writing we have only two volunteers which might mean that Mr Green has to sing, so **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 inspiring 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!

Friends of Naburn Primary Meeting

Please note that the first 'face to face' PTA meeting for over 18 months will take place in school on Monday 18th October in school. Start time is 7pm. I know the committee would love to have new members and you will be helping the school in so many ways if you come along. It will be very informal and they are a very friendly bunch!

Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

The Local Authority have asked schools to advertise a confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's wellbeing or learning. This is open to all parents/carers of children with additional needs or SEND, living in the City of York, and practitioners working with children who live in/attend an educational setting in York. Calls of up to 30 minutes are available during term time: Wednesday mornings 9.30am-11.30am. To book a slot, please e-mail: EPsupportline@york.gov.uk with your name and a contact telephone number.

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

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

Finishing Time of After School Club – 17:45

I would like to consult with parents who use the after school club about the time it finishes. Our two leaders use the village bus which departs at two minutes to six. With this in mind, I wanted to get your views on whether it might be possible to have final pick-up at **5.45pm** rather than **6pm**?

Please make sure that you contact the school office, so I can collate responses and make a decision as quickly as possible. We do understand that this might not be possible for you, but on particular nights we should be able to make special arrangements, for pick up if you cannot make 5.45pm.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Early news about Year 6 SATs

You will be delighted to know that KS1 and KS2 SATs assessments will take place this academic year! Please note Year 6 SATs timetable below. There will be more information about arrangements and organisation over the coming months. These will include meetings in January for those children in Year 2 and Year 6. There will also be similar year group meetings about assessments at the same time. Part of the agendas of these meetings will include how you can best support your children at home.

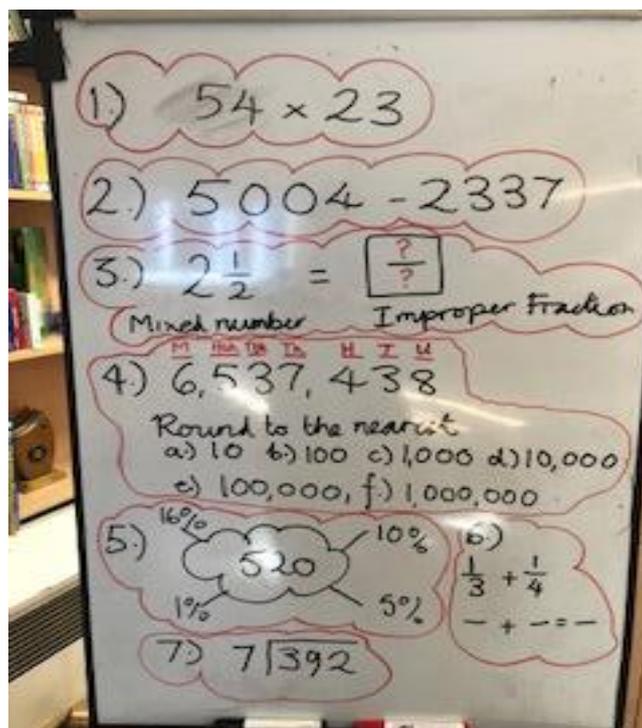
Date	Tests
Monday 9 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: questions• Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 10 May	English reading
Wednesday 11 May	Mathematics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: arithmetic• Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 12 May	Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 3: reasoning

Please can I remind you to hear your child read once a day at home for fifteen minutes, asking questions about the text that check their understanding and discussing and clarifying unfamiliar words. This is equally important for children who read fluently as it adds value to their learning helping them improve their comprehension of the text and skills of deduction, inference and accuracy.

Remember how important times tables are and encourage your children to compete at home in the TTRockstars battles (see more information later on in this newsletter). 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.

On the subject of parental support, I have popped a photograph below. This is a board of arithmetic problems for KS2. You might want to have a go at it yourself, or even do it with your child. I will endeavour to put a similar board to this in all my newsletters. You will be pleased to know that it will

become more challenging as the weeks go on. If you are unsure of any of the questions, make sure you come along to my arithmetic workshop on Thursday 4th November.



Menus for 5th November and Christmas lunch

You will have received various details about school lunches over the past week. To add to these please visit the school website to find out what delicious dishes are being created for Christmas dinner (16th December) and Bonfire Day. <http://www.naburnschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Mellors-Theme-Day-Calendar.pdf>

Half Term Fun

York Design Week is taking place between the 20th and 26th October. 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:

[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

Tennis and Netball Club

I am still in the process of trying to arrange an outside provider to run a tennis club for our children after half term. Recently, it has been confirmed that this will take place after school on a Thursday at the Village Hall from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

There will also be a possibility of the children attending a netball club on a Thursday morning before school (8am to 8.40 am). Both of these clubs will require an adult/parent to support as an extra pair of hands at the activity and also to bring the children back to school after the club. For the parent who volunteers, we will guarantee a free place for their child.

We are continuing to plan 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 next week. 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!

So far we have not had any volunteers for this one which is a shame. 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!

TTRockstars results service!

Week 27th Sept- 4th Oct

- Y5 vs Y3 vs Y2
- Year 5 were the winners!

Week 4th Oct - 11th Oct

- Year 4 vs Year 3
- Year 4 were the winners!

This week it is Year 5 vs Year 6.

- Currently very close...Y6 have 398/Y5 have 385

They have until Monday 18th to compete.

Next week it is **ALL year groups** battling it out for the title of TT Rockstars of the School!



Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much for all those who contributed to the Shoe Box Appeal. Together, we managed to make up 23 Shoe Boxes and raise £42 for Children in Distress. I took the boxes and cash to Bishopthorpe (AYJS) last night and they will be collected on Saturday morning by a van which will then transport them to children in Romanian Orphanages. We will have brightened a lot of children's lives at Christmas. Thank you again.



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

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.

Harvest Festival reminder

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 Arlight, 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.

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Walk to School Week 11th – 15th October 2021

Thank you everyone for making the effort to take active journeys to school. You will be pleased to know that we have done so well and this can be seen in the results in the table below. Well done everyone. The challenge now is to keep the good habits going and even improve them!

	Total No. of Pupils at school on day	Total No. of Pupils who walked / cycled / scooted to school or used the bus (no car use on the journey to school)	% for day
Monday	45	37	82.2%
Tuesday	48	43	89.6%
Wednesday	48	36	75.0%
Thursday	40	37	92.5%
Friday	41	39	95.1%
		Average % for Week*	86.9%

I will give you more information next week about how our results compared to the rest of the city.

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

Picture News

Story: This year's Nobel Prize winners have been announced and include two American scientists jointly winning the 2021 Nobel Prize for medicine.

Question: Is it important for all our achievements and good deeds to be recognised?

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

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

Best wishes



Jonathan Green