



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a lovely half term break. This will be a short newsletter as we start the new half term and will mostly include reminders.

Firstly, please may I ask you to remind yourselves of the contents of the letter we sent through before half term 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. We have now had three positive cases in school of Covid-19. **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD/REN INTO SCHOOL if they have any Covid symptoms and book a PCR Test for them immediately.** In this instance they should only return to school, if the result of the test is negative.

Another follow up reminder from my last newsletter is to ensure 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 complaints from local residents about where cars were parked at pick up and drop off. Please continue to make every effort to do the right thing. Thank you.

New Vision Statements

Please see our new Vision and Ethos Statements at the foot of the newsletter pages. These have been written by staff and we feel reflect our school Christian focus on the Parable of the Sower. We have attempted to make the second one, a version that our children can hold to memory and verbalise its meaning. It might be that both will be updated in the future and please do get back to me with your thoughts about how they might be developed. I would really appreciate some constructive comments. They are both work in progress!

Worship Team

Our Worship Team are already getting busy following their election onto this committee. Their first meeting is scheduled to take place on 8th November at Lunchtime. They have lots of great ideas and I will keep you updated with information about the work they are doing. Thank you Worship Team!

Anti-bullying Theme Week

Anti-Bullying Theme Week starts on Monday 15th November. The theme is '**One Kind Word**' and the children will be involved in a number of activities over the course of the week which highlight the importance of kind words and the difference these make.

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The start of 'Anti-Bullying Week' is also 'Odd Socks Day'. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school - it couldn't be simpler!

To support the work the Anti-Bullying Alliance do, please can we ask that children bring a £1.00 donation. Thank you for all your support.

Parent, Carers and Grandparent Dinners

Please look out for more details about our offer to parents, carers and grandparents and make a note of these school dinner dates. We will be inviting you to join your children for a school lunch on two days in November. The first will be for KS1 on Thursday 18th November and the second for KS2 on 25th.

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.

I have now organised a rehearsal timetable for the children who are taking part. Children involved have been told when their rehearsal is scheduled to take place, so they can bring in any items they need on that day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Unfortunately, there are still a number of parents who did not make their Parent/Teacher 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 just before we broke with return 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.

I will be leading a practical arithmetic workshop for parents after school on this day. 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.**

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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.

Telling stories on Zoom!

We still have only 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. Plus, if you know anyone in the village who loves reading, please encourage them to get in touch with me.

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.

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 is continuing over half term so Mrs Mann will announce the winners when we return.

Picture News

Story: The COP26 climate summit, one of the biggest ever world meetings on how to tackle climate change, is taking place between 31st October and 12th November 2021 and is being held in Glasgow.

Question: What are the best ways to tackle climate change?

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

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

See you on Monday.

Best wishes



Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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