

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

It has been great to welcome you all back to school after quite a wet and eventful half term break. It was also lovely to see you along with our prospective new school parents on Thursday. It was quite a challenging day to organise and arrange, due to the pandemic. I would like to thank you in this regard for your patience and understanding over the course of the day and the way you embraced the limited time that you were in school and made the most of the experience. I also want to thank the staff for putting the day on and ensuring that it was a success.

I do hope that you got as much enjoyment from the day as I did from meeting with you. For those that came, I also hope that you felt you benefitted from my very average Arithmetic session! I am more than happy to add a similar session at the end of a day before Christmas for those parents who did not manage to get to it, but would still appreciate attending. Please get in touch with school, if this is the case and we can look at a date and a time that is suitable for most. Thank you

Millbridge Farm Meeting

I sent a letter of invitation out to all school parent residents who live at the Millbridge Farm site. Vicky Durant has very kindly agreed to let this meeting take place in her house on Thursday November 25th at 10am.

The purpose of the meeting is for me to speak a little bit about the school and how you can best support your child's learning at home. It will also be an opportunity for you to get to know me a little bit better and ask questions. Please refer to the letter in order to complete the return slip if you intend to come along.

I would like to meet with residents on a half termly basis and speak about a variety of school matters that you might find helpful and interesting. The main objective for me is to make sure that you feel part of our lovely school community and confident enough to come in and contribute to it.

Community Afternoon and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December

We hope to hold a community afternoon mainly for the older members of the village and those that have less of a link to the school. Please pass this message on to anyone that you think fits this description and would enjoy a bit of a Christmas shin dig. The invitation can extend to grandparents and other relations.

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I am still considering the most appropriate venue for this and which we decide on will definitely depend on uptake. The most convenient place will be in school, but if we are particularly successful in attracting a good number of people, then we will switch to the village hall.

If you think you might be able to help serve refreshments on that afternoon, provide a raffle prize for a draw, such as a bottle of wine or chocolates, please get in touch with me at school. Thank you

We will also be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on that date. And what's so magical about putting on a jumper, you ask? Well, this Christmas Jumper Day you'll be supporting kids everywhere with basics like food, shelter or education. That is why we are asking that you might send in a small voluntary donation with your child for the enjoyment of wearing this garment rather than a school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Message from Friends of Naburn School

Many thanks to those who attended the AGM last month, it was especially lovely to see some new faces and have new people on board. The minutes of the meeting and the accounts are attached.

Exciting date for your diaries!!! We are pleased to announce that we are resuming our much loved Movie Nights and the first one will be on Friday 19th November at 5.45pm, in school. For those new to school, children are invited to come along to watch a film. They can come in their pyjamas if they want, bring a pillow and well behaved teddies are also welcome! There is a charge of £2 per child to cover the cost of popcorn and juice. KS1 children must be accompanied by an adult. It will finish at approximately 7.15pm. The children will get to vote for their film choice soon in school.

Naburn Village is again organising an advent window trail next month. It will run from the 12th to the 24th of December. The village has kindly agreed that all proceeds can be given to Friends of Naburn School, so we will be setting up text to donate for this. The school will also be joining in and decorating a window too. The Blacksmiths Arms will be providing hot chocolates for the children on the Fridays and Saturdays.

We hope to get more information to you about the Stillingfleet Christmas Fair and what the PTA might be involved in there.

New dates and times for Christmas Events

- The evening nativity performance that is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8th December will start at 6pm.
- School Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 16th December
- Class Christmas parties will be held on Wednesday 15th December. Father Christmas will be in attendance on this day!

Rugby match v Escrick and more!

The children had such a brilliant and different end of the week when they played tag rugby against Escrick. It was so good to get out and about and enjoy the competitive element of sport, but also appreciate the hospitality laid on by Escrick to enable this fixture to take place. The match itself was played in great-spirit and with great enthusiasm. Skill levels and understanding certainly improved as the match progressed. The final score did not matter – suffice to say, Rugby was the winner and every single child had a brilliant time and played superbly. Congratulations Team Naburn and thank you. Thank you also for all the adult and parent support we received. We have another fixture arranged for Monday 15th November against AYJS (Bishopthorpe)!

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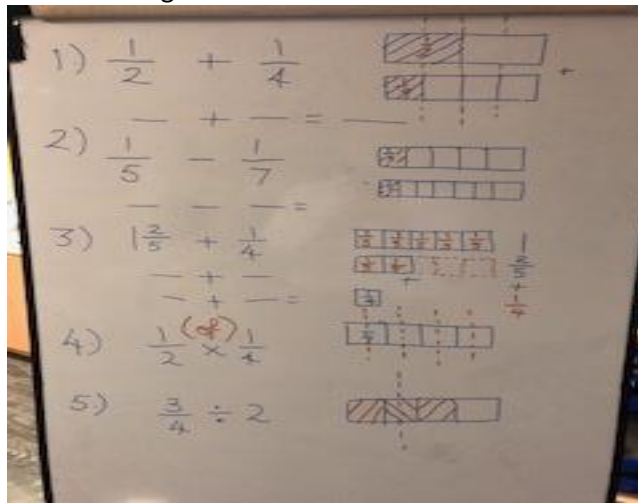
Football Boots

The weather is getting wetter and this brings 'lack of friction/traction issues', particularly if you are a member of the school Rugby Club. Please can I ask parents of school rugby players to find or purchase a pair of football boots for their child. It really does make a massive difference to the levels and standards of play and also the amount of satisfaction the children get from a rugby match or training session. Thank you.

Now that the weather is getting colder and wetter and on a similar note to that in the previous paragraph, please can you ensure that your child has a spare pair of shoes/trainers on PE days (Tuesday and Friday).

'Ave a Go!'

This could be seen to be a bit of a reminder for those parents and children that came to the Arithmetic session. Go on - BE BRAVE and 'ave a go!



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.

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

I have sent a letter out with more details about our school dinner offer to parents, carers and grandparents. As a reminder, we are 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.

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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 started hearing and seeing the potential acts for the event last week and I am pleased to say all have past the rehearsal test! More rehearsals are planned for this week and the 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.

Telling stories on Zoom!

We now have four parent volunteers for this activity. 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.

TT Rockstars

Mrs Mann has set up the battles for the half term. Thank you Mrs Mann

This coming week will be Year 5 vs Year 4 and this promises to be a close battle!

The battles will run every week with different year groups. Year groups will compete against each other to earn the highest number of coins. Children have a week (Monday to Monday) to practise their tables and earn those coins!

The times have been set to only allow the coins to be earned between the hours of 7am to 7pm.

The timetable for this half term is as follows...

Autumn Term 2 Battles – 2021

Date	Year Groups Battling
8.11.21- 15.11.21	Year 5 and Year 4
15.11.21- 22.11.21	Year 3 and Year 2
22.11.21- 29.11.21	Year 6 and Year 4
29.11.21- 6.12.21	Year 1 and Year 2
6.12.21-13.12.21	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 1 -6)

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Picture News

Story: A new study published in a science magazine found that in Gorongosa National Park, Mozambique, a rare genetic condition that causes tuskless elephants has become increasingly common.

Question: Should we do more to protect elephants?

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. The next one is this coming Monday.

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 have a great weekend.

Best wishes



Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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