

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

It seems strange to write that this week has been one of the busiest weeks of my life as far as work is concerned. I am not sure that an Ofsted Inspection was something that I was looking forward to in my first term at Naburn, but I want to thank you all for your incredible support over the course of quite a long week. The lovely messages that you said and wrote have been overwhelming and given us a genuine boost and a spring in our steps. Thank you

I would also like to thank every single member of staff, parent volunteers and all the Governing Body of the school who have gone above and far, far beyond the call of duty over the course of the week. It is a pleasure and privilege to work with such motivated, caring and professional people.

The inspection has meant that we have had to cancel a number of events that were scheduled to happen over the two day process. Once again, I thank you for your understanding. Unfortunately, we will not be able to rearrange the football tournament (which had already been cancelled by the organisers), but we will be able to reschedule the Bun Sale, the Disco and the Year 6 parents SATs for next week or at some point in the New Year.

This will be a shorter letter this week. For some reason, I have had a little less time.

Y6 Assessment and SATs information Evening

The Year 6 SATs parents has been rescheduled for next Thursday now. It appears that my initial invitation wasn't too popular, so we will try again. I have decided to start the meeting at 5.15pm knowing that there is the ASC Christmas Party happening. Children attending this can join us at 5.45pm. However, there is no obligation for children to attend. The meeting is aimed to give parents a good understanding of how the children will be assessed and tested in their final year at Naburn. It will

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also help give ideas about how you can best support your child's learning at home. Please contact the school office if you intend to attend.

YoYo Christmas Visits

Thank you to the YoYo Team who came in to present 'It's Your Christmas' to both our classes. This was a fun learning session for the children which enabled them to explore the meaning of Christmas and why we are celebrate it.



Christmas Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)

The Christmas sessions, which all include a daily nutritious meal, are available to children who are eligible for free school meals.

They include schemes run by clubs, charities, schools and organisations including York City Knights rugby club, York City Football Club and York Theatre Royal. These activities build on successful Government-funded activities run during the last summer holiday.

Parents and carers who think their children and young people might benefit from these activities should check with their school whether they are eligible, then go to www.york.gov.uk/HAF to see which programmes are still available and book direct with the activity provider.

Message from the PTA

Tickets are still on sale for our Christmas Raffle. There is a fabulous hamper of goodies to be won, maybe even two! All monies raised will go to school.

Lighting the Christmas Tree

Thank you to all those that attended the Christmas Tree lighting last Sunday. It was a lovely way to start the Christmas Season outside the Blacksmiths Arms. Thank you to Anne for leading the singing, our children who sang so angelically and also all the adults that 'tried'!

Community Afternoon and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December

We had a very colourful Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for all your donations, all monies received will go to Save the Children.

Our Community Afternoon was a total success. So much festive fun and laughter provided by the children entertaining our guests and it was so good to see so many new faces from our village community. Well done to all the children that performed and thank you. Also thank you to the Friends

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Committee and parents who helped serve refreshments, along with those who kindly donated all the incredible cakes and gifts for the raffle.

Nativity – 2pm – 7th December

We had the loveliest week of Nativity Productions. The ‘Wriggly Nativity’ was a performing triumph! Our talented children loved the spotlight and I am sure that you were equally impressed with their singing, dancing and acting. I shouldn’t mention specific characters, but the ‘Stars’ twinkled, the bouncy shepherds were so energetic, the angels so poised and angelic, the Narrator clear and precise, the Kings so regal, the innkeepers and villagers made sure that the story gave Jesus a stable to be born in, the Donkey kept the play accurately moving through the scenes and Mary and Joseph had the most exciting time! Well done KS1 and thank you to the KS1 members of staff who made it all possible. We have been so lucky to get an actual performance in when so many schools have not managed to because of the Covid-19 situation.



Let’s Get Cooking Club

Mrs Mann wrote a letter announcing that she will be leading a ‘Let’s Get Cooking Club’ from January 12th 2022. Thank you Mrs Mann

The aim of the club is to allow the children to learn life skills which can bring years of food enjoyment, together with learning to eat more healthily and often more cheaply.

The club will be on Wednesdays 3.15- 4.30pm and run by Mrs Mann and as many parent helpers as we can get!

Christmas Date Reminders

Sunday 12th December – Stillingfleet Fair – PTA - Chocolate Tombola – 11am to 3pm
Monday 13th December – Orange Collection Day for Christingle (Please can every child bring an orange to school on this day).
Tuesday 14th December – Prepping Oranges for the Christingle Service (PTA)

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Wednesday 15th December - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties and Father Christmas! Party Clothes!

Thursday 16th December – School Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December - School Christingle Service – St Matthew's Church – 2pm

School Uniform

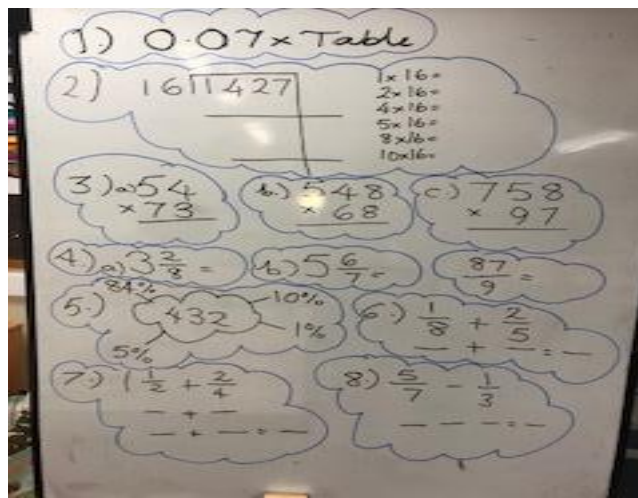
We will be making second hand uniform available in school from the start of the Spring Term. Please help us with this project by bringing us old uniform which your child has grown out of and is still in a good condition. Thank you

Advent Window Trail

A reminder that the Naburn Advent Trail runs from the 12th to the 24th December. Any monies raised will go to school. The Blacksmith's Arms will be helping the festivities along by providing hot chocolates for the children on the Fridays and Saturdays.

'Ave a Go!'

The 'Ave s Go' board is here! Please have a go.



TT Rockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

Congratulations to Year 2 for winning the battle last week!

Year 6 are currently in the lead in this week's whole school battle with Year 4 and 5 close behind. The winning year group for this week's battle will receive an extra playtime next week and you have until Monday to try to catch Year 6!

Happy times tabling Naburn!

Picture News

Story: School nativity plays, and musical concerts have taken place in various formats this year. Health minister, Edward Argar, has said festive plays are important.

Question: Who are school performances for?

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

Best wishes

Jonathan Green, Headteacher

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