

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

26<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents

It was good to meet some of the residents of Millbridge Farm on Thursday and I do hope that you found the content of the meeting useful.

I informed you all in last week's newsletter that I am replacing the meeting for parents on Reading with a meeting for Year 6 parents on SATs. This will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December and the content of the meeting will include important information about what is assessed and tested and how the assessment and testing system works. It will also include ideas for how you can best support your child's learning. There will be an assessment session for all other year groups in the Spring Term, plus the rescheduled Reading Workshop. More details on the timings of the Year 6 meeting will follow next week.

#### **School Photo Ordering Deadline**

Please remember that school photos need to be ordered online and the deadline for orders is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

#### **Thank you Mrs Horne**

Thank you to Mrs Horne who came down to school with her wheel barrow earlier in the week to tidy and clear the vegetable patch.

#### **Thank you Friends of Naburn School – Movie Night!**

Movie Night was a storming success. Twenty one children came back to school to watch the animated version of the Grinch and just over £40 was raised. Thank you to the Friends of Naburn for organising and supervising.

#### **Community Afternoon and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

I write to remind you of our Community Afternoon. This will be held in the school hall and we have displayed posters around the village. We will also be posting invitations through post boxes over the course of the next couple of weeks. Thank you to members of Friends of Naburn for agreeing to do this.

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

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Our Christmas Jumper Day will also take place on this date. We are asking you to send your child in on this day with a small voluntary donation as well as a Christmas themed top. The money raised will go towards supporting children with basics like food, shelter or education.

### **Football Match v Knavesmire**

I am not sure when the last school football match against another school took place, but our game against Knavesmire was worth waiting for. It was filled with end to end excitement, superb football skills, wonderful comradery and magnificent sporting behaviour. Well done to every single player in the team and thank you for your great conduct. Also, thank you to the parents that transported and supported.

I would also like to thank Mr Durant for generously offering to fund the purchase of a new football kit for the team. I can see red and white stripes! Perfect!

### **Football Tournament**

The 9<sup>th</sup> December, looks to be a busy and exciting day. One of the numerous exciting things that will happen on this day is a football tournament which is being held at York College over the course of the day. I have entered the school team and will provide more information next week about arrangements.

### **Message from Friends of Naburn School**

Save the date! We have booked St Crux hall on Saturday 12th March 2022. This is a great fundraiser for school, we run the cafe and bric a brac stalls. Lots of parent help is needed (more details to follow) but it is also lots of fun for adults and children alike so please make a note of the date.

### **Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Chocolate Tombola**

Exciting times as we move towards Christmas. We are holding a non-uniform day on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. For the privilege of coming to school in normal clothes, we are asking that children bring a £1 donation for School Council funds and a Chocolate item for the Stillingfleet Fair that is taking place later in December and where our Friends Committee are in charge of the Chocolate Tombola. Yummy!

### **Raffle Prizes – PLEASE HELP!**

Lastly, you might remember that two years ago we put together some fabulously festive hampers for the PTA to raffle off and they were a great success. Hope Community Perseverance 'Our Christian Vision is to build an environment of support and growth rooted in core values of perseverance, hope and community.' 'With God's help we work together, to try our best to take root in good soil and grow.' The lovely hampers are made with items donated by parents and tickets are sold in order to win one – simple! We welcome new, non-perishable items of chocolate/wine/biscuits/chutneys/jams - just the usual stuff you get in a really nice Christmas hamper. We did initially ask for items to be in by today but we have had very little brought in to school. PLEASE CAN DONATIONS BE BROUGHT IN EARLY NEXT WEEK, WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER AT THE LATEST. THANK YOU!

### **Nativity – 2pm (Community Invited) – 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Please note that we have a number of performances of our Nativity this year and I am so looking forward to them all. This year the production is called 'A Wiggly Nativity' and will be performed at the Village Hall. Our first performance is the Dress Rehearsal on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. We have invited the local playgroups to join us. That afternoon is our next performance and is open to

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parents and the local community. Please get out and about and tell people. Our evening presentation is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and starts at 6pm.

### **School Council News (Disco 9th and Bake Sale 8th)**

The School Council is really starting to add to the life of the school. They are organising a Disco on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December and are also arranging a Bake Sale on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. I know that they will be writing letters soon to give you more information. I also know that they are very active and want to make a very positive difference. I am looking forward to seeing their ideas and work develop over the year.

### **Christmas Date Reminders**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Carols round the Christmas Tree (Flag Pole/Blacksmith's Arms!) – 6pm
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Nativity Dress Rehearsal and Matinee – Village Hall (10am and 2pm)
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Nativity – 6pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Football Tournament – All day
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Y6 Parents Meeting – Testing and Assessments
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> – School Council Disco
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Christmas Community Afternoon – 1.30pm Start
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Stillingfleet Fair – PTA - Chocolate Tombola – 11am to 3pm
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Orange Collection Day for Christingle (Please can every child bring an orange to school on this day).
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Prepping Oranges for the Christingle Service (PTA)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b> - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties and Father Christmas! Party Clothes!
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> – School Christmas Dinner
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> - School Christingle Service – St Matthew's Church – 2pm

### **Christmas Post Box**

The School Christmas Post Box opens on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Year 6 will be responsible for collection and delivery. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to school friends, they can use this exciting service. Please ensure that the name of the recipient, their surname and their class is clearly written on the envelope. Thank you

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## 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

## Father Christmas is coming to Naburn Village!

Derwent Lions are bringing the spirit of Christmas to Naburn on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at approximately 6.30pm, while collecting for Lions' good causes. Track Santa  
<https://derwent.lionsclub.co/rocking-rudolph/> Click 'Find Santa' (subject to network availability)  
<https://derwent.lionsclub.co/rocking-rudolph/>

## Winter activities for families in York

Families Get Active are offering further family activity sessions this winter. Their upcoming photograph walks include:

- Christmas time photography winter wander, 4 December 2021
- York cat walk, 29 January 2022
- Snickelways of York, 26 February 2022
- Minster gardens and treasure's house, 26 March 2022
- Museum gardens, 23 April 2022

Families can sign up by emailing [rrowan@wea.org.uk](mailto:rrowan@wea.org.uk).

Families Get Active also offer a free interactive resource called York Family Walks; a celebration of the active wellbeing legacy set up by Joseph Rowntree. This is full of interactive curriculum content with activities linking to STEM, wellbeing, history, etc.

If you would like further information about the work of Families Get Active, please email Rebecca at [rrowan@wea.org.uk](mailto:rrowan@wea.org.uk).

## Advent Window Trail

### Calling all Naburn residents!

Last year, the Advent windows were sooooo amazing, we thought it would be great to repeat the trail in Naburn. We have decided to run the Advent windows from 12th to the 24th December so that we have plenty of time to enjoy them. With the trail, we will be raising money for Naburn Primary school, and the Blacksmith's Arms will be helping the festivities along by providing hot chocolates for the children on the Fridays and Saturdays.

However - we need **YOUR** help! Would you be able to prepare a window and contribute to the Christmassy trail? Please get in touch with Susie Raimes [susier1971@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susier1971@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07813379521

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## Parent/Headteacher Meetings

I am looking forward to meeting more of you at my headteacher/parent meetings. These will continue to take place on Mondays, beginning at 4.30pm. If you would like to meet me individually, please see the date below and phone the school office to book an appointment. The next one is in a couple of weeks time.

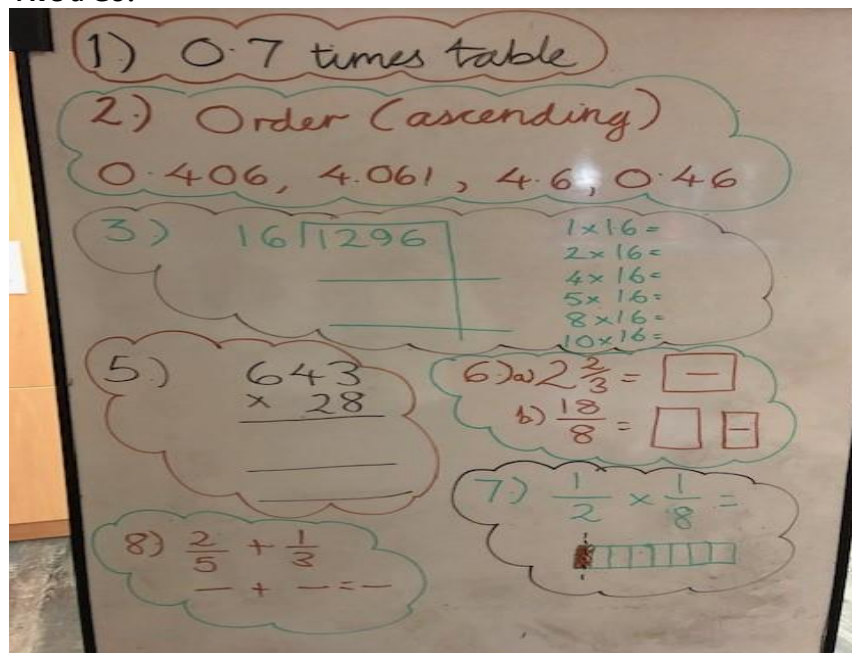
Meeting Date	Time
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm to 6pm

## Stars of the Week

Here are this week's Stars' of the Week. They all have done very special things in school and we are very grateful. Congratulations and thank you! They also win prizes for the craziest faces!



## 'Ave a Go!'



The 'Ave a go!' Board is here so please have a go!

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## Parent, Carers and Grandparent Dinners

I really hope that the KS2 parents who came into school on Thursday enjoyed the experience of having a school lunch with their children. Thank you for coming along. It was great to see you and there will be more opportunities for you to come along in the Spring and Summer Term.



## TT Rockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

This week's battle is between Year 4 and Year 6. Currently Year 4 are in the lead with lots of children taking part to improve the number of coins scored. Well done to those who have been practising!

Really good to see the number of children practising their times tables has risen across the school in both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two this week... all battling to win the title of 'Rockstar of the week'. Great news and keep it up!

Date	Year Groups Battling
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)

Next week's battle is a Key Stage One battle between Year 1 and 2 and promises to be another close competition.

Happy times tabling Naburn!

## Picture News

**Story:** Brazil's indigenous people came together at COP26 earlier this month to share their message: the world needs their expertise in protecting the Amazon rainforest to solve the global warming crisis.

**Question:** Is the world a better place if we live more natural lives?

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

I hope that you enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes

Jonathan Green, Headteacher

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