



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

What a brilliantly exciting week at Naburn CE Primary! More details included and much to look forward to, but one of the many highlights was Acorn's Class Visit to the Atkinsons' Farm. It was deliberately arranged to be right in the middle of lambing and I am very grateful to Dicky Atkinson for hosting the trip at such a busy time for him. The level of learning and understanding from such a superb first-hand experience is beyond measure and the joy and excitement in the expressions of the children could be witnessed and observed in the photographs and videos that were taken. Thank you to the Atkinson family. You have inspired the next generation of shepherds!



### Attendance

We are always encouraging 100% attendance and excellent timekeeping. You will receive a document today which summarises your child's attendance this academic year to date, along with reasons why good attendance and punctuality benefits learning. We will review this on a half termly basis and will run the next report at the end of this half term.

### Attendance Streaks – new initiative!

To run alongside the document mentioned above we are planning a new reward system for good attendance at school.

The **attendance streak** is the number of consecutive days a child attends school. If a child is absent for any reason then the attendance streak is broken and will start again. The attendance streak will be recorded by the pupil in class every day. Once a pupil goes past an attendance streak threshold they can then 'cash in' the number of reward points. For instance, if they attended 20 days in a row then they would receive 50 rewards points for passing the 20 day mark. The other reward thresholds are:

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- 10 days - 25 rewards points.
- 20 days - 50 reward points.
- 40 days - 75 reward points.
- 80 days - 100 rewards points.
- 160 days - 125 reward points.
- Full school year - 500 reward points.

Pupils can 'cash in' their attendance streak for rewards. Attendance streaks threshold will be recorded and reported every half term by classteachers.

Ideas for reward thresholds would be gratefully received. We will be endeavouring to begin this new initiative when I am comfortable that all necessary arrangements are in place.

### **Headteacher/Parent Meetings**

A list of the remaining meetings for the Spring Term can be found in the table below. Please get in touch with the School Office if you wish to make an appointment.

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> January	4.30pm to 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup> February	4.30pm to 6pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30pm to 6pm

### **Parent Governor Elections**

There is a Parent Vacancy on the Governing Body. I sent a letter last week giving more details about the important work that Governors are involved in and how they contribute to our school community. If you are interested in taking up this position, please read the letter. It also gives detail about the election process and how you can apply.

### **Filming the weekly newsletter**

I point you in the direction of my 'newsreader style' filmed version of the newsletter. This is for people who prefer pictures to words and can be found on the website or on this link that will take you directly to it. <https://youtu.be/RAvhVziailw>

### **Covid-19 Risk Assessment Update**

There have been minor alterations to the school's Covid-19 Risk Assessment. I confess that the document I previously put on the website last week was only half complete. I had convinced myself that it was finished, but must have dreamt that bit! Please use the link attached to read the updated document. <https://www.naburnschool.com/general/covid-secure-arrangements-updated-17-1-22>

### **Parking outside school – Thank you**

Thank you to all those who use their car to transport their children to and from school, for taking notice of my request to park more responsibly. We really welcome and appreciate your cooperation which has enabled us to make 'drop off' and 'pick up' so much safer for everyone concerned. Thank

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you also to Mrs Atkinson for taking the role of School Traffic Officer so seriously and helping to change hearts and minds.

We also benefitted and appreciated a visit from two Local Authority Parking Officers yesterday who were very happy with how we were applying our stricter parking regime. Their smiles show how happy they were! Thank you to them for coming down and thank you again to our Office Team for organising this.



### **Football Match**

I am excited to announce that we have arranged another two football matches. This time we are playing against the Archbishop of York's CE Junior School. The first of these is away from home and will take place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. It will be our first opportunity to wear our new school kits! We have selected eighteen children to represent the school split into two teams. If the light is good enough we hope to have a mini-tournament. Good luck Teams' of Naburn!

### **Worship Team lead worship**

Thank you to the Worship Team who led worship on Wednesday on the theme of what the Candle, Cross and the Bible mean to them. It was the most delightful service and a privilege to witness. They are an incredible group and I am so proud of them. Congratulations Worship Team



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## Tennis Year 1 to 6

You will have seen that we are looking to run a Tennis Club if there is enough interest in school. Each Session will cost £4.50 and we are hoping to run the club for six weeks. Please send replies via the electronic form by close of play on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see the link if your child is keen to attend <https://bit.ly/Naburntennisclub>. Thank you

## Millbridge Farm Meeting

I am looking forward to meeting residents of Millbridge Farm next Wednesday at 10am at Vicky's house. 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 related to school. Please make every effort to attend.

## TT Rockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

Staff and children are currently battling it out against each other! This battle will run until Monday 24th January so there is still time to practise. I know lots of staff members are planning some TT Rockstar sessions over the weekend so it promises to be a close tournament, with the winners to be announced on Monday!

Here is the timetable for battles over the next half term:

Date	Year Groups
24/01/22- 31/01/22	Year 5 vs Year 6
31/01/22 – 7/02/22	Year 3 vs Year 4
7/02/22- 14/02/22	Year 2 vs Year 3
14/02/22- 18/02/22	Key Stage 2

Happy battling Naburn!

## Parent and Grandparent Dinners

Our School Meal provider has confirmed dates for our Parents and Grandparents dinner. The dates for KS1 parents are Thursday 10th February and Thursday 7th April. For KS2 we have set aside Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

A reminder that the cost of an adult meal is £2.46.

## Picture News

**Story:** Rose Ayling-Ellis, profoundly deaf winner of Strictly Come Dancing, has called for change regarding BSL's legal status in the UK and said she had spoken to Labour MP Rosie Cooper about her Bill in Parliament.

**Question:** What sounds do we hear around us?

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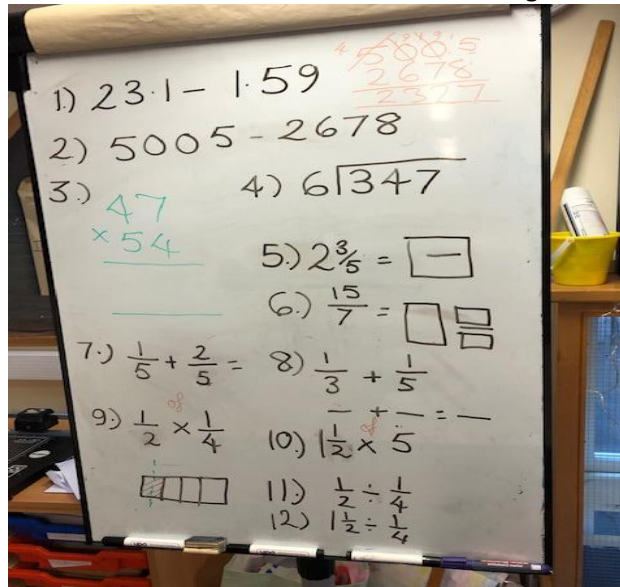
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## 'Ave a Go!'

I have included the Year 5 'Ave a Go' board this week! Please have a go.



## Stars of the Week

These are our sensational stars! Congratulations and thank you for all that they have added to our school this week.



I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Best wishes

Jonathan Green  
Headteacher

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