

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

Happy New Year and I hope that you had a lovely Christmas holiday. The first week back at school has been an excellent one. The start of every term is a great time to remind children about our Core Christian values and school expectations. I am delighted to report that the children have responded superbly to this input, as I always expected and we have had the loveliest few days. It was a pure delight to see them bouncing happily and excitedly back into school on Wednesday, totally ready for their learning and enthusiastic about the opportunities that the term will bring.

ASC

We have had a challenge or two with the staffing of our After School Club this week due to staff illness. This issue will last until the middle of next week. For those families that use ASC, thank you for only sending your children in when it was absolutely necessary. I ask for your continued patience and understanding in this regard until Wednesday of next week when we should have it operating at full capacity.

Punctuality

We would just like to remind you about the timings for school in the morning. The school gates open at 8.45am. School starts at 9am for KS1 (Acorn Class) and 8.55am for KS2 (Sycamore Class). Your child can arrive anytime between 8.45am and their start time.

We are noticing that more and more children are being late regularly. This impacts negatively on teaching time and as a consequence slows down the rest of the class members learning.

From this half term, all pupils who arrive after 8.55am for KS2 and 9.00am for KS1 will come via the office to order their lunch and will be recorded as late.

I am sure you will agree that the importance of being punctual is an important lesson that we want to teach our children and we look forward to your support in this matter. Thank you

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YoYo

It was great to welcome the YoYo team into school on Thursday. They presented a session to Sycamore Class on Epiphany which generated lots of discussion, poems, prayers and creative writing. They then prepared and presented a Worship to the rest of the school. Thank you YoYo and congratulations KS2.



Key Stage 1 Book Bags

Please could all children in KS1 bring their book bag to school every day. Reading books and reading records need to be brought in every morning and taken home every evening so we can maximise reading opportunities. Thank you.

Snacks

Just a reminder that KS1 children do not need to bring in snacks into school. They are provided with fresh fruit in school. KS2 children may bring in a snack but this must be a healthy option, crisps and chocolate are not permitted.

Friends of Naburn Primary School News

Raffle and Tombola

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work over the Christmas period. Their amazing efforts in arranging, organising and running the raffle and tombola have resulted in a profit of £360.30 for the school. This is such good news and a wonderful late Christmas present.

Wild Water New Year's Day Swim!

I only just found out about this incredible event on my return to school. Freddie and Wilkie's mum and dad arranged a wild water swimming event to raise funds for Acorn and Sycamore. They charged those that were brave enough, £10 to enter the lake on their farm. In total 50 people got in the water and I am pleased to say 50 got out at the other side and made the school £500 better off. I am totally in awe of their commitment to the school and I thank them for their care, thought and generosity. Bless them and bless all the heroic swimmers. I believe that they are planning future events and I know that Mrs G would be very interested if it were to take place next year. I think I have just literally dropped her in it!

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Parking outside school

Please can I ask for your cooperation and assistance if you drive your children to and from school. Would you make every effort not to park on the double yellow lines and switch off your engines as soon as you park up. Thank you

Easter Service – date for your diary

Please add this date to your diary. We will be holding an Easter Service on Friday 8th April at St Matthew's Church starting at 2pm.

Farm Trip for KS1

I am thrilled to tell you that the KS1 children will be paying a visit to the Atkinson's farm on Monday 17th January. The farm will be in the thick of lambing, so the children will see, hear and learn a great deal! KS1 parents should have received a letter giving more details earlier in the week. Thank you to the Atkinson family for making this possible.

If you can spare an hour

More hands 'on deck' in the classroom would be greatly appreciated in KS2! If you can spare an hour on the same day every week to support the teaching and learning of Maths, please get in touch with the school office or me. Maths sessions run from 11am to 12 noon every day and the role would vary from supporting a child, to working with a group, to being an extra pair of hands for the whole class. Thank you

Y6 SATs presentation on the school website

I have added the PowerPoint presentation on Year 6 tests and assessments to the website which I delivered to parents just before the holiday. I will send a link to you in my next newsletter. Parents in other year groups might also find it useful to get an idea of the end of KS2 expectations.

Spring Term Dates

Please take a look at the Spring Term Dates for parents which is attached to this litter. Dates have also been added to the school website. Plenty of new and exciting activities planned and more extra-curricular opportunities.

School Uniform

Second hand uniform is now available in school. Please continue to help us with this project by bringing us old uniform which your child has grown out of and that is still in a good condition. Thank you.

Covid-19 Update

Changes to isolation and testing

Another change this week was to the length of time staff and pupils with a positive lateral flow test result should self-isolate, in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed Covid infection.

It is now possible to end self-isolation after seven days, following two negative lateral flow tests taken 24 hours apart. The first lateral flow test should not be taken before the sixth day.

From next Tuesday (11 January), if staff or pupils do not have symptoms, but have a positive lateral flow test, they do not need to get a confirmatory PCR test.

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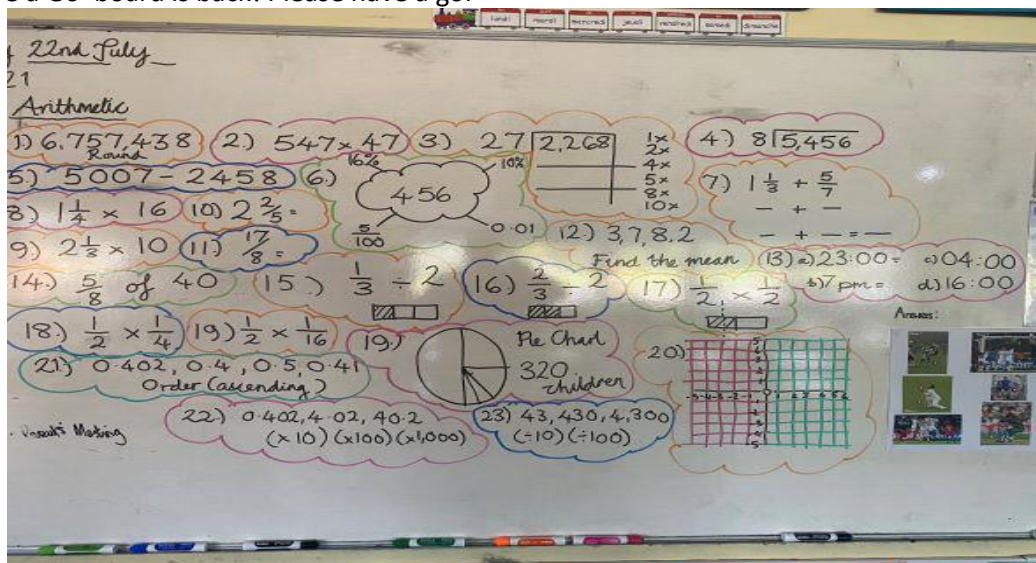
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TT Rockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

Mrs Mann will be in touch with more details about TTRockstars battles next week. In the meantime, please keep encouraging your children to practice their times tables! Happy times tabling Naburn!

'Ave a Go!'

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



Picture News

Story: The \$10bn (£7.45bn) James Webb Space Telescope, thought to be one of the most impressive and ambitious, has been successfully launched into space on top of a huge rocket.

Question: What do we already know about stars and planets?

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

Best wishes

Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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