



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

Thank you so much for all your marvellous support over the first half of the Spring Term. I am continually inspired by our wonderful children, their sense of fun and their desire to learn and contribute to the school. They really brighten dull winter days and I thank you for the way that you support them with the school's ethos and mission.

Remember that if you prefer pictures to words, you can hear me reading the newsletter by using the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXsL7ekji_w

Mrs King and Mrs Gowlett

We marked two wonderful members of our staff leaving us this week with lovely leaving events. Thank you to Mrs King and Mrs Gowlett for all they have given to our school and we send our best wishes to them both.



Year 4 Parents Maths Tables Check Meeting

Only two parents were able to attend the Maths Tables Check meeting on Wednesday. I have decided to run it again, the first week after half term for all those who could not make it. The new date will be Wednesday 2nd March and it will begin at 4.30pm. Please let the office know if you plan to attend. In the meantime please use the link below which will take you to a screen that displays a very similar

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exercise to the Maths Tables Check. It is worth having a go yourself and asking your children to use it leading up to the June test.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

I will send you a link to the presentation from this week's meeting in due course.

For a little bit of extra information for all year groups, the game on TT Rockstars that recreates the MTC is the '**Soundcheck**' game. **Twenty five** times tables questions with **6 seconds** for each question. Worth trying!



Mental Health Week Work

The children have been involved in a number of different activities to promote Mental Health Week. Below are examples of work done in Sycamore class.



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on 3rd March 2022, we will be taking part in lots of book-themed activities throughout the day.

We have decided not to ask the whole school to dress up this year, and instead hold a 'book café' for the children in each class. The book café will be an opportunity for children to come in and sit at a café-themed table (complete with table cloths, cups and saucers and tea pots!), and select books that they would like to look at. To make the café as inviting as possible, we would love it if there were some new books in each classroom, and so are asking for donations of new books, which can then be kept in the class reading areas.

All new books will be given a label inside the front cover, giving the names of the families who have donated the book.

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Donations are entirely voluntary, and there is no obligation to contribute, but it would be lovely to give the children some amazing new books to read.

If you would like to donate a new, good-quality book there are some age-appropriate ideas in the links below. Please could all books be brought into school on Monday 28th February.

Many thanks for your support.

Free Audio Books

There are lots of brilliant audio books available for free on the following link:-

[World Book Day Audiobooks](#)

Have a listen and get lost in a book!

Book Recommendations

[Reading Recommendations \(worldbookday.com\)](#)

[Books ForTopics: Best Books by Year Group](#)

[Our book recommendations | BookTrust](#)

PS – I know that some children might be disappointed at not being able to dress up, so to placate them a little, World Book Day will also be a non-uniform day. Children may choose their non-uniform to be that of a book character if they wish.

Visit to the Blades!



KS2 families received a letter on Wednesday explaining that I have looked into purchasing tickets for the **Sheffield Utd v Middlesbrough** fixture at Bramall Lane, Sheffield on **Tuesday 8th March** (Kick off 7.45pm).

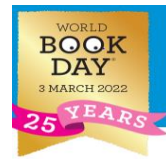
This will be a great opportunity for the children to attend a high quality professional sporting event with a close family member for a relatively low price. Both Sheffield Utd and Middlesbrough are in good form and on target to reach the play off stages of the Championship, with the ultimate goal of playing in the Premier League next season. It should be a very exciting evening. Up the Blades!

I will send out more information when we return after half term.

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Comic Relief Day – 18.3.22

Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March and we are planning an exciting day. I am busy organising an intra-school football tournament for all the children to be part of. For the privilege of taking part in this event, we will be asking the children to bring a small donation which will go to Comic Relief.

Standing still in the playground – not running around

Please may I politely ask you again not to allow your KS1 children to run around the playground at 'pick up' time if you are waiting for children from Sycamore Class. Thank you

Y5/6 Residential Meeting change – 7pm

I have altered the time of the **Year 5/6 Residential Meeting to 7pm on 9th March**. Hopefully this will enable all parents to get back from work and attend. Children are welcome to come along as well. Thank you.

Message from Friends of Naburn Primary School

Massive thanks to everyone who came along last Saturday to the quiz night. It was a great evening for the whole community with parents, governors, staff and Naburn villagers attending. The quiz was challenging, the interactive plasticine round was creative and fun and the musical chairs was hilarious! Well done to everyone who took part and especially the winning team.

Huge thanks to Becci and her Mum for doing such an amazing quiz and thanks to everyone on the Friends Committee who helped make the evening a success. Finally, thanks to Mr Green for helping with the interactive quiz rounds and for his efforts trying to control the unruly parent in musical chairs!

The evening made £345, all of which will go towards purchasing classroom resources.



Musical Chairs



Coin Roll

St Crux

Thank you to those who have returned forms offering help with the day. You should now have received your slip back advising what you have been allocated.

We would still really appreciate more help on the day, particularly in the afternoon, and we are short

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of some of the grocery items too, per the letter sent out earlier this week. Please let Rachel, or the office, know if you are able to offer anything.

If you can't help on the day but are in town, please call in to say 'Hi' - it will be great to see you!

As ever, if anyone is keen to get involved with the Friends of Naburn School please get in touch with Becci or Charlotte, or speak to Joanne or Rachel in the school office. It's a great way to get to know more parents and you may have some brilliant ideas for future fundraising events or socials that we haven't ever considered! All ideas very welcome!

Attendance Streaks – new initiative!

We have had our second week of **Attendance Streaks** and I am pleased to report that it has gone very well. Attendance and unauthorised absence is improving week on week which I am delighted about. Please continue to make every effort to get your children to school on time and ensure that they are in school every day of the week.

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.

Meeting Date	Time
2 nd March	4.30pm to 6pm
23 rd March	4.30pm to 6pm
6 th April	4.30pm to 6pm

TT Rockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

Well done to all those taking part in this week's TT Rockstar Battle. This week has seen more children taking part across Key Stage Two and is another close battle. At the time of writing this newsletter, Year 4s are in the lead and on track to earn an extra playtime!

Keep practising your times tables over the half term and we will start a new timetable of battles after half term.

Happy Times Tabling Naburn!

Parent and Grandparent Dinners

We had our second parents and carers' dinner on Thursday. It was enjoyed by three of our Sycamore Class parents. Thank you to Julie and Mellor's for their hard work.



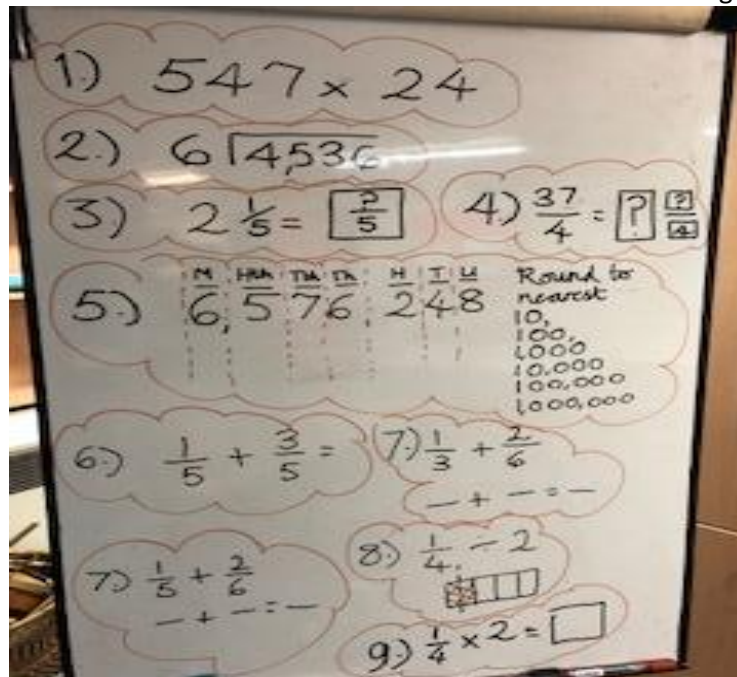
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'Ave a Go!'

I have once again included the Year 6 'Ave a Go' board this week! Please have a go.



YoYo – 'It's Your Bible'

The Year 5 and 6 children now know all 66 books of the Bible in the correct order, off by heart and with actions which explain the main theme of each! Thank you to YoYo for working on this with them. It has been a lot of fun and definitely unforgettable. Here is a picture of them performing it.



Stars of the Week

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

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Helen O'Grady Prize Draw

Thank you to those who put their names forward to win a term of Helen O'Grady lessons. We put the names in a hat and I am delighted to tell you that our winner is Felicia. We hope she enjoys her lessons and we look forward to hearing all about them.

Stop Press!

Please take a look at the article in the Press about York Rotary Club's very generous donation of dictionaries to the school.

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/3PegjtBZMaGhEUfcUefJmNP6Gi?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.yorkpress.co.uk%2Fnews%2F19931273.york-rotary-gift-naburn-tang-hall-heworth-lord-deramore%2F>

I hope that you all have a lovely half term week. In just over a month, it will be cricket season, days will be longer and the sun will shine!

Best wishes

Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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