



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

I really hope that you all had a good half term and have managed to get some good family time.

It has been great to be back at school and as you will see from this week's newsletter, we have been incredibly busy in school, doing plenty of exciting learning and activities. We are also looking forward to the next five weeks leading up to Easter with plenty of events on the calendar!

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

<https://youtu.be/A3wPAnmiEso>

### Sycamore Class work and photos – newspaper accounts

The journalists of Year 5/6 have reported on a very intriguing event which occurred last Tuesday night in Naburn. Villagers awoke to the strange - and unsettling - sight of thousands of lily pads strewn throughout the streets; pools of stinking pond algae; missing laundry and terrified pets. There were also multiple reports of ... flying toads! Our superstar investigators got to the root of the story by interviewing local residents, police officers and eminent scientists. Read their fabulous newspaper reports which are now on display in the Hall ... and admire the beautiful art work that accompanies it. PS: watch out for flying amphibians next Tuesday night too!



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### Year 4 Parents Maths Tables Check Meeting

Thank you so much to all the Year 4 parents for attending the MTC Meeting on Wednesday afternoon. I have added the Power Point presentation to the website and along with the 'Maths Frame' 'Tables Test Resource' below (See links). Both these will be helpful for you and your children no matter what year they are in, so please do take a look at them and please do use them. Your Tables knowledge and speed will improve along with your children. Plus it is fun and competitive!

1. <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>
2. <https://www.naburnschool.com/general/multiplication-tables-check-meeting-presentation>

### World Book Day

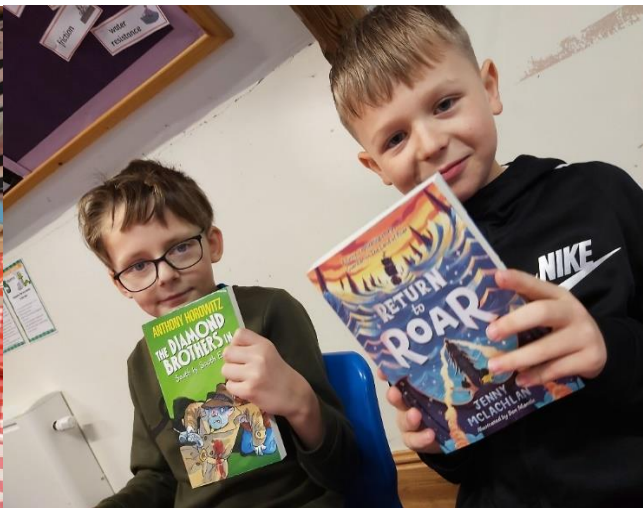


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Thank you for all your kind donations to school of wonderful reading books. They really helped us celebrate World Book Day yesterday and will add value, excitement and a love of reading.

Over the course of the day, children took part in a number of activities which included a 'book café', Buddy Reading sessions, sharing their favourite novels. Many also dressed for the occasion, including staff!

#### **Y5/6 Residential Meeting change of date – 7pm**

I have altered the date of the **Year 5/6 Residential Meeting to 7pm on 16<sup>th</sup> March**. Hopefully this will enable all parents to get back from work and attend. Children are welcome to come along as well. Thank you.

#### **Easter Competition**

A reminder that we will be holding a **NEW** annual event! The Easter Competition! This will take place on the morning of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. All children are invited to enter one of three categories per class. The categories are as follows:

- ☐ Making an Easter Garden
- ☐ Making an Easter Gift
- ☐ Creating a topical scene using **real** eggs as characters! E.g. "The Univers 'eggy' Boat Race" could be a model of eggs in boats representing Oxford and Cambridge as they paddle down the Thames.

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In the meantime, if you wish to know more, please come and see me or give me a ring. Still plenty of time for the children to design, prepare and create.

It would be great to have a local celebrity judge, so please get back to me if you know any suitable candidates in our community who might be interested. They will have the tricky job of judging who the chocolate prizes will be awarded to! YUMMY!

### Open the Book

It was great to welcome Open the Book to school to lead our worship on the Bible story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Total drama and excitement!



### Apple Tree Planting at Forest Schools

We enjoyed a whole school visit to our Future Forest School's plot to plant the Apple Trees that Mr Norris kindly purchased. Thank you Mr Norris and thank you Mrs Horne for being the brains behind the operation.

On a similar topic, next Thursday, Sycamore Class will walk to the Atkinson's Farm to help plant one hundred native oak trees in place of ash trees killed by ash dieback. Ash die back is a fungal infection which has killed many ash trees in the UK, so it is great to be given this opportunity as a school to help our natural environment. More pictures of this project next week.



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### **Miss Brett**

I am still not in a position to tell you exactly when Miss Brett will return to school. She did pop in on Wednesday to say hello to the children and meet with me. It was great to see her and I do know that the children in Sycamore Class were keen to say hello. Please be assured that I will give you more information as soon as I have it. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

### **Message from Friends of Naburn Primary**

#### St Crux

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, St Crux, is nearly here now! The team are super busy finalising last minute preparations and we have everything crossed for good weather. We are so very grateful for all of the very generous offers of help and donations that have been offered. Without them all it would not be possible to run the event.

Please bring all baked and grocery items to school next Friday morning (11th) and any bric-a-brac /

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toys on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings.

If you can spare any time on the day to help run the cafe or man a stall please let Rachel or the office know (if you haven't already), or if you happen to be in York that day do pop in to say Hi (it's at the bottom of the Shambles).

Thank you all for supporting this event, and in turn, our lovely school, it's so appreciated.

### 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
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30pm to 6pm

### TT Rockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

Congratulations to the Year 4s who won the last Key Stage Two battle and have earned their extra playtime! Very well done to all those who took part with some outstanding performances from lots of pupils across the Key Stage.

The battles will run every week with different year groups. Year groups will compete against each other to earn the highest number of coins. Children have a week (Monday to Monday) to practise their tables and earn those coins!

The times have been set to only allow the coins to be earned between the hours of 7am to 7pm.

Please encourage your child to practise as much as possible to help them improve their times tables.

Happy Battling!

The timetable for this half term is as follows...

Date	Year Groups Battling
7.3.2022	Year 5 and Year 4
14.3.2022	Year 3 and Year 2
21.3.2022	Year 6 and Year 4
28.3.2022	Year 1 and Year 2
04.4.2022	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 1 -6)

### Picture News

**Story:** The BBC has reported that an increasing number of children in Afghanistan are having to work to help support themselves and their families, instead of going to school.

**Question:** How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school?

**Virtual Assembly:** Found here: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

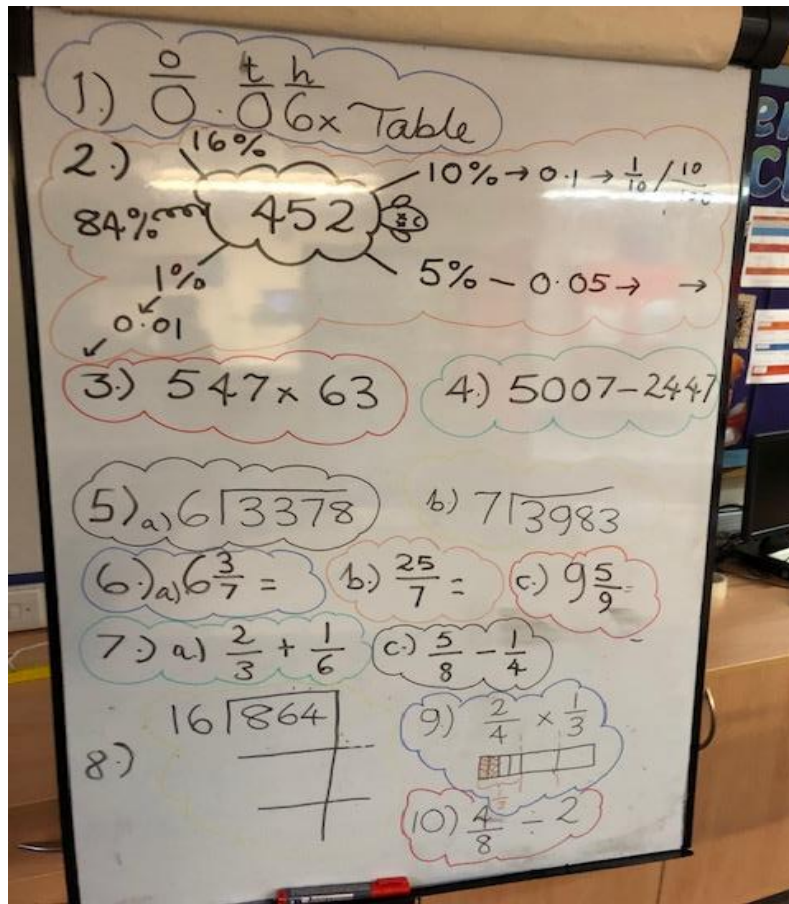
### 'Ave a Go!'

The Year 6 'Ave a Go' board this week! Please have a go.

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### Stars of the Week

These are our sensational Stars of the Week plus TTRockstar Champ! Congratulations and thank you for all that they have added to our school this week.



Hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Jonathan Green  
Headteacher

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