

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

It is so good to be back in school and looking forward to a long and sunny summer term. Plenty to get excited about and we will get a list of dates out for school events next week all being well.

Don't forget, if you prefer sound and vision to reading, you can use this link to hear the newsletter being read. <https://youtu.be/KbWImU0luMw>

As you will be aware, the start of term has been super busy. We are working hard on so many aspects which will drive development and improvement at quite a pace. This brings with it certain pressures, but I am delighted to report that the lovely Naburn school atmosphere is clear to see as soon as you walk into the playground and hopefully when you are halfway down the street! Happy children, happy voices, smiling faces, excited chatter. It truly is a delight to work in such an environment. Added to this is the weight of wonderful support we are receiving from the whole school community. We are very grateful.

I continue the start of the newsletter with a reminder about our meeting next week about the future of our wonderful school. This is due to take place in school on Thursday 5 May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Representatives from the council, Diocese and the school will provide an update on support for the school and on the process that was agreed by the council's Executive on Thursday 21st April. This will see the council follow a 'twin track' approach, working with the Diocese to identify an academy sponsor for the school within the next six to eight months, whilst beginning a consultation to consider the future of primary school places in Naburn. **It is essential that you all attend this meeting** and that includes all parents of children that go to different Primary Schools. Please also promote it in the village and get as many people as possible to come along.

Please note that if there is a big turnout which is too big for the school to accommodate, then the meeting will adjourn and we will walk to the village hall to reconvene. In case this does occur, please make every effort to arrive at school for **5.15pm**, so we can make a more informed decision about the most suitable venue. Thank you

Finally on this subject, please can any parents who cannot attend the meeting, or anyone who has a question they would like presented for them, send these into school by the end of next Wednesday. Thank you

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Mrs Burton and Miss Brett

It has been great to welcome Mrs Burton as part of our teaching team this week. I know that she has settled quickly and has built a wonderful relationship with all the children in her class. Acorn class continue to thrive.

It has also been lovely to celebrate Miss Brett's return. I know that staff and children have enjoyed having her back and we wish her all the best for her phased return.

Attendance

Weekly attendance data for this week is below. I will try to report this data every week, and will continue to report the half termly figures.

- This week's School Attendance W/B 25.4.22 = **91.45%** - Unauthorised absence = **3%**
- Whole School Attendance Sept to Feb = 88% - Unauthorised absence = 50%
- Whole School Attendance Feb to April = **90%** - Unauthorised absence = **27.5%**

The '**Stripes**' shop was opened for the first time yesterday to reward great attendance. Every child will have picked up a gift of some kind as a reward for great and good attendance and it is our school way of saying thank you and congratulations. Our aspirational goal is to get as close to 100% as possible. What we can see are steady improvements and we should attempt to reach a more manageable target of 95% by the end of the summer term! **TEAM NABURN!**

Y6 KS2 Tests

The timetable for the Y6 SATs is below. These start the week beginning Monday 9th May. We send our best wishes to all six of our Y6 children. I know that they deserve to do really well as they have worked so hard. I have added a link below for parents of the PowerPoint I presented before Christmas about end of KS2 tests which you might find useful. <https://www.naburnschool.com/general/year-6-sats-information-meeting>

Monday 9th May	Grammar and punctuation - 45 minutes Spelling test – no time limit
Tuesday 10th May	English reading test - 1 hour
Wednesday 11th May	Paper 1 Arithmetic – 30 minutes Paper 2 Reasoning – 40 minutes
Thursday 12th May	Paper 3 Reasoning – 40 minutes

Art Competition

Beccy Dixon, Service Families' Liaison Officer, would like to invite children to participate in the York Garrison Armed Forces Art Competition to celebrate Armed Forces Day.

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Armed Forces Day, Saturday 5th June 2022, is a chance to support the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community, which provides a much-valued morale boost to them and their families.

We would like to invite children in KS2 across York primary schools to participate in the York Garrison Armed Forces Art Competition. See link for details.

<https://www.naburnschool.com/general/york-garrison-armed-forces-art-competition>

School Photographs – 28th April

You will be receiving class photographs in a couple of weeks. I can confidently say that the photos that I saw on the day looked sensational and I am looking forward to seeing the proofs when they arrive!



Our lovely Year 6 children waiting for their photographs to be taken.

Swimming Lessons

Sycamore Class enjoyed their first swimming session on Wednesday. Their behaviour out of school was impeccable and the manners and awareness they showed were first class. I was delighted to witness and hear this information from Energise Staff, the teachers and the Coach driver, who said our children are the politest he has ever transported.

Year 6 children will not be attending swimming on a couple of dates this term. This is due to their secondary school transition date on 6th July and a special Church Schools Leavers Service at Selby Abbey on 29th June. The school will refund these sessions in due course.

On the subject of swimming, please can you try your best to send a swimming hat with your child if he or she has long hair? It is not compulsory, but it gets the children into good swimming habits and is

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also far more hygienic. Also, please do not send your child with any toiletries. They will have time for a quick rinse under the shower, but will not require a soap, wax and polish!

Picture News

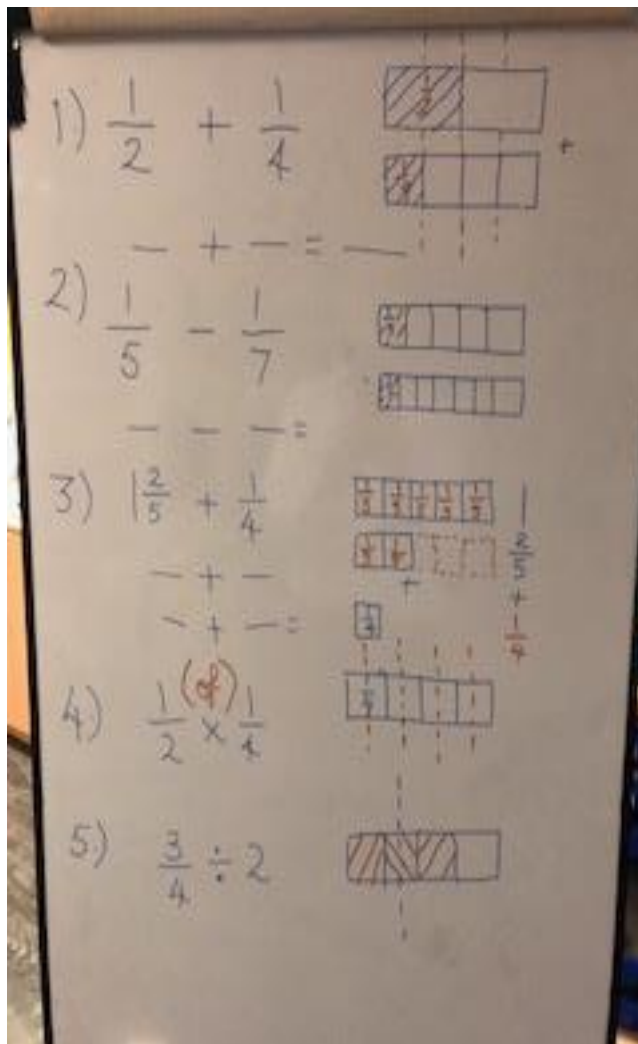
Story: Chief executive of Tesla and richest person in the world, Elon Musk, has struck a deal to buy social media giant, Twitter. He has raised questions about Twitter's handling of free speech.

Question: Should we have the right to say whatever we choose?

Virtual Assembly: Found here: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

'Ave a Go!'

The Year 6 'Ave a Go' board this week! Please have a go and do go through it with your children, particularly if they are in Year 6.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations and thank you to our Stars of the Week (see below).

We said goodbye to six Year 5 children and one Year 1 child this week. They have been such a magnificent group and I am not too proud to say that we will miss them enormously and know that they will contribute superbly to their new schools and continue to be highly successful. They will certainly make those schools richer and more wonderful places to be with their presence. Thank you for all you have added to our school and don't forget ... you can always return!

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Parent/Headteacher Meetings

I will be holding meetings for parents that will start in May. These are opportunities for you to make an appointment to talk about any school related items that you might want more information about, or any topics which you would like to bring to my attention.

The individual meetings will take place on a Monday or Wednesday and begin at 4.30pm and finish at 6pm.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call the school office. I will make a note of these and get back to you with a time for you to come into school.

Please see the dates for these meetings below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday 9 th May	4.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 18 th May	4.30pm to 6pm
Monday 6 th June	4.30pm to 6pm
Monday 20 th June	4.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 29 th June	4.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 13 th July	4.30pm to 6pm

I hope that you all have a great Bank Holiday Weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes

Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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