

Small School Big Ideas

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a gorgeous week in school. So many great things happening and there is a real buzz of excitement as we look forward to a very active final five days before the summer break.

Thank you to all the parents who have attended Parent/Teacher Interviews. These meetings have been a great way of not just hearing information about your children and their learning, but also celebrating what they and the school has achieved over the course of the year. If you have not managed to arrange a meeting, please contact your child's classteacher or the school office to sort this out.

At the time of writing, we have not had our end of term 'Isingpop' concerts that are scheduled to take place on Friday afternoon and evening at St Matthew's Church. I know children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing and cannot wait to perform the songs and dances. More information about this event in next week's newsletter.

Please do make every effort to come along to at least one of the shows. There will be plenty of room in Church!

I appreciate that the second concert is at 6pm, but we do need as many of the children at this as possible to ensure its success. I understand that there might be other things happening in your family lives, nevertheless please make every effort to prioritise this. The 'gig' will be finished by 6.45pm. Thank you. Children should arrive at church at 5.45pm.

If you prefer pictures to words, please use the link provided. Thank you https://youtu.be/atVviGAECAg

Watch out - Baby on the way!

I have been given the all clear by Mrs Rotchell, to give you the most exciting news. She is having a baby! I know that you will join us all at school to offer her and her family our love, congratulations and best wishes.

End of Year Meeting for parents

There will be a meeting for all parents and carers on **Wednesday 20th July at 6pm** in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is to summarise the work that has been done by the school over the course of

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the year, then give a brief overview of the work we will be involved in over the next academic year and what we hope to achieve by this time next year.

All parents of children of a pre-school or Primary School age from our catchment area are invited to attend, even if they have taken their children to other schools over the course of the year. I am very keen for those parents to know that the door to Naburn CE Primary School always remains open for their children to return. Please do share this information with any relevant families.

Finally, please also note that Maxine Squire, CYC Assistant Director of Education, will be attending the meeting, along with School Governors. We have also invited Julian Sturdy, Councillor Christian Vassie and Councillor Andrew Waller.

Year 6 teaching Maths to Year 5

Thank you so much to the Year 6, along with Mrs Noble for inviting me to observe the most wonderful Maths session, taught by Year 6 and delivered to the Year 5 children. Their intention was to prepare the Year 5 cohort for entry into the next academic year, by introducing mathematical concepts that they will need to become familiar with in September. It was an absolute delight to witness. Congratulations!



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Bug Hotel

After School Club really enjoyed designing and making a bug hotel as one of their activities on a very warm Thursday evening.



Cricket Finals – Wednesday 20th July – 2pm

The school cricket team has qualified for the York Primary Schools finals at Bishopthorpe Cricket Club next week. Good luck **TEAM NABURN – UNS!**

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No extra-curricular clubs next week

Quick reminder that there will be no extra-curricular clubs next week. This includes my Maths and cricket clubs. Thank you

End of the school day in September

Starting in September, I am sure that you will be pleased to know that the end of the school day for both Acorn and Sycamore will be at 3.15pm. It will save you all getting wetter in January and bit more burnt from the sunshine in July, as well as have less time waiting around.

Harry Kane signed shirt

What a brilliant opportunity for a collector or football enthusiast! We have been kindly given a Harry Kane signed England football shirt by the Connelly-Bosson family. I believe the Friends Committee are currently looking at a raffle/auction at the end of year party next Friday. Thank you to the Connelly-Bosson family for donating it to the school to use as a fund raising item and thank you to Harry Kane for coming into school specially to hold it up in front of the camera!



Snacks in KS1

I gather some of the KS1 children are bringing in (quite substantial and sometimes **unhealthy**) snacks for morning break. I remind you that KS1 children should not bring in snacks at all as they are provided with fruit and veg under the free scheme and we are encouraging them to eat these items.

Children in Sycamore Class are allowed to bring in a healthy snack.

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KS1 Pirate Theme Day – 'Ooo rrrr me harties!'

Acorn Class are having a Pirate Themed day on Thursday 21st July to celebrate the end of their special project on ... PIRATES! Children are encouraged to come in pirate fancy dress clothes on that day.

Free Pirate Joke - What's a pirate's favourite letter? The letter RRRRRRR!

Summer reading challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 launches in York Explore libraries on Saturday 16 July.

By reading books and attending an exciting range of events and activities over the summer holiday, the Gadgeteers will help to spark children's curiosity about the world around them and encourage them to feed their imagination over the summer holiday, helping them to return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

This year they will be introducing a runners-up place in the Schools' Cup Competition! There will be the coveted trophy and book bundle for the winner and a book bundle for the runner up. As always this is worked out by the highest percentage of children completing the Challenge (not just signing up to the Challenge). The Challenge ends on Saturday 10 Sept, so please encourage your children when they return to school to come and complete the Challenge, not only will they get their medal, but they'll help the school's figures too.

This year is sure to be a fantastic year for the challenge and your support is much appreciated.

If you would like any more details please contact Lyndsay.glover@exploreyork.org.uk

Hot Weather

You will know that the weather is forecast to get quite warm on Monday and Tuesday of next week. I am determined to stick with **Superteams** on Monday of next week. We will aim to start the event a little earlier at 10am and finish by lunchtime in order to miss the warmest part of the day.

Please ensure that your children bring the following items to school.

- Cap or sun hat for playtime and definitely to wear for Superteams on Monday
- A water bottle

We are aware that the whole of next week will be very warm. We are making extra arrangements to ensure that the children will be more comfortable in school, especially at playtime and lunchtime.

Please also make sure that you apply sun cream to your children before they come to school. Thank you.

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Enjoying the sun with iced lollies, kindly bought for us by Jo Bogg. Thank you



Year 6 Leavers Assembly at the Village Hall

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 21st July starting at 2pm. We are looking forward to welcoming all parents of those children, plus any other parents and Governors who would like to come along and help celebrate this very special group's time at our school and send them with our best wishes to the Secondary Schools that they have chosen for September.

Football match v Fishergate

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Well done to the football team who played Fishergate on Wednesday evening. The boys played exceptionally well and although we were not victorious, it was great to score a goal! It was also quite hot!



Superteams – Monday 18th July

Superteams will be our next House Sporting Competition, set to take place this coming Monday. The event will comprise of ten to fourteen sporting challenges that our four House Teams will get involved in over the course of the morning. These include sporting team trials based on golf, cricket, and football amongst other things that the children need to complete in their Houses. We also hope to be able to use a **TRACTOR** at some point over the course of the day! What can we do with a tractor to make it a challenge?

We still require a few resources for the event to take place, such as extra bean bags, a paddling pool, a junior golf putter and golf ball, 4 plastic old style dustbins. Please get in touch with me if you can offer any of these items. Thank you

The event kicks off a little earlier than originally advertised, at 10am and will still rely on a good deal of parental support. Please come and see me if you know you can help. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

Friends of Naburn School message - Wednesday 20th July - non uniform day and bring a bar of chocolate

On Wednesday 20th July we are asking all children in school to bring in a bar of chocolate or packet of sweets to be used on the tombola at the End of Term Party in the Playground. In return for this children can come to school in non-uniform on that day. Please ensure that all chocolate and sweet donations brought to school are in date and are unopened! Huge thanks.

If anyone has not yet returned their form for the party please do so ASAP. Slips will be going home today advising what job you have been allocated.

Online safety (Safeguarding)

We have added a post to the website in the e-safety tips, about being a champion for equality. See link below

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Ofsted Monitoring Visit update

At the time of writing we have still not received our Ofsted monitoring visit report. I am sure that we will get it before we break up and I will send it through to you as soon as it comes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sprucing up the playground area

Unfortunately we had to postpone the proposed playground clean-up day on Sunday 10th July as we have few volunteers available. We'll be holding a clean-up day during the summer holidays instead and will be asking for volunteers once we have a firm date. Thanks!

Names on Uniform please

It is wonderful to have warmer and longer days, but the downside of this is that school jumpers are often discarded by the children and left on the playground or in the school. With this in mind, please would you ensure all school uniform is named. It will really help all families and the school in the long run.

Primary Picture News

Story: A recent study, conducted by the British Medical Journal, has found that trampolining is to blame for half of all activity-related UK Accident and Emergency hospital admissions.
Question: Should there be more rules for trampolines?
Virtual Assembly: Found here: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Attendance figures and Attendance Shop!

The attendance shop will open next week. Congratulations and thank you to all those parents and families who have taken my message a month ago seriously and kept their children attending school with slightly snotty noses and tickly coughs. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff at school, it absolutely benefits teaching, learning, attainment and progress and it looks better as far as our attendance data is concerned.

Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data for this week is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 4.7.22 = 95.05% Unauthorised absence = 1.37%
- Last week's School attendance = 94.03% Unauthorised absence = 2.24%
- Whole School Attendance Sept to May = 88.76% Unauthorised absence = 3.55%
- Whole School Attendance Term to date = 91.71% Unauthorised absence = 4.45%

TTRockstars Battle Dates

Here is the battle schedule for the remainder of the academic year:

Date	Year Groups Battling	
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community.'

Please encourage the children to practise regularly at home and let a member of staff know if you are not sure of usernames and passwords.

I hope that you all have a super weekend. Keep warm!

Best wishes

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Jonathan Green Headteacher

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