



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### The Queen

As you might expect, the mood in school has been thoughtful following the sad passing of the Queen. The children's responses to this event have been incredible and highlights their understanding of what a magnificent woman she was and the most wonderful role model. Our weekly Worship Theme of 'Service' has fitted perfectly. The children have developed a strong understanding of what this should look like and how they can best serve everyone.

If you prefer pictures to words please use this link <https://youtu.be/JLJyM4asxDY>

### Parent and Pupil Survey Results

Please note that I have attached two additional papers to the newsletter this week. They are PDF summaries of the Parent and Pupil questionnaires which make for lovely reading. I believe they reveal the care and support you have given the school alongside the positive reflections made by the children. We know that we have plenty more to do, but the results of the surveys have re-energised us all. Thank you. These will also naturally help us to think and plan school improvement.

### Year 6 Secondary School Choice for next year

Please note that secondary school open evenings will be taking place soon and the application **deadline** for making a secondary school choice is **31<sup>st</sup> October**. If your child is in Year 6, you will have received one of the most important education related letters for your child. Please make sure you read the contents of the letter carefully and respond. If you have any questions you can contact me at school or pop in and see me. The most relevant parts of the letter have been copied and pasted in *italic* below. Thank you

*Dates of the open evenings are listed overleaf for your information. We would advise you to check on the school websites for more information.*

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<i>School</i>	<i>Tel.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>School website</i>
<i>All Saints RC School</i>	647877	28/09/2022	<a href="http://allsaints.york.sch.uk">allsaints.york.sch.uk</a>
<i>Archbishop Holgate's CE School</i>	411341	06/10/2022	<a href="http://archbishopholgates.academy">archbishopholgates.academy</a>
<i>Fulford School</i>	633300	12/10/2022	<a href="http://fulford.york.sch.uk">fulford.york.sch.uk</a>
<i>Huntington School</i>	752100	13/10/2022	<a href="http://huntingtonschool.co.uk">huntingtonschool.co.uk</a>
<i>Joseph Rowntree School</i>	552100	05/10/2022	<a href="http://josephrowntree.co.uk">josephrowntree.co.uk</a>
<i>Manor CE Academy</i>	798722	04/10/2022	<a href="http://manorceacademy.org">manorceacademy.org</a>
<i>Millthorpe School</i>	686400	11/10/2022	<a href="http://millthorpeschool.co.uk">millthorpeschool.co.uk</a>
<i>Vale of York Academy</i>	560000	27/09/2022	<a href="http://valeofyorkacademy.org">valeofyorkacademy.org</a>
<i>York High School</i>	555500	29/09/2022	<a href="http://yorkhighschool.co.uk">yorkhighschool.co.uk</a>

*We advise all parents/carers and children to take part in the school activities on offer before making an application. Colleagues from the School Admissions Team will be available to provide independent advice about the application process by phone or email on 01904 551554 or [education@york.gov.uk](mailto:education@york.gov.uk) information is also available at [www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions)*

*It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to check the catchment area for your address. Please note that your closest school may not be your catchment school. School catchment areas can be checked at [www.york.gov.uk/schoolcatchmentareas](http://www.york.gov.uk/schoolcatchmentareas) or you can contact the School Admissions Team.*

*The Guide for Parents is available online at [www.york.gov.uk/guideforparents](http://www.york.gov.uk/guideforparents) and contains key information, including previous year's allocation data. You can also find further information on school admissions, including admissions policies and catchment areas by visiting our website at [www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions)*

*Applications can be accepted until the final day, and there is no benefit to applying earlier. You can name up to 5 preferences of school, and we strongly recommend that one of these schools is your catchment school, even if it is your final preference.*

*Please note that the school your child currently attends will not be taken into consideration when prioritising applications unless this is specifically stated in that school's admissions policy or oversubscription criteria.*

*If applying for a school on the basis of your religion or belief, you will need to complete an additional application form and return this to the school directly. All applicants must apply to the local authority in which they live.*

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*You will receive the results of your application on the National Offer Day, 01 March 2023. Please note that if you are successful in obtaining a place for one of your children at a school, this does not mean that places can be guaranteed for their siblings either currently or at a later date.*

*If you require any further information, please contact us on 01904 551554 or email [education@york.gov.uk](mailto:education@york.gov.uk)*

### **Message from Friends of Naburn School - AGM**

Friends of Naburn School AGM will take place on Wednesday 28th September, 7pm in school. Please do come along, there will be free refreshments! EVERYONE welcome, especially our new families. We'll be planning for the coming year and electing people into posts-all are up for grabs!

The Friends of Naburn play an important part in school - organising socials for the parents and community, events for the kids and raising much needed funds for school. Never has the school needed the PTA more so please do try to make it.

If you are interested in being Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or a year group rep please speak to Becci Landragin or Rachel Atkinson in advance of the meeting. Support will be given for all new post holders. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

### **Walk to School Week 10th – 14th October 2021**

We will once again be taking part in Walk to School Week (see dates above). As in previous years cycling and scooting counts as well as walking, and even the school bus, so everyone can join in. We just ask that the car is left at home and not used at all for the journey to school. The **Jack Archer trophy** is awarded to the school that has the highest percentage of children leaving the car at home and walking, cycling or scooting to school over the week.

### **Donation from Pavers**

Thank you to Paver's Shoes and Issy's Mum, Kate for securing a most generous donation of £1,000 that we will use to purchase new classroom reading resources. I am also delighted to report that once the future of the school is totally secure, this figure will go up to £5,000! Amazing! Incredible! Thank you so much Paver's shoes and Kate.

### **Year 5 and 6 Maths Club on a Thursday morning**

The Thursday morning Maths session (8am to 8.30am) will be for Year 5 and Year 6 children. This will continue throughout the academic year. All other Maths Clubs arrangements remain the same.

### **Christmas Cards**

The PTA are organising the annual children's Christmas card designing. We know that the children love to design their cards and parents love to purchase copies of them. It also raises much needed funds for the school.

### **PE Kits**

Please may I take this opportunity to remind children to bring in a spare pair of shoes or trainers and socks on PE days, in case their feet get wet in PE. Winter is on its way!

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### **Photograph of all our families**

We are in the process of updating our Family Tree entrance display. Currently it has photos of the families in our school but some are quite dated and it would be great if all families could send in one recent photo to add to the board. Thank you

### **150 years old! School Anniversary! Thursday 29th September**

Further to my paragraph last week about the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I am happy to give you a few more details. Plans are beginning to grow and we are planning to create a time capsule with contributions in writing from children covering what they are learning and what they enjoy doing. We are also looking at preparing for the day with some drama input, before the Victorian themed day.

Please remember that we will be opening the school up in the afternoon to our community for refreshments. Thank you to the Friends of Naburn School Committee for agreeing to organise and serve these along with our Year 6 children. Please make everyone aware in the village and we will look forward to seeing you and many others. More details to follow. Thank you

### **Playground Clean Up – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

We are really keen to get as much help as possible on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to clean and tidy the outside of the school. Part of this project will include the construction of a new storage shed and the demolition of one of the sheds behind the school. Please do get in touch with the School Office or speak to me at the school gate, if you are able to help. Thank you

### **Safeguarding/E-Safety**

We have added an e-safety 'quick read' for parents to the website about Roblox which I am told is a hugely popular platform with young gamers. Please use the link below to read the document.

<https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-roblox>

### **The Awesomely Amazing Science Club!**

Great news! Mrs Holmes will be running a Science Club with invitations to join going to the entire school. It will take place on Mondays after school. The club will last for 9 sessions commencing Monday 26th September with the final session being on Monday 5th December. Please note, there will not be a club on Monday 31st October.

The club is designed to enthuse and engage children in all things Science. There will be a short teacher led activity followed by pupil activities and investigations. Activities will include stunt planes, chocolate welding and paperclip jumps. The main aim of each session is for everyone to have fun!

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## Getting to Grips with Roman Numerals in Y5 and Y6



## Parent/Headteacher Meetings – Autumn Term 2022

Parent/Headteacher meetings are opportunities for you to make an appointment to talk about any school related matters 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 and begin at 4.30pm and finish at 6pm. I will set them out in fifteen minute sessions.

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 note the dates for these meetings below.

Meeting Date	Time
10 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30pm to 6pm
31 <sup>st</sup> October	4.30pm to 6pm
21 <sup>st</sup> November	4.30pm to 6pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm to 6pm

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## Primary Picture News

**Story:** A housing association has built Europe's first virtually plastic-free housing development in the UK, consisting of 12 affordable one-bedroom homes built using plastic-free alternatives.

**Question:** Could we live our lives without plastic?

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

### Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data for this week is below. I am acutely aware that the overall average figure has fallen in the space of just one week.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 12.9.22 = 91.71% - Unauthorised absence = 1.87%
- Last week's School attendance = 95.15% - Unauthorised absence = 0.97%
- Whole School Attendance Term to date = 92.73% - Unauthorised absence = 1.64%

May I ask you to read the information below which is an extract taken from a document that I send home at the end of each term. Please make note of the figures and the words of wisdom related to the importance of 'good school attendance'.

**WE NEED EVERY CHILD IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND IF THEY ARE NOT IN OUR SCHOOL THEY SHOULD BE ATTENDING ANOTHER.**

### School Attendance

Why every day counts

Success at school starts with attendance

There are 175 non-school days in a year

That's 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, watching and playing sport, going on holiday

190 days at school each year	181 days at school means	171 days at school means	161 days at school means	152 days at school means	143 days at school means
Maximum attendance – well done!	9 days of missed learning	19 days of missed learning	29 days of missed learning	38 days of missed learning	47 days of missed learning
100% attendance	96% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success and ensures your child gets off to a flying start!		Less chance of success and makes it harder		It's just not fair on your child – and could lead to court action	

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## **TTRockstars Battle Dates**

More battle details and battle results in next week's newsletter.

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I hope that you manage to find time over the weekend to reflect on, be grateful for and appreciate the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

Best wishes



Jonathan Green  
Headteacher

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