



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You might be relieved to know that this newsletter will not be such a long one. However, this is not a reflection on the amount of brilliant things that have been happening in school. More a reflection on a lack of time on my part. Lack of time has also meant that I have not been able to record a version of the newsletter. I apologise, but hope you will enjoy reading the content.

150 years old! School Anniversary! Thursday 29th September

Further to the brief mentions about the school's 150th anniversary in the previous newsletters, I am pleased to give you a few more details.

Ideas 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 preparing 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 for agreeing to organise and serve these along with our Year 6 children. Please make everyone aware in the village.

Added to the celebrations, we would like the children to attend in Victorian style school clothing. We appreciate that this might add extra pressure to families in a number of ways. With this in mind, we have attempted to mitigate some of these, by simply asking that your children attend in a combination of grey, black or white clothes. We do hope that this will make this more manageable for you all.

If you would like more ideas about Victorian school costume, please use this link plus the pictures below. As already explained, the main idea is that the children attend in the colours described above.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0115hdq>

I have attached a document that has been compiled from the School Log and village archives which I am sure will whet your appetite for Thursday's special celebration. Thank you to Anne Clark for putting it together.

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The PTA have asked me to make you aware that they will require more help on the day, particularly after school up until 5pm. Please do inform the Office if you are able to help out, or see me at the School gate.



Harvest Festival

It is our Harvest Festival on Friday 21st October. This is a joint service with the church again which starts at 2pm. The retiring collection will be split between church funds and Martin House Hospice.

Our harvest gifts will go to the homeless charities in York as usual. Items suitable for breakfasts such as cereals, porridge, fruit juice, tea, coffee and fruit will go to **Carecent** who serve breakfast to the homeless. Other items such as tins or vegetables will go to **Arclight**, a shelter for the homeless, along with donations of warm clothes. Please bring your items into school on **Thursday morning (20th)**

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October) so that we can take them along to church when we rehearse. Items can be placed in a box or loose in a bag. I know that these organisations will be very grateful.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the service. Reverend Maxine Waller will lead Worship with school contributions that link the harvest theme to the work we will be doing in school over the next couple of weeks.

Parent Dinners

We have now received confirmation from Mellors (the school meal provider) that our Parent and Grandparents meals can go ahead again! Yippee! This will be a wonderful opportunity to share a meal with your child in school.

We have arranged two sets of dates per Key Stage for this to take place. The dates for Acorn parents are Thursday 6th October (week 2 menu) and Thursday 1st December. For Sycamore we have set aside Thursday 13th October (week 3 menu) and Thursday 24th November.

If you are interested in taking this offer up, please refer to the menus on our school website: <https://www.naburnschool.com/parents/school-menu>. Jacket topping choices are beans, cheese or tuna and sandwich choices are cheese, ham or tuna. Please arrive at 12.10pm on the day that you have booked, so that we can arrange for your child to join you before service begins.

The adult cost of the meal is £2.50. Please check the letter when it comes to you, fill in the slip at the bottom of the letter and return it to the school office with the correct amount to cover your dinner along with your choice of lunch. Thank you

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.

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

OTB

We learnt such a lot on Wednesday from the Open the Book Team when they told us the story of the Parable of the Two Sons about keeping our word and not letting people down. Thank you OTB!

We also had a lovely visit from Reverend Loftus who led worship on the theme of service to others.

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House System – message from Mrs Noble

Our new 'House' system is going really well and the children of **Community** were delighted to be the first winners of the House points cup last Thursday. Huge congratulations to them!

As part of this initiative, we will be holding elections for House Captains next week and all children in Y4/5/6 are encouraged to consider applying for these roles. As a House Captain, your child would be a role model for the entire school, but particularly for the other children in their House. They would be expected to show fabulous learning behaviour, positivity, kindness and good manners at all times. They would be asked, for example, to take a lead on organising their House on Sports Day; to show visitors and potential new pupils around the school; to share the views of their House members with Mr Green and other staff members at regular meetings.

In our PSHE lesson last week, we had a great discussion about the qualities needed to be a fabulous House Captain and the children agreed that the most important things they would like to see in their leaders are respect, kindness, encouragement and responsibility.



The children who have shown an interest in the role will then be invited to prepare a few words to say to their House members, following which we will hold an anonymous vote. Children may only vote for the Captain of their own House and the elections will take place before the end of next week. The successful House Captains will receive one of these fabulous badges, to be worn each day, and will have their photo added to a Houses board in the school.

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Message from After School Club

After School Club is run by two level 3 Early Years practitioners (Lorraine and Hannah)

We start at 3:15 to 6pm Mon-Thurs.

Children are welcome for any length of time be it a short period or the full session.

We currently have a small group most nights with places available for more children.

We provide a light snack and fruit of which children have a choice.

We regularly talk to children about their food choices so we can order healthy food to suit them.

We provide activities both inside and outside through yearly event planning, children's choice and sometimes ad-hoc. The focus is on fun but also children's learning skills are strengthened through the activities.

Craft is very popular and we do have an area for reading with soft cushions.

We try to make use of the space we have to offer different areas for the children to use and enjoy.

We would love to meet more of the children if you have the need to use ASC.

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.

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 coming!

Playground Clean Up – Saturday 8th October

We are really keen to get as much help as possible on **Saturday 8th** to clean and tidy the outside of the school (**start time 9am**). 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

Thanks to Plough Inn, Fulford and its customers

The Plough Inn and its customers in Fulford continue to take their generosity to a new level by raising funds for our Ukrainian family. Thanks to Mr MaGuire, for being the brains behind this operation. Total raised over the summer holiday was £108 and I went down yesterday and picked up another **£293.96**. Remarkable!

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Safeguarding/E-Safety

We have added a post about Reddit in the e-safety for families newsfeed on the website - link here <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-reddit>

Reddit, is completely inappropriate for primary children - not least because of the content and the very minimal moderation on the site. However, you may well also have older teens who do use Reddit, but might not be aware of the risks.

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 th October	4.30pm to 6pm
31 st October	4.30pm to 6pm
21 st November	4.30pm to 6pm
5 th December	4.30pm to 6pm

Primary Picture News

Story: The United Nation's (UN) Secretary General Antonio Guterres has urged the world to help Pakistan, after floodwater covered a third of the country following the heaviest rainfall the country's seen in decades.

Question: How can we help those in need who are far away?

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

Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data for this week is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 19.09.22 = 92.00% - Unauthorised absence = 0.73%
- Last week's School attendance = 91.71% - Unauthorised absence = 1.87%
- Whole School Attendance Sept to date = 92.74% - Unauthorised absence = 1.23%

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

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TTRockstars Battle Dates – Message from Mrs Mann

Excited to announce the Times Table Rockstar Battles will begin next Monday. Year groups will be challenged to compete against each other to win rewards for their year group and the coveted titles of 'Rockstar of the Week!'

I think we probably all remember learning our times tables at school and they are still a key skill needed for maths. They are seen as the building blocks of maths and with your multiplications mastered, you can do anything!

In the table below are the National Curriculum times tables end of year expectations for each year group. Children regularly work on their times tables in school but it is important for them to continue their learning at home too.

Year 1	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use doubles of all numbers to 10 and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. Begin to count in multiples of 3.
Year 3	Recall and use the multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
Year 5	Revision of all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.
Year 6	Revision of all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

Therefore, please encourage your child to use TT Rockstars at home. Even 5 minutes a day will boost their confidence and knowledge. Teachers will set the times tables according to their year group or what they are learning in class at the time. If you have any problems with logins or unsure how to use it, please let us know.

Obviously, TT Rockstars is not the only way to practise, please do keep throwing questions at your child on the way to school or on a long car journey!

Here is our timetable for the 1st half of the Autumn Term:

Date	Year Groups Battling
26.9.2022	Year 5 and Year 4
3.10.2022	Year 3 and Year 2
10.9.2022	Year 6 and Year 4
17.9.2022	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 2 -6)

Happy Battling Naburn!

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Stars of the Week and House Winners

Please see photographs below of our House Winners and Stars of the Week for two weeks. House winners for last week were 'Compassion' and this week it was 'Perseverance' – they smashed it with an incredible total of 34 points. Congratulations!



I hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Green'.

Jonathan Green
Headteacher

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