

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Please use this link if you prefer pictures to words. https://youtu.be/_pidifWwVu4

150th anniversary

Our school celebration of its 150th birthday was a total **TRIUMPH**, and it could not have been a better time to throw a party!

Thirteen months ago I knew of this school, but did not know the school. I was only supposed to be here for a term, but in that first term, something happened that had an impact on us all as a community and as a hard core group of supporters. It could have closed the school before this anniversary, so haven't we done well to get to this point in our fight! As a consequence we are stronger, better and more able to take on everything that comes our way to help us remain open for the next 150 years. The sporting legend, Babe Ruth said, 'It is hard to beat a person, who never gives up.' That is our school! This was a perfect time to celebrate and look forward and that is exactly what we did by having the best Victorian themed day and afternoon tea party.

You have become the **HARD CORE** of our school support. You are the best supporters of our school that recognise and understand that we have gone through a lot. You are proper supporters. Not Manchester Utd supporters, not even Sheffield Utd followers, but York City supporters. You have continued to back us over this most challenging year and remained with us, just like the fans who will never change their allegiance despite the position of their team in the league or the depth of the division they belong. You see the bits of potential that grow rapidly, always encouraging us, singing and shouting our praises and building strength in numbers! You are passionate about your school.

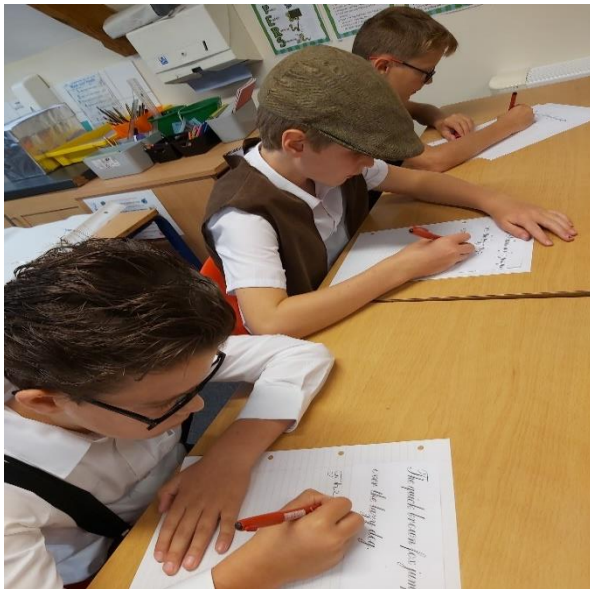
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The most important thing is that we do not let our building ever become a house. We are all doing everything we can to make sure that there is at least another 150 years of life in this wonderful school and ensuring that it is as successful as it was in the days of one of our very special guests, Verna Campbell.

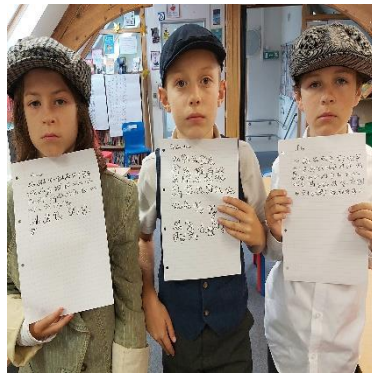
It felt so good to see so many of you at the afternoon tea party and also so many other people from our village and community. People care – thank you. **UNS!**



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School Update Meeting –Wednesday 19th October – 6.30pm

We are due another school update meeting for this half term. Please note the date and start time (above) of the meeting and make every effort to attend. Thank you

Census Day – Thursday 6th October

Please do everything that you can to make sure your child is **attending** school on **Thursday 6th October** and orders a **school dinner**, even if they do not want one. This is **census day** and the number of children in school on this day actually sets the school budget. Every child in on this day equals over **£4,000** per year and this is so essential to a small school like ours.

Our dinner on the day is delicious sweet and sour chicken, vegetarian chilli, jacket potato or a sandwich. Come on Naburn!

PTA News!

The PTA are holding an All Hallows Eve Party celebration (31st October – 5.30pm) at the Village Hall and a Pumpkin Trail ('Trick or Treating' adventure in my language). They are also preparing for another Movie Night on Thursday 20th October starting at 6pm. More details to follow.

Other PTA News!

Rachel will be stepping down as Treasurer so this is a chance for someone to take this role on. It's not too time consuming and definitely not difficult - no accounting experience is necessary. A full handover will be given. If you are interested please contact Rachel or the school office. Thank you

The PTA have bought every child in school a commemorative Teddy Bear and mug and they will be coming home with them today (Friday). These mugs are also available to buy plus a handful of teddies, both priced at £5 each. Available from the school office.

Blades v Birmingham City

We are so excited to be going to the Sheffield Utd v Birmingham City game tomorrow. Added to the thrill of attending a high quality elite sporting fixture, is the extra experience of the children being the flag wavers welcoming the players and officials onto the pitch at the start of the game. What a treat! More news about this next week!

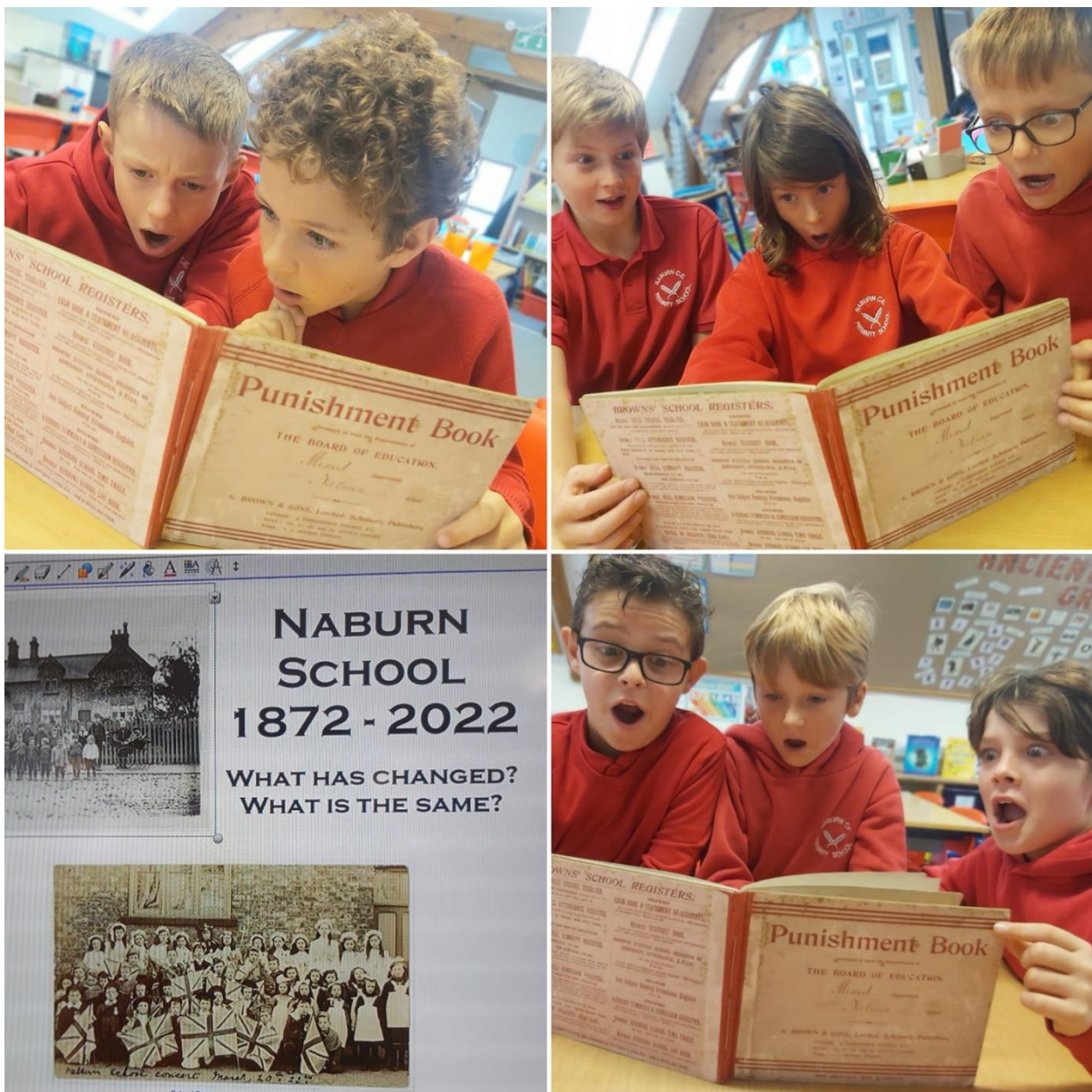
Children studying the school punishment book from 1930 to the 1950s! (PTO)

I think they appreciate more how we deal with any behaviour issues today.

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School Office

Could I please ask for your cooperation in assisting the Office Staff. They are having to spend an increasing amount of time chasing up parents for consents and replies to emails and correspondence. Please reply to their requests in a timely manner avoiding more time than is necessary being spent on reminder emails or phone calls. We appreciate that everyone is busy and that there is an awful lot of communication sent out, but if you could get into the habit of actioning a request as soon as possible it all helps with the flow of things in school. Another suggestion may be to add a second parent to your child's account on ParentPay. This way all emails will be received by both parents. If you would like to do this please see Joanne or Rachel who can generate you a personalised activation letter for you for ParentPay. Many thanks.

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.

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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 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

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 fill in the slip at the bottom of the letter that was sent out recently 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

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House System – message from Mrs Noble

The children who have shown an interest in the role of House Captain will be speaking to their House Members today and following this, pupils will be involved in an anonymous vote. 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. More news next week!



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

Safeguarding/E-Safety

We have added a post to the website in the e-safety news section about how to be green with technology. Please use the following link. <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-how-to-be-green-with-your-tech>

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

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Primary Picture News

Story: Popular dance competition, Strictly Come Dancing, has returned to Blackpool Tower's refurbished ballroom.

Question: Do we achieve more when there is competition?

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

Attendance figures

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

Weekly attendance data for this week is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 26.09.22 = 84.29% - Unauthorised absence = 2.29%
- Last week's School attendance = 92.00% - Unauthorised absence = 0.73%
- Whole School Attendance Sept to date = 90.8% - Unauthorised absence = 1.33%

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

TTRockstars Battle Dates

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
10.10.2022	Year 6 and Year 4
17.10.2022	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 2 -6)

Happy Battling Naburn!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes



Jonathan Green
Headteacher

PS – Please see my favourite photos from our Victorian day overleaf.

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