



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome you all back to school this week after what seemed to be a summer of unending sunshine and warmth. I do hope that you managed to enjoy it as much as I did!

We move into a new year that is the most important in the history of the school. It is our 150th anniversary and by the end of it we will be able to say with confidence that there is at least another 150 years left in the school tank. **UNS!** If you prefer pictures to words please use this link

<https://youtu.be/m3UfmWDE644>

'First day back' pictures



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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. Some of them 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!

I am excited to announce that we will be celebrating the school's 150th anniversary on Thursday 29th September. We will be having a Victorian Day and ask that the children attend school in costume from that period. They will be involved in activities over the course of the day that relate to the period when the school first opened its doors. We will also be opening the school up in the afternoon to our community for refreshments. I am delighted that the Friends of Naburn School Committee has agreed to organise and serve these along with help from our Year 6 children. Please make everyone aware and we will look forward to seeing you and many others. More details to follow. Thank you

Houses

You will be aware that we started a School House system at the end of the last academic year and I wanted to give you a little more information about what this looks like and how we propose to organise it.

There are four House Teams and these have been named after our four Christian Values of **Hope**, **Community**, **Perseverance** and **Compassion**. Each child has been allocated a House.

House points will be awarded to the children for showing 'Respect', following school 'Rules' and 'Routines' and taking/showing 'Responsibility'. See below

Respect

House Points can be won by children who are polite, show respect for themselves, especially others and property. They use good manners and treat everyone in our school community with respect including visitors.

Rules

House Points can be won by children who observe our school rules, they look after our school, are polite and friendly to everyone, walk in school, always try to tell the truth, try to do their best in everything they do, listen to other people's point of view and demonstrate good behaviour outside school and in our community.

Routines

Points can be awarded by staff observing children carrying out routine tasks such as lining up properly. It is not to be a one off occurrence – children should be seen to do this on a number of occasions with 'perseverance' being seen to be part of the task.

Responsibility

Children can win House Points for taking on responsibility in school. They may look after other children, be a good friend, look after the classroom or school, volunteer to keep areas tidy. They may decide to fundraise for charity or have academic/sporting success. Doing well in tests, doing

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homework well or reading at home for example may attract House Points. It is noted that trying hard is as important as getting the answers right and effort will also be rewarded.

Rewards

House points will **not** be deducted for negative behaviour as this policy is meant to be a positive team building experience. It is hoped it will encourage the children to inspire each other to win points and build friendships throughout the school. The points will be added up each week in class on a Thursday and the information given to me by House Captains who will collect it from the class teachers in both classes. The secret count will be calculated at the end of each week and the winning house will win the cup with their coloured ribbons displayed. It will be presented in assembly along with other possible rewards such as extra playtime for the Top House each Half Term. The results may be displayed on a roll of honour board.

In the beginning

Any member of staff and dinner staff can award points. Dinner Staff will have five points available to award each week – one a day to the best behaved child at lunchtimes.

Points will be awarded verbally and will be recorded onto a graph displayed in all of the classrooms so the children can see where they are in the 'race' to get more points.

A cup or shield will be awarded at the end of the year to the winning House. A Year 5 or 6 child will be elected as House Captain of each house.

As a school we believe that it will encourage our children to play even more active and positive roles in the life of the school and enjoy their learning and be proud of their achievements.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

You will have received a letter with information about the extra-curricular clubs that will be on offer this term. Please do take a look at them with your children and encourage them to attend at least one.

You will see that I have added my Maths Clubs to the list of Clubs for Sycamore Class. My expectation is that the children should attend this club on the day that their year group has been offered the session. It might mean an early start to the day, or staying at school a bit later, but its value will be seen by the children whose confidence, ability and enjoyment of maths will increase and improve over the course of the year. Please ensure your child attends. If you require any more information, please pop into see me in school. Thank you

Total Sports

Total Sports will once again be our outside provider for PE and Sport. This year they will deliver an even more bespoke and full sports package for the school that we are incredibly excited about. As well as extra-curricular clubs and lessons, they will be responsible for arranging inter school sporting fixtures, intra-school sports events and ensuring that our PE curriculum is compliant. We are really looking forward to working with them!

School Dinners

Mellors continue to be our School Dinner Provider. I believe they provide our school with exceptional food and service. However, the kitchen continues to operate at a significant financial loss due to the fluctuating school role. This is quite a substantial figure that we have to fund out of our own budget

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meaning we really need your support. So, if your child does have a packed lunch, please do consider the school meal option.

Morning Playtime

We have decided to reinstate whole school playtimes in the morning post Covid pandemic. These had been separate events for Acorn and Sycamore.

Playtime is so important as it has the ability to bring the whole school together. We now feel that it is essential that we adopt a more inclusive playtime where all the children can enjoy and benefit from each other's company, discover more about their peers, taking into account their needs and finally have a greater experience of mixing and interacting with a wider age range.

End of the school day in September

A brief reminder that the end of the school day for both Acorn and Sycamore will be at 3.15pm. It will save you all getting cold in January and bit more burnt from the sunshine in July, as well as have less time waiting around. Thank you

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. 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 believe the collection is ongoing.

Bags to school

Please can I ask that every child brings a bag of some description to school so that they have something to take their homework, reading books and reading journals home in. Thank you

Class Assemblies

I am pleased to tell you that we are arranging for the reintroduction of class assemblies this term. The first of these will happen in November. Parents will be invited to these and I will send out more details later in the term.

You can access school dates by using this link to the website

<https://www.naburnschool.com/general/important-dates-for-your-diary> . The School Office have also sent the list to you by email. Thank you

Our Star of the Week assemblies will continue to take place on a Thursday at 2.40pm. There is an open invitation to any parent or relative to attend these and we very much look forward to welcoming 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.

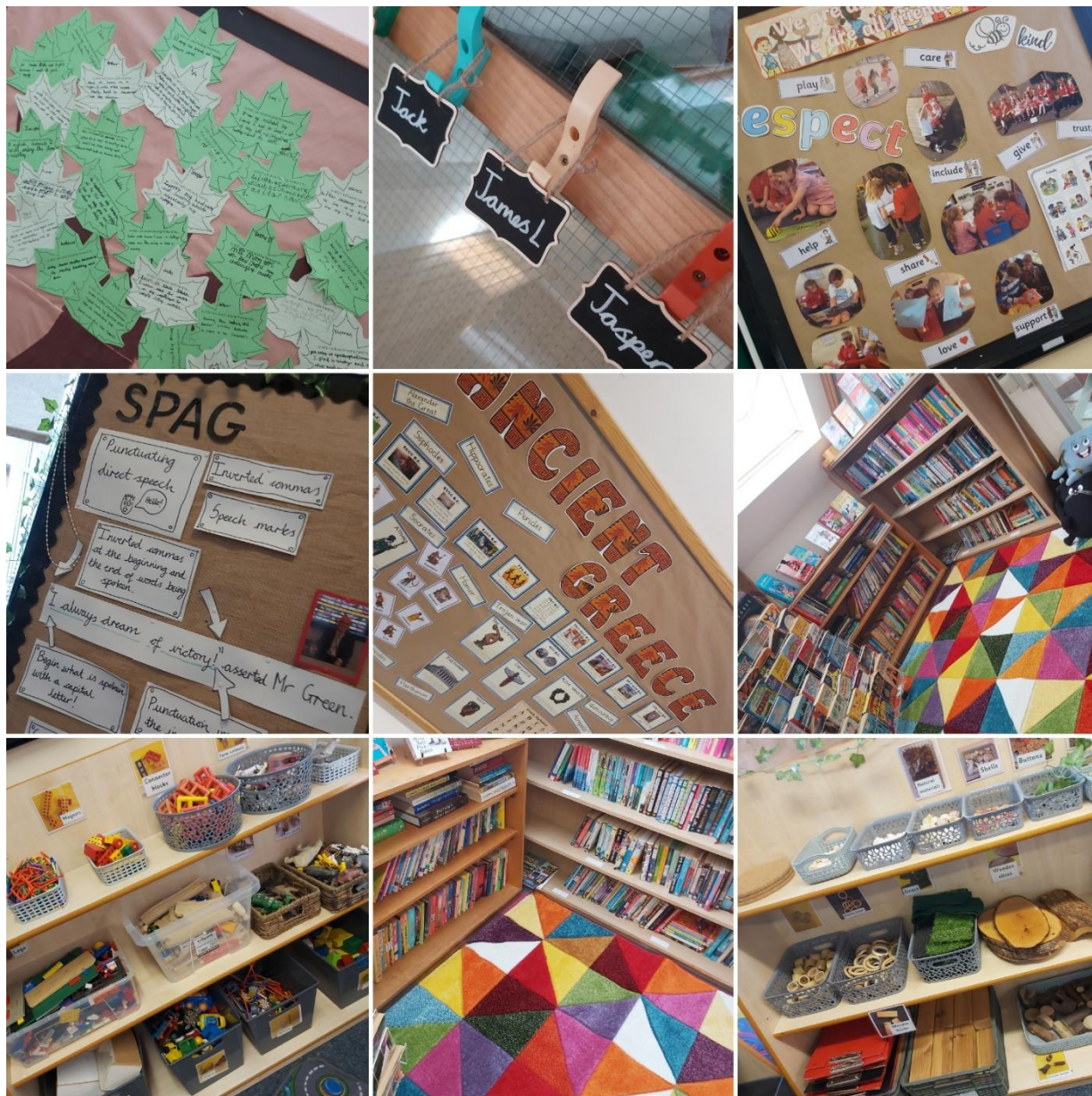
<https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-roblox>

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School Class Preparation pictures



Flag Wavers at Sheffield Utd! Blades v Birmingham City – 1.10.22

I wrote during the summer holiday that I had planned another football match visit to watch Sheffield Utd. The fixture is against Birmingham City. I do hope that we can get at least twelve children attending as Sheffield Utd have kindly agreed that our children can be the flag wavers welcoming the two teams onto the pitch at Bramall Lane. Closing date for showing an interest in this event is today! UTB and UNS!

Parent/Headteacher Meetings – Autumn Term 2022

I will be holding meetings for parents that will start next week. These 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.

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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
12 th September	4.30pm to 6pm
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

Testing and Assessments 2022/23 academic year

Below is a list of key dates for tests and assessments during the school year just for your information. There will be more information given to you as the year goes on.

Reception Baseline Assessment

The first of these to make a note of is the Reception Baseline Assessment which will take place during the first six weeks that these children are in school. Parents of children in this year group should have received a leaflet specifically for them on this topic (also can use the link provided) [Information for parents: reception baseline assessment](#) and will be invited to a meeting on Tuesday 27th September at 3.30pm. More details to follow.

Year 2 Assessments

Key Stage 1 tests and assessments will be taken by all the children in Year 2. These will be administered during May 2023.

Phonics Screening Check

The Phonics Screening will take place the week commencing 12th June 2023 for all children in Year 1 and all the children in Year 2 who did not reach the standard.

Key stage 2 (SATS)

The key stage 2 tests for all Year 6 children are timetabled from Monday 8 May to Thursday 11 May 2023. Please ensure Year 6 children are not absent from school during this week.

Multiplication tables check

Schools will administer the multiplication tables check to all Year 4 children within the 3-week period from Monday 5 June 2023.

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Harry Kane signed shirt

Thank you to the Connelly-Bosson family for very kindly donating the Harry Kane England Football shirt. We managed to raffle it through the magnificent auctioneering skills of Dickie Atkinson for a princely sum of £250. Thank you to the Edmondson family for their generosity in purchasing the jersey.



Ofsted Monitoring Visit update

We received our Ofsted monitoring visit report during the holiday. This was sent to you along with a covering letter from me. You can use this link to the school website if you would like to remind yourself of the content of the report. <https://www.naburnschool.com/general/ofsted-monitoring-visit-report>

Primary Picture News

Story: The UK is seeing different workers taking strike action, with rail workers, barristers, call centre staff and postal workers all exercising their right to strike over low pay or poor working conditions.

Question: What can we do if we feel something isn't fair?

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

Attendance figures

We have made a good start to the academic year. Thank you - Weekly attendance data for this week is below.

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- This week's School Attendance W/C 05.09.22 =95.15% - Unauthorised absence = 0.97%

TTRockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

Over the next few days, children will be bringing home their logins for TT Rock Stars. For those who are new to our school, TT Rock Stars is a programme we use to help children learn their times tables. It is a fantastic tool to help children learn these fundamental skills in maths and have fun at the same time!

For the younger children in school, we are pleased to also introduce 'Numbots'. Here is some information describing Numbots from their website:

From the innovators who bring you Times Tables Rock Stars, comes a highly engaging platform for learning to add and subtract... NumBots!

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NumBots is all about every child achieving the “triple win” of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating.

NumBot logins and details should also be coming home soon so watch this space!

I hope that you all have a good weekend keeping the Royal Family in our hearts and minds at this sad time for them and everyone around the world.

Best wishes



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Headteacher

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