

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



11.11.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start my newsletter with a usual message of thanks for the support that you give the school. This has been demonstrated in spades this week in your attendance of Parent/Teacher Interviews. I know that teachers have been most grateful for your kind words and messages. We have been buoyed by your comments.

I also want to thank all of my staff for their hard work in very challenging circumstances. We know nothing more about the potential for sponsorship of the school. Despite this, I see a continued determination from every single one of them to ensure that they are doing the best job that they can for the benefit of the children, the school and the community.

After a good amount of discussion with a number of you, I think it is time for me to inform you of my plan to try to hasten things along. The financial bottom line means we require at least eight more children ideally before the end of the year. An ideal would be twenty, so please keep shouting about what we are doing.

You might have also picked up in the media that school funding will be reduced and we will be more affected than most schools in the country. Over the course of the year, according to the data I have, the school will effectively have over £3,000 less and that will amount to a per pupil loss of £50. The per pupil loss on average to other CYC schools is £7. This does not sound a lot, but for a small school, working on a deficit budget, it is murdering us.

I do think that our current Government are doing their best to dismantle schools like ours and I am not afraid to say this. The time has come for all politicians to make a stand and kick against this if they value education and small village communities.

To try to increase our numbers, we are contacting every early years setting and childminder within a 5-mile radius inviting their families to visit school. Another idea I have is to send a message out to

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parents in the village whose children do not attend the school in which I will ask them if they might commit to sending their children back to the school if there was a potential MAT to sponsor us. This might influence the MAT if we can offer a possible increase in numbers to them. The Governors, staff and I will continue to work hard and do everything we possibly can to secure our future. To me it will never be a lost cause and I will continue to make a nuisance of myself where I can to promote the school. Link to the recording of Naburn CE Primary School News <https://youtu.be/278Y5AlyMOo>

Anti-Bullying Week – Starts this Monday (14.11.22 to 18.11.22)

Anti-Bullying Theme Week starts on Monday and has the theme 'Reach Out'. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique.

The theme of 'Reach Out' came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Rugby World Cup Involvement

We were delighted to be invited to take part in the Rugby World Cup last night! Our Rugby Club was asked to be part of the pre-match entertainment that involved them playing in a rugby festival against a number of other York Primary Schools. They thoroughly enjoyed this and then were given the opportunity to watch the two featured World Cup Games (France v Cook Islands and Australia v New Zealand). What a brilliant experience for the children. Thank you to all the parents who transported and supported and to Ollie from Total Sports for taking our children. Thank you to Mrs Atkinson for making all the arrangements that enabled us to attend this very memorable event.



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Please use this link to see the children on the TV <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/live/rugby-league/55510134>

Ghosts in the Gardens - Flash Fiction Challenge (Message from the York Army Museum)

Monday 7 November - Monday 28 November

Flash Fiction writing challenge for York school children - write a short story inspired by the Ghosts in the Gardens sculptures, which have been visible around the city, with the chance for pupils to win a £25 book token, and a York Ghost Merchant's ghost. Organised by the Arts Award Centre based at York Army Museum and supported by the York BID. Full details available from the museum website: <https://yorkarmymuseum.co.uk/exhibitions-events/>

Mrs Dobson

Mrs Dobson has been working as Teaching Assistant in Acorn Class for approximately a year. She has managed to secure a permanent Teaching Assistant Post at Hob Moor Primary School. Once again, I am sure you will join me in passing on our congratulations and best wishes. She has built superb relationships with the children and staff and we will miss her.

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Mrs Rotchell

You will be aware that Mrs Rotchell will be leaving us to start her maternity leave on November 28th. We will be sending her our very best wishes at a special assembly for her on Thursday 24th at 2.30pm. Please do come and join us if you can. Thank you

Sheffield Utd Women's Match v London Lionesses

I managed to acquire five free tickets for the Sheffield Utd women's fixture in the Women's Championship against the London Lionesses who are riding high at the top of the division. I am pleased to say that Olivia and family have taken them. I know that they will have a great day. **UTB!**

SATS Meeting for Y6 parents (Monday 28th November)

I will be holding an important SATS information meeting for Year 6 parents on Monday 28th November at 6.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to give information about the test and assessment process that the children will be involved in over the course of the year and particularly in the summer term and how you can best support your child. I do hope that you will be able to join us.

Arithmetic Evening for parents (Wednesday 16th November)

I also propose to hold an Arithmetic meeting for all parents on Wednesday 16th November at 3.30pm. This will focus mainly on the teaching and learning of the maths techniques we use in KS2. However, it will still be useful for the parents of children in Acorn. It will cover all four rules and give you a better understanding of our methods and approaches and how you can best support your child in their maths learning at home. Please do come along – just stay behind at the end of the school day.

School Photographs – 21.11.22

A quick reminder that we have arranged to have school photographs on the morning of Monday 21st November. Please make a note of this date and ensure that your child attends the day in the smartest school uniform possible, without toothpaste medals. We will be using the individual school photos for our new entrance display. Thank you

Please also be aware that we will make sure that non-school sibling photographs will be taken also, details to be confirmed next week.

Acorn Class Assembly

Acorn's Class assembly this week was all about Autumn. Children volunteered to read their Autumn Poetry inspired by an Autumn Walk they went on. Some children wanted to show their beautiful art and craft work of their pumpkins, hedgehogs and leaves. After that, they sang an Autumn Leaves song (sung to the tune of 'London Bridge'). Finally, children threw their colourful autumn leaves in the air and watched them fall. Thank you to all the children in Acorn for preparing and presenting such a wonderful assembly for the school and parents to enjoy.

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Sycamore Class Gymnastic photographs

Sycamore's first gymnastic lessons at the village hall last week show the children trying hard to master the forward roll... including Mr Stokell!



Photographs of children working hard in Maths

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The Y5 and 6 can be seen below using place value charts to help them answer tricky word problems which x and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. They've got it!



Advent Window Trail (Message from Susie Raimes – Naburn Village Facebook Page)

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Now it is time to look forward to 🎄👤!!!

Two years ago, we started the Naburn Advent Window trail ... Who would be up for designing a window in its third year? Last year, they were fabulous - and were so appreciated by both residents and visitors to the village. If you would like to take part, please reply to the post on the Naburn Village Facebook page and I will pop your name on to the trail/give you a window number! Lighting up will be from Sunday 11th- Sat 24 December!



Christmas Community Afternoon – 10.12.21

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We are heading towards Christmas rapidly and the Christmas Community Afternoon is on the events horizon.

One of the main purposes of the event is to attract those members of our village that do not necessarily have a direct link with the school. I am not sure how popular this occasion will be and have no means of finding out until the day. Wrapped up in this delightful uncertainty, is the need to prepare. With this in mind, please may I ask for your assistance?

Firstly, we would be most grateful for parents/adult volunteers to serve tea, coffee and cakes to our guests on the afternoon. Volunteers will also be royally entertained along with our guests!

Secondly, we would really appreciate prize donations for the raffle. Nothing too big. A can, bar or a bottle would be great as ideally we would like one small prize per guest. I tend to rig the competition!

The actual afternoon will include a quiz, a raffle, refreshments and a variety of performances led by the children.

Please send in the slip at the bottom of the letter you received a couple of weeks ago if you can help in anyway.

Many thanks as always for your support.

Carols around the Village Christmas Tree

We will be holding the annual Village Carols around the Christmas Tree on Sunday 4th December at 6pm. This will be the first opportunity for us to come together for Christmas as a School and village and it is always a good way to begin the exciting Festive Season. Please do come down and join us.

More Volunteers

As you know, we are always on the look-out for volunteers to help in school. Please pass this information onto anyone who you think might be interested. I would be delighted to show them round our lovely school in the first instance and then help them in performing an active role that will really help children's learning. Thank you

Children in Need

We are now **REALLY** looking forward to our second, very own Naburn CE Primary School 'Children in Need' Talent Show.

This will take place next Friday morning and will begin at 9.00am in the Village Hall. For the fun of either taking part, or being a member of the audience, please will children bring a pound coin on that day which will go in our Children in Need Collection Bucket and then be sent off to this very worthy cause! Parents and carers are also invited.

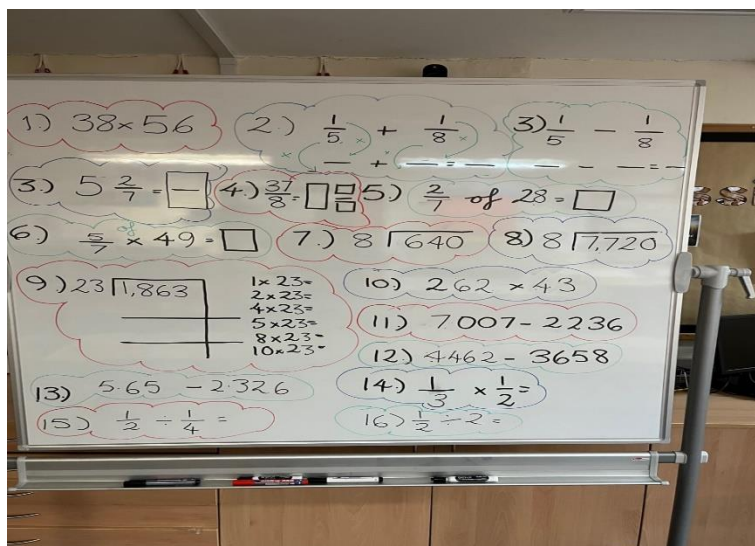
'Ave a go and after school Maths Class for parents - !

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Please take a look at these and 'Ave a go'. One boards worth of work this time! I am happy to mark your effort, or talk to you at any time about the maths methods we use in school.



Message from Friends of Naburn Primary School – Christmas Puddings!

The Friends of Naburn are proud to present 'The Ultimate Christmas Pudding'! A luxury, artisan Christmas pudding, which is light, sweet and totally yummy. The perfect end to any festive meal. They are available in 3 delicious flavours; scrumptious sticky toffee pudding, luscious lemon and ultimate plum pudding. Each pudding serves 3-4 people and are £7 each.

To order please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office with payment please.

These puddings are not available in the shops and there is limited availability, so get yours whilst you still can.

Theatre in Schools work

Just to let you all know that 'Theatre in Schools' from York University will be coming in to run 3 sessions with Sycamore Class. They will be looking at Greek myths in these sessions, which ties in with the class topic. We are really looking forward to the start of their work with us on Friday 18th November and thereafter for the next two Fridays.

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, the next one being next week.

Meeting Date	Time
Hope	Community
Perseverance	Compassion

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

Online Safety

Please use the link below for the #WakeUpWednesday guide about combatting online bullying from National Online Safety. <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-how-to-combat-online-bullying>

Stars of the Week, House Cup Winners and celebrating great work!

Well done to our overall House Winner, Community. Our attendance champion was Perseverance! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week. Great contributions by all of them to our school community and thank you to all the parents and relations who came along to the special assembly. Sorry, I did not take any photographs this week of our winners.

Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data for this week is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 07.11.22 = 88.05% - Unauthorised absence = 2.93%
- Last week's School attendance = 86.28% - Unauthorised absence = 7.01%
- Whole School Attendance Autumn Term to date = 89.65% - Unauthorised absence = 2.22%

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

TTRockstars Battle Dates.

Please encourage your child, even if they are not involved in a battle, to practise as regularly as possible. Even 10 minutes a day makes a massive difference to their times table knowledge. TT Rockstars now sets the children individual times tables targets depending on their scores when playing, so it is really important to try to play little and often in order to ensure they are making the progress they need to and learn all their times table by the end of Year 4.

Here is the Battle timetable for remainder of this term.

Date	Year Group Battling
14.11.22	Year 3 and Year 4
21.11.22	Year 5 and Year 6
28.11.22	Year 2 and Year 3
5.12.22	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 2 -6)

Picture News

Story: Pupils in schools should not be unfairly singled out for having afro hair, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has said in new guidelines for schools.

Question: Should we ever have to change our appearance?

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

We all hope that you have a lovely weekend. UTB and UNS!

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Best wishes



Jonathan Green
Headteacher

Safeguarding

If you have significant concerns for the welfare of a child, in addition to being able to contact Mr Green, Mrs Atkinson or Mrs Coultas during school hours, you may wish to make direct contact with the [York MASH \(Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub\)](#) on T: 01904 551900, option 3. They operate an out-of-hours service so concerns can be raised with them at any time.

PTA Christmas Puddings Order Form

If you would like to order one of our Christmas puddings, please note how many you would like next to the flavour and complete your details below. Payments to be given in cash, when returning the below order form.

Ultimate Plum Pudding ____

Luscious Lemon Pudding ____

Sticky Toffee Pudding ____

Name of child and Year _____

Parent/guardian _____

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