

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



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Dear Parents,

I start with a 'thank you', particularly to the residents of Millbridge Farm. You have managed to get your children to school in some quite challenging weather and road surface conditions over the course of the week. Water and ice is a nasty combination, particularly down Howden Lane, but you have done it and I am delighted. Please keep it up!

If you prefer pictures and sound to writing, please use the link to hear the content of this newsletter.
<https://youtu.be/tZBhGYsgImk>

PE – Message from Total Sports

This half term for PE on Tuesdays we are looking at Dance. For our Acorn class, this started last week with some Toy Story Fun! We looked at how we could dance and move to music pretending to be a lots of different toys. The children came up with some amazing moves, from 'teddy bear rolls' to flying spinning 'Buzz Lightyears'!

In Sycamore we started by watching a video of the New Zealand All Blacks traditional match opener - The Haka and in small groups, they have started creating their own! This week we will be finishing them and performing them for each other, and comparing which group is the most coordinated and has the best scary facial expressions!

Millbridge Farm Meeting

I sent a letter out earlier in the week inviting parent residents who live at Millbridge Farm to a meeting taking place at Vicky's house on Friday 27th January at 10am.

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The purpose of the meeting is for me to speak a little bit about the school and how you can best support your child's learning at home. It will also be an opportunity for you to get to know me a little bit better and ask questions. I do hope that you can attend.

I would like to continue to meet with you on a half termly basis and speak to you about a variety of school matters that you might find helpful and interesting. The main objective for me is to make sure that you feel part of our school community and confident enough to come in and contribute to it.

Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st February

There is planned Teacher Industrial Action scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1st February. I am not certain how this might impact on our school, but will give you as much information as I can over the coming days.

Relationship Education – 3rd February

You will have received a letter explaining that the children will have a session with Big Talk Education who will be leading work on Relationship Education. Please do read the letter and respond to the requests made. Many thanks.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day will be here very soon and we are beginning to plan for this event. We are looking into the idea of 'Booknic' as a possible activity.

The general gist is the children bring in their favourite book to school. At lunch time they have grab bags and are put into small groups. Whilst they have lunch they take it in turns to talk about their favourite book i.e. what it's about, why they like it, and then read a small part of it. There will be one adult with each group who might also read a section, depending on what the book is and the children's reading ability.

It would be great to get parents involved in this as well, so if you can spare an hour or two on 2nd March, please get in touch with me or the School Office. Thank you

I am also excited to tell you that Nyla and Phoenix's mum has agreed to come into school on the day as well! She is a brilliant author and I know that she will totally inspire the children.

Easter Egg Hunt – Wednesday 29th March

The PTA have added another possible date to the diary and our 'egg'citing Easter Events. They propose to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 29th March. More details will be appearing in the coming weeks.

Message from the PTA (Friends of Naburn CE Primary School)

The Friends of Naburn Primary School have some exciting things coming up over the next few weeks, the details of which we can now share with you.

Love is in the air...or at least it will be in the village hall on Friday, 10 February, at our Valentine's disco (18:00 – 19:00). This is a fantastic way to celebrate the end of half term and for the children to show love for themselves, as well as each other. Children are encouraged to come dressed in the clothes

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they love and will be asked nearer the time to tell us the songs they love, which will be played by our DJ at the disco. Tickets are £3, or 2 siblings for £5, payable on the door. There will be sweet treats on sale, at a small price. All children must be accompanied by one supervising adult. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Everyone loves a raffle, especially when the prize is a luxurious hamper, packed full of delicious treats from Selfridges. This is just what we have on offer this term and could be yours if you purchase the winning raffle ticket. The hamper includes, hot chocolate, orange & cinnamon spiced tea, gingerbread cookies, a festive biscuit selection, cinnamon & chocolate almonds, chocolate orange & salted caramel spread, the biggest bar of milk chocolate, rose and lemon Turkish delight, chocolate orange panettone and a cherry and sherry pudding, plus a few other scrumptious surprises. This is packaged in a gorgeous, Selfridges wicker basket, with signature, yellow buckles, which could be re-used time and time again to picnic in style. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning this amazing hamper (sold in Selfridges for £250) please pop into the school office to purchase some raffle tickets. Tickets are £1 each and the draw will take place at 3.15 on Wednesday 8 February, in the school playground.



Just a reminder that letters will be going out, asking for support with the St Crux event. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the school, but is only possible if our community comes together and everyone gets involved in some way. We'll be asking for donations of good quality, pre-loved items, as well as home-baked goods and groceries. It's a perfect opportunity to alleviate yourself of any unwanted Christmas presents. Please look out for the letter and help in anyway you can. Also, if you are able to help on the day (Saturday 11 March, 8am – 4pm) please let the school office know, even if this would be just for an hour or so.

Your support and time given to our events is hugely appreciated. It helps us to raise extra funds for the school, which contributes to our children having the best school experiences they can.

No After School Total Sports Clubs Next Week (Tuesday and Friday)

We have two football matches on Tuesday and Friday of next week. That means that there will be no Total Sports Sports Clubs next week.

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Kings Coronation (Red White and Blue Day) – 5th May

You have heard it here for the first time. We are planning for the King's Coronation already at school. We will be having some sort of 'dress up' event and a gorgeous village tea party. Everyone invited – please pass the message on and mark it in your diary immediately. Thank you.

MTC Meeting for Parents

All the Year 4 children will be taking the statutory Maths Tables Check this year in June. I have arranged a meeting for parents and carers of children in this year group to help them understand what this will involve and how they might best support their child at home leading up to this time. This will take place on **Wednesday 22nd February**, starting at 3.30pm. Please make every effort to attend.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are keen to hear from anyone who might be able to give an hour of their time as a lunchtime supervisor. This would be a paid post to start immediately. Please get in touch with the Office if you are interested. Thank you

Year 6 SATs and Assessment Meeting for Parents

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a Test and Assessment Meeting on Monday 23rd January at 3.30pm. The meeting is aimed to give parents a good understanding of how their children will be assessed and tested in their final year at Naburn. It will also help give ideas about how you can best support your child's learning at home.

I have deliberately arranged for it to start immediately after School so we have a captive audience of parents picking their children up! Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Healthy Snacks

Please can you make sure that you give your child healthy snacks to eat at morning playtime. No crisps or chocolate. Thank you

Parent/Headteacher Meetings – Spring Term 2023

I will be holding meetings for parents. 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.

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.

Headteacher/Parent Meeting Dates

| Meeting Date | Time |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 6 th February | 4.30pm to 6pm |
| 20 th February | 4.30pm to 6pm |
| 13 th March | 4.30pm to 6pm |
| 27 th March | 4.30pm to 6pm |

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TTRockstars!

Unfortunately the battle between Year 3 and 4 did not start up on time this week so it will continue for all next week now that it is open.

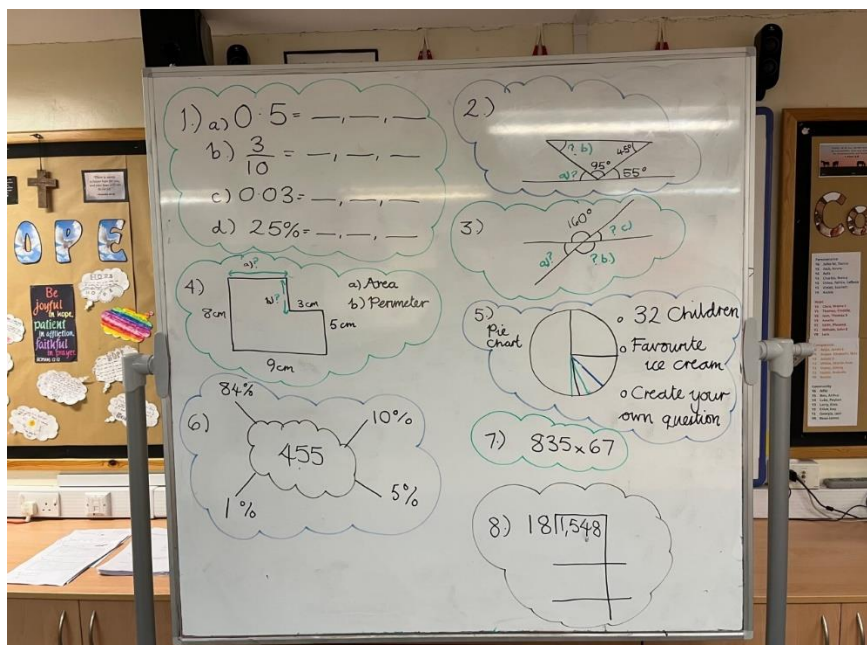
Don't forget, the players who contributed the most to the battles will get their names put into a Rockstar hat for a chance to win a wonderful prize at the end of the half term!

House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to Community for being our House attendance champs. The overall House Cup winner was Compassion. Come on Hope and Perseverance! Congratulations to all our Stars for the positive contributions they have made to our school and our 100% attendance award winner, Issy.



Ave' a go!



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Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 16/01/23 = 72.89 % - Unauthorised absence = 5.21%
- Last week's School attendance = 76.28% - Unauthorised absence = 0.00%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 85.89% - Unauthorised absence = 2.23%

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

Picture News

Story: A drink called 'Prime Hydration', sold, and promoted by online influencers, has arrived in the UK and as quickly as it arrived, it sold out.

Question: How much control do influencers have over our choices?

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

E Safety section for Parents

We have added a new E-safety post to the website about Twitter. Please use this

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

Although the minimum age for a Twitter account is 13, some children may try to use the site before this age - and many families will have older teens who could be on the platform. There are a mind-boggling 6,000 tweets sent every second, while around 250 million people (roughly two-thirds of its total user base) go on Twitter every single day. For young people, there is clearly a risk of compulsive use – and, as today's #WakeUpWednesday guide explains, that's not the only pitfall on Twitter that trusted adults need to stay aware of.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. **UNS!**

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 Burton or Mrs Noble 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.

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