

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



6.1.23

Dear Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This will be a slightly shorter newsletter as we start a fresh term and present new messages.

Christingle Service

One item that I didn't manage to report in the final newsletter of the autumn term was our Christingle Service at St Matthews. We didn't let the lack of central heating in the Church put us off! It was actually freezing, but the content of the service warmed everyone's hearts. The children presented the most gorgeous Christmas Message to all our parents and friends. We left totally ready to celebrate Christmas. Thank you to all who came along and congratulations to the children.

We held the PTA Naburn CE Primary School Christmas Raffle on the playground straight after the service. They raised, with your support, an incredible £529!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alexis as Chair of the Committee, along with all the members who work so hard for our school in challenging financial times and also challenging times for the school. They are an amazing group of totally committed people who are passionate about the school and its future. We benefit so much from the message they present and their tireless work.

If you prefer pictures and sound to writing, please use the link to hear the content of this newsletter.

<https://youtu.be/v9Makm8Tb6U>

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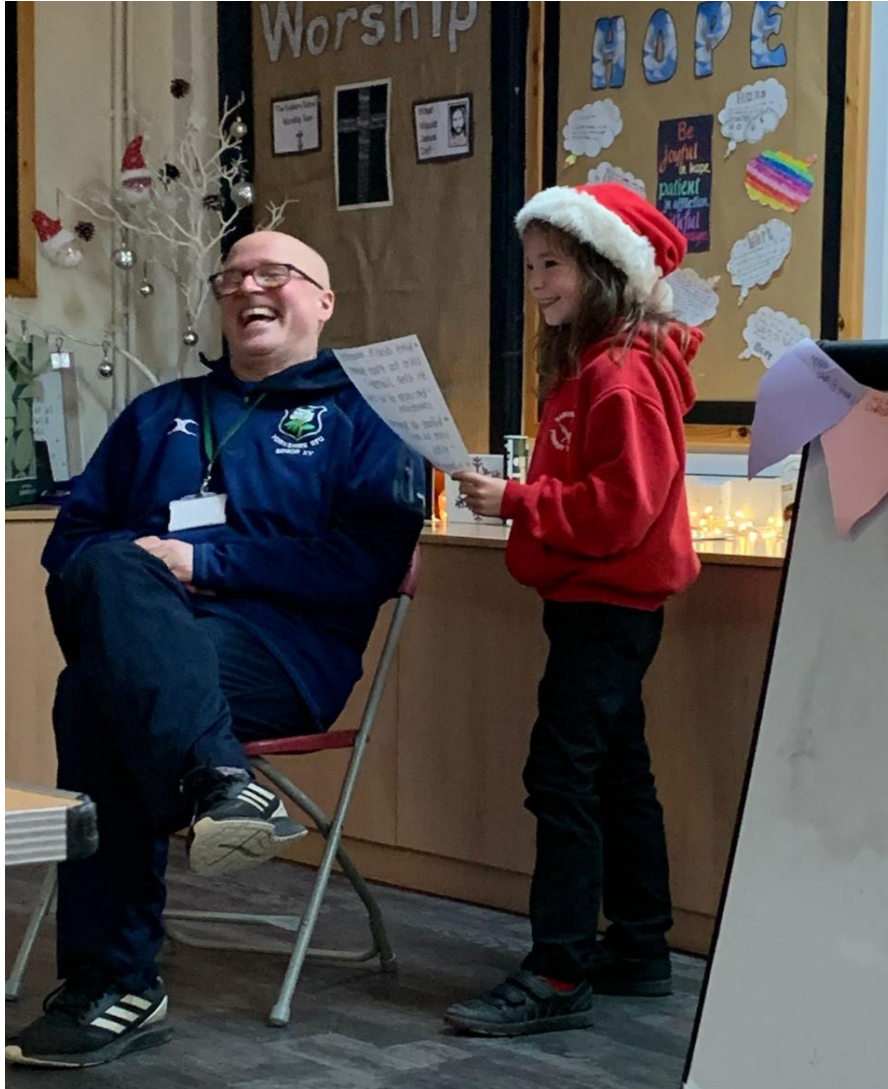
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Wild Water Swim!

Mike Fletcher held a new-year wild swim on New Year's Day in his lake and has kindly donated all proceeds to school. The PTA assisted by serving cakes and drinks. A huge £725.15 has been made! Thank you to everyone involved and in particular the Fletcher Moody family.

Picture from the Community Afternoon

Thought you might like to see this picture. It is one that escaped the Community Afternoon paragraph I wrote in one of the December newsletters. It really sums up Wilike's hilarious jokes!



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

Attendance initiatives

We will continue our new attendance initiative this term. A reminder that this involves all the children who have achieved 100% attendance being included in a prize draw to win a weekly £10 gift voucher.

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The first of these draws for the Spring Term will be on Friday 13th and include Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

YoYo guest visitor to School and the story of Simeon

Sycamore Class were so lucky on Thursday to hear Julia Pohutsa share her experiences and those of a friend who is a medic on the frontline in Ukraine. Julia talked with the children about how her faith and the prayers of family and friends have given real hope and peace in a time of conflict. Julia is a Ukraine national living in York and part of the YoYo team.

YoYo also led worship with the whole school focusing on the story of Simeon. Thank you to the YoYo Team!



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.

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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.

Friends of Naburn CE Primary School Committee Meeting – 12.1.23

The Friends of Naburn are holding their first meeting of 2023 to discuss ideas and plan events for the coming term. We would love for you to come along and be involved. You don't have to commit to anything at all (but if you did that would be fantastic). We would just appreciate the engagement from you about what you think the children will enjoy and ways to get involved further in the community, as well as raise loads of cash too. The meeting will be held in the school hall on **Thursday 12 January at 6pm**. Please do come along....there'll be nibbles!

Championship Football Match – Sheffield Utd v Swansea City – 11.2.23 (3pm kick off)

I have looked into purchasing tickets for the Sheffield Utd v Swansea City fixture at Bramall Lane, Sheffield on **Saturday 11th February**. I sent a letter earlier in the week with more details about this event.

At the moment I only need an idea of numbers of people who are interested in attending. Tickets for the game will be **£18 for adults and £8 for juniors**. Sheffield Utd Football Club again stress that it should only be school pupils and close family members who are eligible to attend. I would add that any child wishing to go, must be accompanied by a close family member.

The School Office will arrange transport to and from Sheffield by coach when I have a better idea of the level of interest. The cost of the coach will add another £10 onto every ticket that you purchase. We will set off from school at **11.30am** which gives time for trips to the Club Shop, food, and possibly a quick drink!! We should get back to Naburn for approximately **7pm**.

If you are firmly committed for your child to attend this event with one close family member, please complete the slip on the letter that came to you on Thursday and return it to the school office by **Friday 13th January**. Thank you

Acorn Class start their topic on Dinosaurs

Acorn are starting their topic on dinosaurs! They have become palaeontologists and are digging for dinosaurs. Wow! I wish I was in their class! 🤖🦖



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New Class Novel in Sycamore Class

Y5 and 6 children excitedly making predictions about the genre and plot of their new novel, based solely on its title (Room 13) and very intriguing cover illustrations...



Drop off for Acorn and PE Kit reminders

We are now well into the school year and the children in Acorn have built up their confidence at school drop off. With this in mind, please can I ask that you let your children enter school independently. Thank you.

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Please can I also remind you of the school PE kit requirements. We encourage children to wear black shorts and white PE T shirt. During the winter the children may also wear a red school sweat shirt or hoody and black leggings or track suit bottoms. Many thanks.

Ofsted Monitoring Report

At the time of writing, we still have not received our Ofsted monitoring report. I am expecting it to be delivered at any time now and will send it through as soon as it arrives. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Parent/Headteacher Meetings – Spring Term 2023

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.

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
9 th January	4.30pm to 6pm
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

TTRockstars! Message from Miss Brett

Well done to everyone who participated in the whole school battle during a fun-filled, busy Christmas period! Year 5's were the overall winners, with Thomas (Y5) taking the top player spot of the battle - Well done Thomas.

This week's battle will be between Years 5 and 6, however we are ramping up the stakes!

This week, not only will the winning year group receive an extended playtime, but the players who contributed the most to the battle will also get their names put into a rockstar hat for a chance to win a wonderful prize at the end of the half term!

Good luck everyone!

House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to Community for being our House attendance champs (100%). The overall House Cup winner will be awarded next week. Congratulations to all our Stars for the positive contributions they have made to our school.

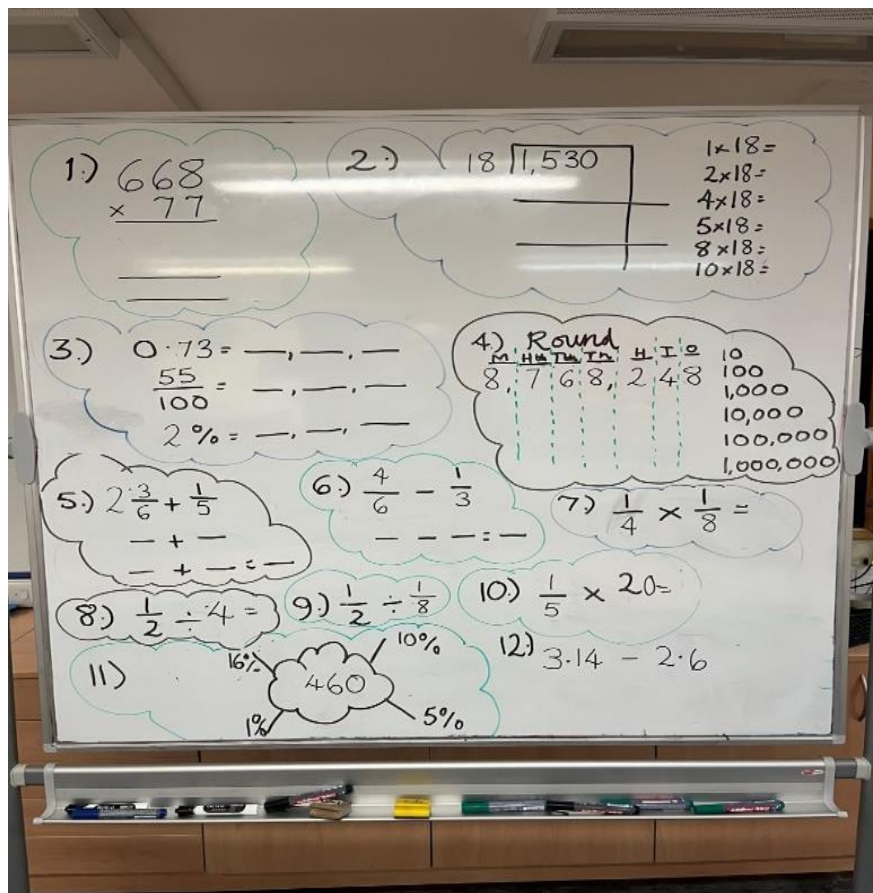
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Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 02/01/23 = 82.81 % - Unauthorised absence = 3.62%
- Last week's School attendance = 78.78% - Unauthorised absence = 3.17%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 87.87% - Unauthorised absence = 2.20%
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WE NEED EVERY CHILD IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND IF THEY ARE NOT IN OUR SCHOOL THEY SHOULD BE ATTENDING ANOTHER.

Picture News

Story: 18-year-old Andrea Spendolini-Sirieix was recently named as a BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year finalist.

Question: Can you learn how to manage under pressure?

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

E Safety section for Parents

We have added an e-safety update for parents about staying safe on new devices - helpful if any children got new technology for Christmas!

<https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-staying-safe-on-new-devices>

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 Noble or Mrs Burton 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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