



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



10.3.23

Dear Parents,

The school is becoming busier and busier as we head towards Easter. We have so much to look forward to, along with so much to report. Thank you as always for your wonderful support.

With this in mind, do try and get to St Crux on Saturday morning to either help the PTA run the stalls and serve refreshments, or just to spend some time with us socialising and having a cuppa. More details about this event later in the newsletter, but in the meantime, thank you to the PTA for all the hard work they have been involved in to ensure it is a rip roaring success.

If you prefer film to words please use this link: [https://youtu.be/FzM9b66\\_Ucs](https://youtu.be/FzM9b66_Ucs)

### Football Match v Lakeside Primary

We are through to the next round of the Cup after beating Lakeside Primary two goals to one last Friday after school. This is a quite remarkable result and totally deserved. Great goals from James and Jack sealed the victory along with superb performances from every Naburn position on the pitch... and that means the next round of the Cup is the **CUP FINAL!** I am so pleased and so proud!



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## Easter Service

You will have received a letter on Monday about our Easter Service which will take place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March in St Matthew's Church starting at 2pm. Please can you indicate on the slip at the bottom of the aforementioned letter if you intend to join us and return it to the School Office so that we have an idea of numbers.

## Easter Egg Competition

A reminder that we will be holding the annual Easter Egg Competition! This will take place on the morning of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All children are invited to enter one of three categories per class. The categories are as follows:

- ❑ Making an Easter Garden
- ❑ Making an Easter Gift
- ❑ Creating a topical scene using **real** eggs as characters! E.g. "The Univers 'eggy' Boat Race" could be a model of eggs in boats representing Oxford and Cambridge as they paddle down the Thames.

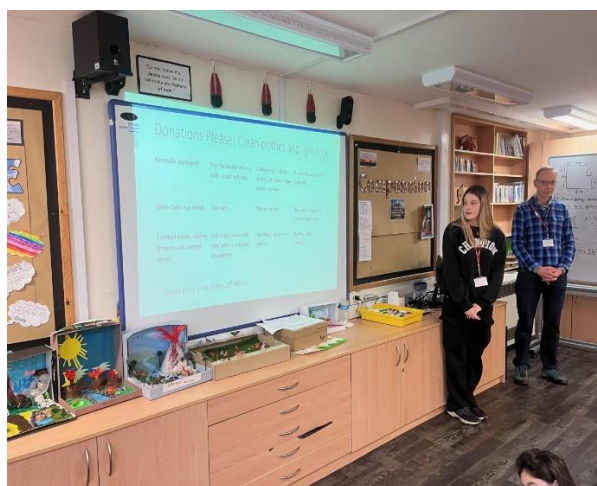
In the meantime, if you wish to know more, please come and see me or give me a ring. Still plenty of time for the children to design, prepare and create.

## Jess' visit to Sierra Leone

It was great to welcome an ex Naburn pupil back to school to speak about the work she will be doing in April when she visits Sierra Leone. You will have already read or seen in previous newsletters the work that she is undertaking when she gets there. See repeated message from Jess below and note that all donations for her to take must be brought to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

It is possible for families to donate money if they prefer. Please use this link to find out more: <https://homeleone.org/donate/>

The main website for the charity, Home Leone is here: <https://homeleone.org/>



Please could you help? At Easter I am going to Sierra Leone, for the second time, to volunteer at charity called Home Leone – see below. I am able to take two suitcases and would love to fill them with (clean) clothes and (light) toys for the children I will help. I will run an Easter Holiday Club in the primary school which is in the village that Home Leone supports (see photo below).

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Things I can take (they don't have to be new, just clean and usable please)

<b>Footballs (deflated)</b>	<b>Toys (no batteries) e.g. dolls, small soft toys</b>	<b>Clothes e.g. T-shirts, shorts, sun hats / caps, cotton scarves</b>	<b>Rucksacks and large suitcases</b>
<b>Other balls e.g. tennis</b>	<b>Toys cars</b>	<b>Picture books</b>	<b>Re-usable nappies / sanitary products</b>
<b>Football boots, clothes, trainers and normal shoes</b>	<b>Colouring books, felt tips, pencils, crayons, sharpeners</b>	<b>Reading / distance glasses</b>	<b>Haribo / jelly sweets</b>

Sierra Leone, the eighth poorest country in the world, is on the West coast of Africa. It has a tough history from historical slavery, to modern catastrophes that go (mostly) unheard of, such as the bitter and brutal war in the 1990s. I will visit Destiny Village, about an hour from the capital Freetown. Home Leone is a fantastic charity that provides slum clearance, education and is creating a new community for people in need.



All donations are really appreciated and will go to the children and families in Destiny Village, and a number of other children's homes and schools that we will visit.

#### **Ducks**

Time flies when you have ducks in school. We watched expectantly for them to hatch, we cared for their first few days in school by feeding them and keeping them warm. We gave them such a great

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start, but after less than a fortnight they were on their way to their new homes. It is great that we have so many willing volunteers to give them a lovely home for the rest of their lives!



### Acorn Class Visit to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park

On Tuesday, Acorn Class enjoyed a wonderful trip to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park. The Wildlife Park gave us a fascinating workshop learning 'All about the -vores' which links to our own topic on dinosaurs. The children were able to examine the skulls and teeth of a variety of animals to determine whether they were carnivores, omnivores or herbivores and they were brilliant at it. We were also given a huge box of fossils to examine and put our palaeontologist skills to the test! After an early lunch break (a must for any school trip) we set out into the sunshine to look at all the fascinating animals at the park. We spotted lemurs, wallabies, racoon dogs, giant tortoises and many more. Our day finished with a visit to the play park and a much needed run around. The children were fantastic and a great day was had by all. Well done Acorns! Thank you to all the teachers who organised and ran the trip and thank you to all the parents who came along to supervise and support.



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### Class Assemblies

A brief and quick reminder that our Class Assemblies begin next week. Acorn present theirs on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Sycamore's assembly is scheduled for the week after, but might be rearranged. Watch this space. Thank you

### PE Update – Message from Mr Stokell

This week in PE we continued with our outdoor adventure activity topic. However, due to bad weather, we had to bring the outdoors inside.

Both classes once again worked fantastically in teams to complete the challenges set. This time, we had an orienteering type challenge to complete.

Map reading was the key focus. Each team was given a map, keyed with different pieces of sports equipment that linked to a certain spot on the map. Each team would send a team – one member at a time to run to the middle of the room and collect an item for their map. Once they had collected everything they needed it was a race to put each item in the correct order to match the image the map made.

The KS2 class were competitive as ever, and made a real race out of the challenge. Some fantastic finishes and great map reading on show. KS1 were particularly impressive and their map reading was excellent! They managed to complete quite a tricky challenge perfectly every time!

### Industrial Action Days – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March

Quick message to tell you that the school will remain **fully open** for the next two planned industrial action days (see above).

### Open the Book

The Open the Book Team came into school on Wednesday. They told the story of Abraham and his trust in God with the help of the children. Thank you as always to the OTB team for all they add to our lovely school.

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### **Millbridge Farm residents meeting**

I have planned to meet the parents of children who live at Millbridge Farm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in Vicky's house.

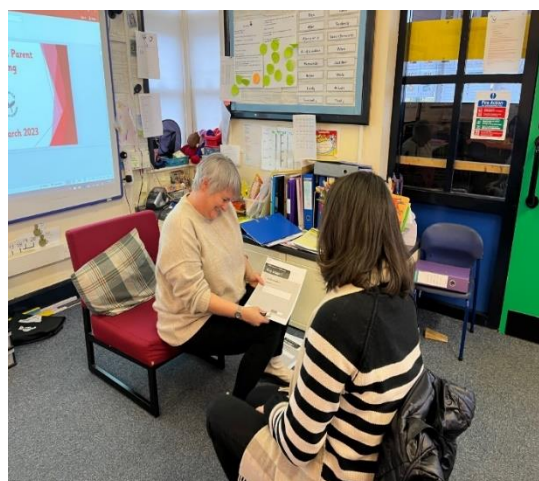
The purpose of the meeting is for me to speak a little bit about the school and how you can best support your child's learning at home. It will also be an opportunity for you to get to know me a little bit better and ask questions.

I 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 lovely school community and confident enough to come in and contribute to it. I do hope that you can attend.

### **KS1 Meeting and Phonics Meeting**

Thank you to the parents who attended the two meetings after school on Wednesday that were led by Mrs Burton. The first one covered the work we do in our Phonics programme and the second was for Year 2 parents and focused on the subject of KS1 assessments and tests.

I know that all those parents who attended were given a very detailed account of all we do as a school along with great advice about how best to support their children at home. Thank you so much to Mrs Burton for leading these afternoon meetings.



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## Open Day! Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding a School Open Day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. All parents and carers are welcome and anyone else you know who you think might be interested. Our doors are wide open for all and we look forward to seeing everyone over the course of the day.

## Comic Relief – 17.3.23

Comic Relief Day will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** and once again we will have a very own Naburn CE Primary School Red Nose Day Football Tournament. You will have received a letter with more details. It would be ideal if every child was part of this exciting event, so please can I ask that you send the consent slip back to the School Office as soon as possible.

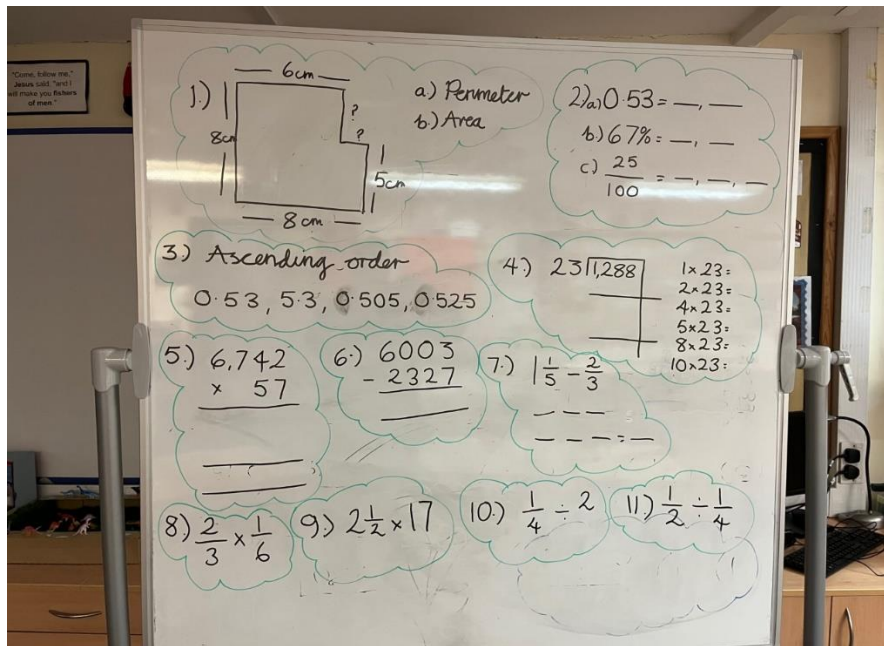
## St Crux – Message from the PTA

The Friends of Naburn are preparing for the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, our pre-loved sale and café at St Crux ... this coming Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March!

Thank you to everyone who has baked, brought items for this or donated money. These contributions are hugely appreciated and will make the event a success.

It would be fabulous to see as many of you there as possible. Everything raised will go back into school, to boost much needed funds and to help make sure the children have the best experiences they can whilst at School.

## Ave a Go!



## 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.

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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

#### Headteacher/Parent Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Time
13 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm

#### House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Community** for being House attendance champs. Overall House winners were **Hope** – Good work! Congratulations to all our Stars for the positive contributions they have made to our school and our 100% attendance award winner, **Chloe**.



#### ESafety Section

Just over a decade after its introduction, there are approximately 500 million iPad owners worldwide, many of them children and young people. With that in mind, Apple's parental controls and online safeguards are reassuringly thorough – if trusted adults choose to set them up. This week, the #WakeUpWednesday series turns its eye onto iPads. <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-ipads>

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## Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 27/02/23 = 90.74% - Unauthorised absence = 1.35%
- Last week's School attendance = 88.76% - Unauthorised absence = 2.21%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 87.28% - Unauthorised absence = 2.14%

Really delighted with the attendance data this week. Thank you to everyone concerned.

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

## Picture News

**Story:** Book publisher, Puffin, has announced that stories by famous author Roald Dahl, who died in 1990, are being changed, making them more suitable for modern times.

**Question:** Should Roald Dahl's books be changed for modern times?

**Virtual Picture News:** Found here: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

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

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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