



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



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Dear Parents,

What an incredible week! It started with St Crux on Saturday, included our Open Day, Acorn's Class Assembly and visit to St Matthew's Church and finally ended with our Comic Relief Football Tournament! What a week! More information about all these events later on in the newsletter.

A couple of things to tell you before I write the bulk of the letter. I am very grateful to the Horne Family, particularly Claire, for all their hard work organising and creating the secret Mother's Day gifts for Sycamore Class to take home, that also included a gorgeous poem.



Please note that Sycamore Class Assembly will now take place after Easter and not next Thursday. Also, we have nearly completed writing the School Attendance Policy. We will publish this after Easter and present it to you at a meeting in the early part of the summer term. Thank you for your patience on this one.

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### **N.E.S.T (Naburn Environment Solutions Team)**

We have a new Pupil Group called N.E.S.T. They are working hard on a number of Eco Friendly projects in school at the moment. They have already put posters up around school and are in the process of promoting #EarthHour. This encourages individuals, communities and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights on the last Saturday in March for an hour between 8.30pm and 9.30pm. Please join us in doing that on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.

They are an incredibly enthusiastic group and I know that we will hear a lot more from them as the year goes on.

### **Maths in Sycamore**



Sycamore Class Year 6 boys enjoying their Maths work and learning about Ratio. Year 5 working hard on Perimeter.

### **Parking**

Please do not park on the yellow lines outside school during the school day and definitely not at 'pick up' and 'drop off' time. I will continue to patrol the area to make sure that families can cross the road without any vehicles obstructing their vision. Thank you

### **Open Day**

Thank you so much to all the parents and relations who came to join us for our Open Day on Wednesday. They saw a variety of lessons and observed, supported and took part and also BEHAVED VERY WELL!



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### Message from PTA – St Crux

The Friends of Naburn CE Primary School's pre-loved sale and café went down a storm at St Crux last weekend.

The home baked cakes and savouries completely sold out, as people queued out of the door to indulge in the delicious treats for our good cause. We also had very little pre-loved items left, the remainder of which were donated to a local charity. The children even rallied for extra support, shaking their donation buckets and chanting for Naburn Primary.

We'd like to thank everyone who came along to the sale for their generosity and support. It was lovely to meet so many people who spoke enthusiastically about our small, village school and praised the efforts being made.

We managed to raise a whopping £1,260, which was then very generously added to by one of the governors, giving a grand total of £1,360.

I cannot thank everyone enough for their contribution to this event. From the amazing items that were donated for us to sell, the home baked goods that were made, as well as the groceries and money that was very generously given, everything counted to making this a success. Also, huge thank you's to those who gave up their day and worked so hard on the stalls and in the cafe, including the children. We really have some budding entrepreneurs.

We might be the smallest school in York but the passion and love our parents and children have for the school make us a strong and determined team. Nothing demonstrates this better than last weekend, as parents, children, teachers and even ex pupil parents came and worked throughout the day to make the event a success.

### Message from Mr Green – St Crux

I would like to echo everything that Alexis has written above with one 'thank you' addition. Our PTA are just superb and I never cease to be amazed by their commitment and dedication to our lovely school. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all they did to prepare for St Crux and make it the incredible success that it was. In particular, I would like to thank Rachel and Alexis.



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### Tony from YoYo working with Sycamore Class on the subject of Easter Poems

Sycamore enjoyed input from Tony Bower from YoYo. His inspirational teaching helped the children to write Easter Poems which they will be reading to you at our Easter Service!



### Sycamore Parent Dinners

As you can see, parents thoroughly enjoyed their school dinner with us on Thursday... and I also think that the children enjoyed having them looking at Jimmy's reaction! Thank you to Julie, our school cook for preparing such a wonderful meal!



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## Acorn Class Assembly

Great work Acorn Class! They presented the most wonderful, fun and informative Class Assembly on Thursday for the school, parents and guests. It focussed on their project on dinosaurs and included them proudly showing their writing, pictures, and salt dough fossils, along with a hilarious dinosaur dance! Thank you to Mrs Mann and Acorn for making it such a fascinating assembly.



## Acorn Visit to St Matthew's Church – Message from Mrs Mann

As part of their RE topic on 'What makes some places sacred?' and 'What makes some places special?', Acorns enjoyed a visit to St Matthew's Church. Rev. Jackie met us there and taught us all about why a church is sacred and helped us identify special objects and symbols around the church. We had a brilliant visit and would like to thank Rev. Jackie for making our trip so informative and fun!



## Letters to Athena School in Sri Lanka

You will be aware from previous newsletters that we are setting up a link with a school in Kandy, Sri Lanka, called Athena. All children in the school have either sent a letter or a picture to the school.

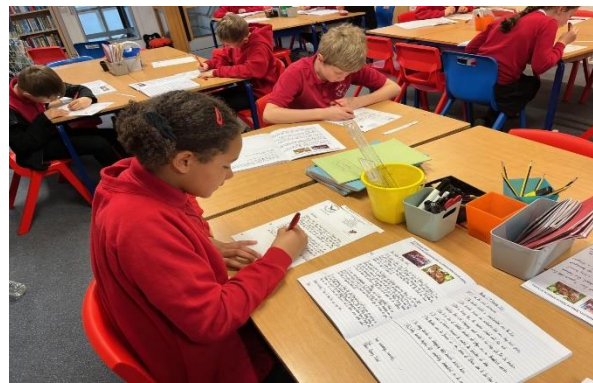
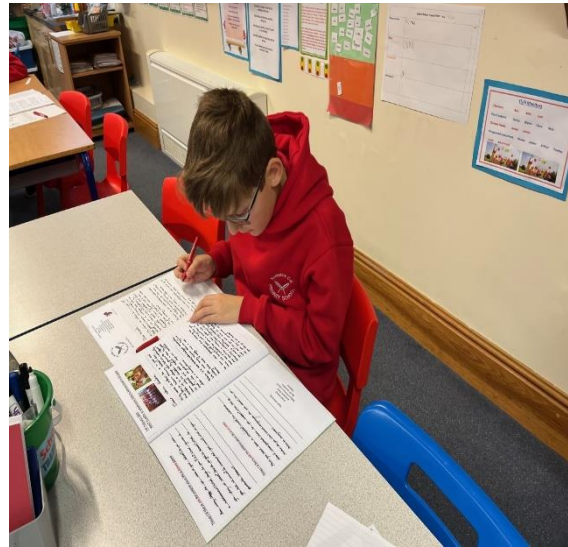
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Children in Sycamore have also written specifically to a pupil. We look forward to receiving the responses from our Sri Lankan friends.



### Easter Service

Don't forget the Easter Service that will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March in St Matthew's Church starting at 2pm. We are really looking forward to seeing you there.

### 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.

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### **PE Update – Message from Mr Stokell**

This week, continuing with the OAA topic; children again worked on their team-building skills.

The classes were split up into 4 groups, randomly. Each team were given a bench and told to stand on it, in any order they wanted. The only instruction was that once they were on it, to complete the task they were not allowed to move off the bench...

Firstly the groups had to arrange themselves into height order, communicating and helping each other across the bench so that no one fell off. Secondly, they had to arrange themselves into alphabetical order (based on first name), using the same methods of movement as before. After that was completed, they did the same for surnames. The KS2 class started to get into the swing of things, so their next challenge was to complete the task, this time without making a sound.

KS1 were fantastic at ordering themselves into the correct height. So much so that their final challenge was to combine each team onto all of the benches and arrange themselves from smallest to tallest in just 5 minutes! Light- work for Acorn class as they completed the challenge in under four!

A really fun topic that's helping everyone work on their team-work and communication skills.

### **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.

### **PTA Article**

We had an article written and published in the National School PTA magazine this month about our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I have attached the PDF version to this newsletter for you to read. Nice to get good national press coverage.

### **Questionnaires**

We will be sending out the Parent School Questionnaire to you after Easter. Please keep a look out for them and complete them as quickly as possible when they do come through. Thank you

### **ASC and Dinner Prices**

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, please remember that the charge for attending After School Club will go up to **£11.00** after Easter and school dinners will go up to **£3.00** a meal.

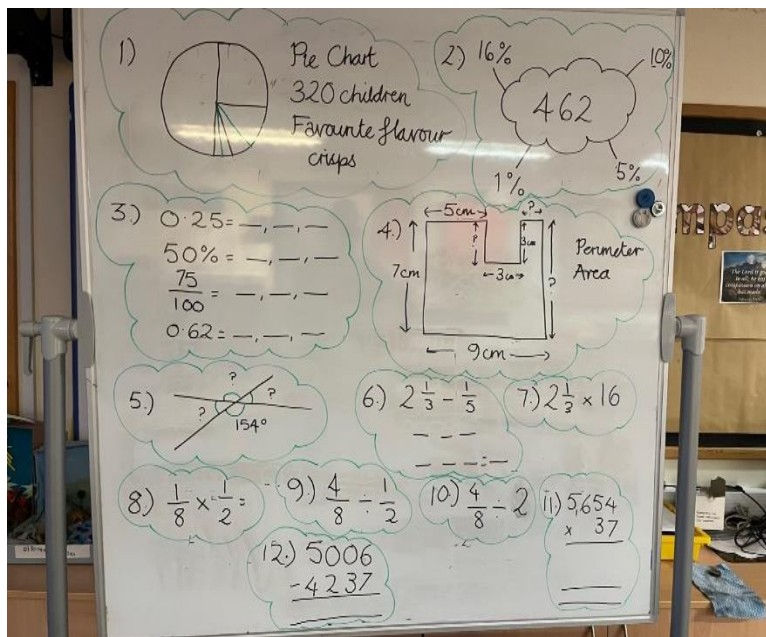
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## Parent/Headteacher Meetings – Spring Term 2023

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
27 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm

## ESafety Section

Bad things sometimes happen. It's a regrettable, but inescapable fact, of life. Nobody – especially in the vast, untamed wilds of the internet – can avoid setbacks indefinitely. What we *can* do, however, is fortify ourselves – and, crucially, our children – with the knowledge and the skills to cope with and adapt to these difficulties when they arise. That's digital resilience. Teaching children and young people to handle the slings and arrows of online misfortune will hugely benefit a generation who are growing up publicly in an online environment. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has some basic and easily achievable suggestions for good online habits that will help young people and their families to enjoy the digital world more safely and healthily. Please use the link below to find out more. Thank you <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-safe-healthy-online-habits>

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## House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Hope** for being House attendance champs! Congratulations to all our Stars for the positive contributions they have made to our school and our 100% attendance award winner, **Lara**.

I think a couple of the children have very good taste in supporting a particularly great football team!



## Attendance figures

Weekly attendance data is below.

- This week's School Attendance W/C 27/02/23 = 91.13% - Unauthorised absence = 1.73%
- Last week's School attendance = 90.74% - Unauthorised absence = 1.35%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 87.47% - Unauthorised absence = 2.09%

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:** Sight loss charity The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, has launched an appeal for volunteers to help raise and foster guide dogs as the Covid 19 pandemic caused a backlog of people waiting for partnerships.

**Question:** How important are guide dogs for those in need?

**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

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Headteacher

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## ***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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