

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



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Dear Parents,

It has been the most satisfying academic year. We started it celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, not knowing if we would survive the next year, but finish it believing that there is the brightest future possible for the school. I am incredibly grateful to you all for your confidence and faith. None of this could have been achieved without you. Thank you

Last week I mentioned that we had been nominated for the **YORK PRESS COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS 2023** in the **School of the Year** category. I am delighted to tell you that we are now a finalist in that category. The awards ceremony will take place at the end of September and I will keep you informed as to how we get on.



Read on or use the following link if you prefer to listen to me. <https://youtu.be/EdrPpHrjJGU>

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## School date Reminders

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – School Reopens

### Miss Brett (extract from my speech on Thursday)

We said goodbye and good luck to Miss Brett at our Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party yesterday.

I am really grateful to Laura for a number of reasons. Firstly, she has, always without fail, been a team player. That makes her into a most fantastic colleague. Secondly her love for the job and her enjoyment at being with the children is obvious and fits the school personality so perfectly! I really enjoy going into her classroom, to see all the happy faces wanting to learn and thoroughly enjoying their time in the classroom with her.

Laura has been with us for seven years. They have been quite difficult years in the life of the school and the last 16 months have been the most challenging. All the way through this period we all had to think and care and want the very best outcomes for the good of the school more than any individual's wishes. I have relied on people doing this day in and day out. Laura's courage has shone through over this period and she made the bravest and most challenging decision of everyone.

I know that she is adored and respected by not only the children in school who she has taught but also those who she has taught and gone onto Secondary School. It also did not take me long to realise that Laura is so well loved and respected by all the staff. We will really miss her.

I am sure that whatever Laura does, she will go on serving others and making a wonderful contribution.

Laura, you have touched people's hearts, provided care and warmth for all the children who have been lucky enough to have been taught by you. You have given them a strong foundation, enabled them to grow and become caring, loving and respectful individuals. I am sure that whatever you decide to do, you will continue to share your lovely caring light in other ways with other people. Please keep in touch with us. Please pop into see us. You go with our love and very best wishes for the future!!



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### **Other Leavers this term**

We also said goodbye to a number of other members of staff.

Mrs Russell has been performing the role of Midday Supervisor at the school for seven years and we will miss her massively. MSAs do such an important job and it is easy to take them for granted if you are not careful. Without them, the children's lunchtime experience would be very different. Sheila has always gone out of her way to make sure the children are safe and have fun at dinner. Thank you Sheila.

Please get in touch with me, or the school office if you are interested or you know someone that might be interested in the job of MSA at school. I will be delighted to hear from you.

Mrs Denison has been back for another stint at Naburn and worked with us for the past two terms. In real terms she has never really left and she will continue to come in and cover supply work for us in the future.

However, what Tracey has given us and the children since Christmas is high quality reading and phonics teaching. With the EYFS and KS1 team of Mrs Mann, Mrs Burton and Mrs Wragg, she has helped to turn round reading in Acorn to a strength in one academic year. I could not have been more delighted. She has been a significant part of a team that has enabled our children to be more successful at accessing the curriculum and as a consequence enjoy school and learning so much more and become Life Long Learners. Thank you for all you have given over the last two terms Tracey and I am sure that we will still see you in the new academic year.

Mrs Holmes has worked with the Year 5 and 6 group from Sycamore on a Monday for the last year. She has taught the Core Subjects in the morning followed by Science and RE in the afternoon. She is an excellent teacher with great experience and we will really miss her. Thank you to Mrs Holmes.

### **Thank you to PTA for the Toys**

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I wanted to once again point out the great work the PTA do for the school. We have benefitted so much from their hard work over the year. This week they have literally been in school every day, preparing for the various events that they are holding.

We are particularly grateful to them for purchasing new toys for the playground. These will be available for the first time for the children to play with at the BBQ this evening.



### Cricket Match

Thank you to the Archbishop of York's CE Junior School for hosting our cricket match on Monday afternoon. It was a close, tense game right until the last ball was bowled with our chaps eventually coming out on top. Well played to both teams and thank you to everyone from both schools who supported and transported.



### Superteams

Last year we postponed Superteams and had to reschedule it because the weather was too hot! Do you remember that?!

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This year the weather could have been too wet, but we were determined to make sure we got the whole event into Monday of this week. We were rewarded for our patience, determination and optimism with the sun coming out in the afternoon.

All four Houses performed superbly around the thirteen games and athletic style activities. The result could not have been much closer with three points separating the top three teams. Congratulations to **Community** who won the competition. This was so well deserved and down to superb leadership that inspired great teamwork. See the photos.



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### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

We send our love and best wishes to our Year 6 children who leave us today. I am not overstating anything when I say that they are a very impressive group of children. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to our Year 6!

I would also like to point to their success in the end of year SATs and Assessments. Their results highlighted the fact that they have made superb progress while they have been with us – Well done!

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### National Youth Orchestra visit

Thankyou to former pupil, Clare Marsden, for an excellent Assembly and presentation about her experiences playing French horn with the National Youth Orchestra. It was fascinating to hear about her life in music and to learn so much about classical music, from Beethoven to Star Wars to West Side Story and back again!



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## Naburn Village Gala

We really enjoyed contributing to the Naburn Village Gala last Saturday afternoon in spite of the weather. It was a privilege to be asked to open the event and judge the cake competition with Mrs Dale. I also enjoyed being soaked in the stocks more than I thought I would! Thank you to Mr Stokell for also taking a soaking!

I am grateful to the PTA and Governors for helping to run the school stalls along with the children. Well done!

The whole event raised over £1000. I am led to believe that the money will be shared out between the Church and the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who came along.



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## Parent Governor

Dan Edmondson will be stepping down as Parent School Governor from September. This means that there is one vacancy on the Governing Body and you should all have received a letter giving you this information. If you are interested in taking up this vacant position or would like more information about the role of Parent Governor please see me or give me a call. Thank you

In the meantime, I would like to thank Dan for all the time and effort he has put into the school during a challenging period. He has been the most wonderful advocate for the school and we will miss him. However, I do know that he will continue to support the school in other ways.

## PTA Section

We have been looking ahead to next year, to see what fantastic events we can organise, not only for the children, but for parents and the local community too. We're hoping to hold a social event in November, with a live band, quiz and games (see poster below). As part of this, we would love to run a promise auction, but to do this we need your help. Are you able to offer a service that you would happily provide, free of charge, to raise money for the school? Do you own something that could be loaned out or have expertise in a certain field you could provide to someone? If so, please let us know by contacting the school office. All of the promises that are kindly offered will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at the end of the evening. We're also looking at running a smaller social during the 1st/2nd week of term, so our new starters can get to know their class mates outside of the classroom. We hope as many current parents and children will be able to come and welcome our new families.

The Friends would like to thank you for your support throughout the year and for getting involved in our activities. We've got a tonne of ideas for next year, as well as bringing back popular events, like the All Hallows Eve party. We're always looking for more ideas though, so please do get in touch if you have any thoughts on events we can run or have any fundraising ideas.



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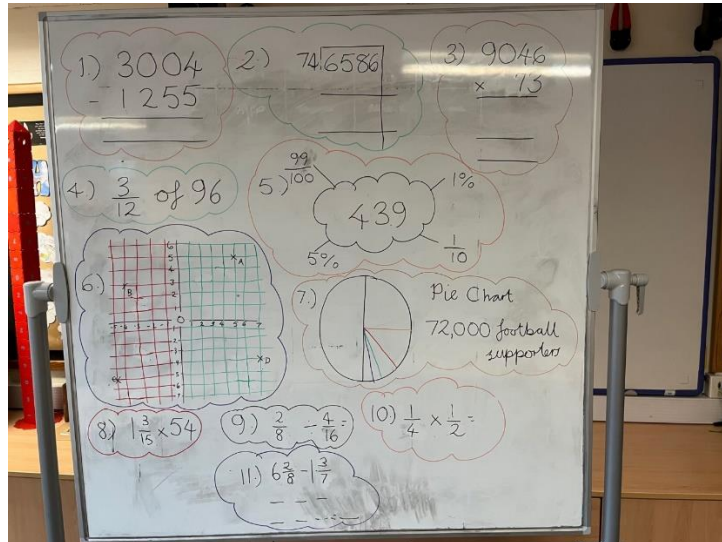


## Final Day

I will do a more detailed report about the end of school year events in my first newsletter in September. Quick reminder that these include the following:

- Teddy Bear Zip Line
- Break the Rules Day!
- End of year Party starting at 5pm

**'Ave a Go!**



## House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Perseverance** for being House attendance champs and overall House winners of the House Cup. Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week and TTRockstar Certificate winners.

## Attendance figures

- This week's School Attendance W/C 17/07/23 = 85.54% - Unauthorised absence = 0.24%
- Last week's School attendance W/C 10/07/23 = 79.06% - Unauthorised absence = 2.82%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 87.00% - Unauthorised absence = 2.15%

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

## Picture News

Picture News are now on holiday!

Hope you have a great weekend and the best summer break ever! **UNS!!!!!!**

Best wishes

Jonathan Green  
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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