



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



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Dear Parents,

Another exciting week in the life of Naburn CE Primary School with lots of thrilling things happening and plenty of things achieved. We also have so much to look forward to.

Please read on or use the following link if you prefer to listen to me. [https://youtu.be/ez7pHG\\_LIJY](https://youtu.be/ez7pHG_LIJY)

### **Open Day – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

You will have received a flyer from school on Wednesday about our Open Day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This is something new and exciting and we can't wait!

I am grateful to TEAL for helping to arrange this event and also for funding it. I am also grateful to the PTA for helping to advertise the day and also delivering hard copies of the details through peoples' doors in the village and surrounding area.

We do hope that you can all join us during the afternoon and please do your best to advertise it to all your family and friends.

The aims of the afternoon are to celebrate how far we have come in the last two years, show how much we have achieved, celebrate the fact that we are in a great place and demonstrate to everyone that we are a very happy, confident, flourishing school moving on to a bright and secure future and we are very much **OPEN FOR BUSINESS**. See the flyer overleaf.

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# Naburn

Church of England Primary School

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COME TO OUR OPEN EVENT ON

SATURDAY

# 23 SEPTEMBER

11AM - 3PM

With...

School Tours from 12PM - 1PM

Refreshments & Hot Dogs

Ian's Mobile Farm - As seen on the Yorkshire Vet

Community Cricket Game from 1PM - 2PM

We are really looking forward to showing you around our AMAZING and unique school!



- Small class sizes ✓
- Personalised approach to learning ✓
- Rural setting with easy access to York city centre ✓
- Enthusiastic staff with strong family values ✓
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents ✓
- After school club with exciting adventures ✓
- Consistently strong academic results ✓

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Please use this link to the article in **The Press** about this event. We are very grateful to them for all the support that they continue to give us.

<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/23788698.naburn-primary-school-york-hosts-event-new-pupils/>



### Church Service

Such a nice way to complete the first week of the Autumn Term by attending St Matthew's Church and joining their congregation for a service led by Mike Beresford and our school NEST Team. The theme was caring and looking after our planet - well done to Jasper and NEST and thank you to Mr Beresford for inviting us and allowing us to contribute. See the photographs below.

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### **Cross Country**

Your child might have brought home a letter to take part in a Cross Country Meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Askham Bryan College. If your child would like to take part, please ensure that you have sent the slip back from this correspondence by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like more information about this event please get in touch with the Office or me. Thank you

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## Harvest Festival

Early information about our Harvest Festival which will take place at St Matthew's Church on Thursday starting at 2pm. This is a joint service with the church again and will start at 2pm. The retiring collection will be split between church funds and Martin House Hospice.

Our harvest gifts will go to the homeless charities in York as usual and your generous contributions in this regard will be gratefully received. Items suitable for breakfasts such as cereals, porridge, fruit juice, tea, coffee and fruit will go to **Carecent** who serve breakfast to the homeless. Other items such as tins or vegetables will go to **Arclight**, a shelter for the homeless, along with donations of warm clothes. Please bring your items into school on **Wednesday morning (11<sup>th</sup> October)** so that we can take them along to church when we rehearse. Items can be placed in a box or loose in a bag.

## Christmas Card Competition

We have been invited by the MP for York Outer, Julian Sturdy, to design a Christmas card for him to send to residents in the constituency, community groups, businesses and charities as well as his parliamentary colleagues, including the Prime Minister!

For those children who are interested, all entries should be submitted on A4 in felt tip pen without glitter. The following details should be clearly stated on the back of the artwork.

**Name of pupil**

**Age**

**Year Group**

**Name of School**

Pupils should send their entries to Mr Sturdy's constituency office at Office of Julian Sturdy MP, 1 Ash Street, York YO26 4UR. The winner of the competition and two runners up will have their designs featured on Mr Sturdy's official Christmas card as well as receiving prizes from the Houses of Parliament gift shop.

## Parent Governors

You might remember from last year that Dan Edmondson will be stepping down as Parent School Governor after the school joins the TEAL Trust. Sadly, no-one came forward, so I am once again asking parents to at least consider taking on this role.

We sent a letter to you yesterday with this information. If you are interested in taking up this position or would like more information about the role of Parent Governor please see me or give me a call.

Thank you

## Mrs Mann

Every school year usually also has staff departing and I write to inform you that Mrs Mann will be leaving us at the end of September. Goodness me, you know as well as I do all that she has given to the school. She is the most positive and courageous teacher I have seen - she has never shirked a challenge and been willing and capable to put her hand to anything related to our establishment. Her work ethic is second to none and she is the **best teacher role model**. I know that she will be missed by the children, staff and parents when she moves onto a new role outside the teaching profession.

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We will be holding a special goodbye, good luck and best wishes assembly for her before she leaves us on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall starting 2.30pm.**

The good news in this instance is that Mrs Burton has agreed to teach Acorn Class full time until October half term. At that point I am excited to tell you that Mrs Rotchell will return from maternity leave and take on the same work pattern that Mrs Mann had.

### **Small Rugs, Bean Bags, Cushions**

We are looking for kind donations of any of the above items for our Classroom Reflection spaces and Reading areas. Please get in touch with me or the Office if you have any spare to pass onto us. Thank you.

### **Meet the Teacher in KS2**

Thank you to everyone who attended Sycamore Class' 'Meet the Teacher' session last night. Thank you also to Mrs Noble and Mrs Durham for preparing such a comprehensive session that covered so many aspects of life in KS2 ranging from curriculum to timings, to behaviour and homework.

We will be planning a similar meeting for Acorn Class in November when Mrs Rotchell will have returned from her maternity leave. In the meantime please note the Phonics and Reading Meeting for EYFS and Year 1 parents will take place straight after school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to Mrs Burton for leading this session.



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## PTA Section

It's the start of the academic year and The Friends of Naburn Primary can't wait to get going. We already have so many fun things planned to entertain the children, involve parents and bring the school and village community closer together, as well as raise funds.

One of the main events we're gearing up for is the November social. We'll have the fantastic, York based cover band, Electric Sheep, playing hits from the 60s through to the 90s. There will also be a bar, quiz, games and to end the evening, a promise auction. To make this night a success, we need your help please. 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 which you could provide to someone? If so, please let us know by contacting the school office. The promises that are kindly offered will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at the end of the evening. All money raised will go straight back into school to benefit the children.

Other things to look out for this side of half term will be the return of our film nights and the All Hallows Eve party. More details will follow on these in the coming weeks.

We are holding our first meeting of the year in the school hall at 7pm on Thursday 21 September. We would love as many people as possible to come along and help us plan the exciting events for the year. You don't have to commit to anything at all (but if you wanted to that would be hugely appreciated), we'd just be happy to hear your opinion on our ideas and any suggestions you might have for fun activities, events and fundraising. It's also a great opportunity to build friendships with other parents and strengthen the school community, plus there will be nibbles and drinks too!

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, but are unable to come to the meeting, please feel free to email [naburnschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:naburnschoolpta@gmail.com).

To keep you up to date with all the things we have going on our new Facebook page will be up and running soon. Keep your eyes out for this too.

## Millbridge Meeting in school – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

I would like to have a meeting with all the school parent residents who live at Millbridge Farm. This will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in school, immediately after 'Drop off'.

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 lovely school community and confident enough to come in and contribute to it.

## House Captain Update (Message from Mrs Noble)

Our children experienced the **British Value of democracy** in action as we held our second ever House Captain elections on Thursday. Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 were invited to apply for the roles of

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leading Hope, Community, Compassion and Perseverance and we were delighted by their enthusiastic response. Many children expressed interest and, in their own time at home, prepared speeches explaining why they wished to take on such a position and the qualities that they felt they could bring to it. We then had a whole school election, during which children were taught the Ancient Greek origins of the word 'democracy' (demos = people, kratos = rule) and of terms such as 'candidates', 'hustings' and 'ballot box'. Candidates then delivered their speeches, following which every child completed a voting slip and placed it into our silver ballot box! Mrs Noble acted as Returning Officer, checking and verifying the votes, before announcing the results:

Hope – Freddie

Perseverance – Jasper and Charles

Compassion - Nyla

Community – Luke

Each House Captain will be presented with a badge in their House colour, to be worn each day as part of their uniform, so that visitors and younger children can instantly identify them. We are so proud of the way in which all of the children (candidates and voters) approached the election and are sure that our five Captains will do a wonderful job of representing their Houses and Naburn School.



### Open The Book



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I wonder if you can guess what story the Open The Book Team performed for us? Yes, it was 'David and Goliath!' I have to confess, it was exciting and a tiny bit scary, but I am pleased to say everyone survived!

### Seat Belts

I have noticed at 'Drop off' that one family who drove to school on Wednesday, had too many children in the back seat of the car and those children were not strapped in. Please make sure that every journey made is the safest it can possibly be and know if I witness this again that I am prepared to take action. Thank you

### Attendance figures, House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to **Community** who were the House attendance Champions this week and well done to all our Stars of the Week!

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



### Secondary School Open Days for Year 6 children

Please see the poster below from Fulford School advertising their upcoming Y6 Open Evening.

Please note that applications for secondary school must be submitted to York Council by 31st October. See the link: <https://www.york.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions>

Please refer to individual school websites for their open evening dates if you are considering looking at schools other than Fulford.

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# Y6 Open Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Fulford and sharing what makes our school such a special place to learn!

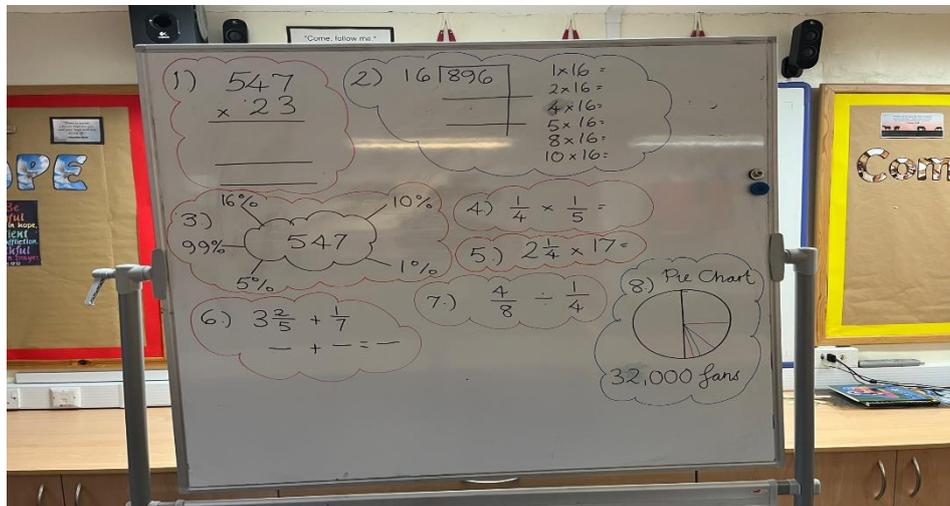
Our Headteacher, Mr Lewis, will provide an overview of our core values and goals. There will then be opportunity to meet students and staff in departments across the school.

26th September 5-8pm



## 'Ave a Go!

Please 'Have a go' at these if you have the time. Do work through them with your children, particularly if they are in Year 5 or Year 6. I am more than happy to mark them!



## Picture News

**Story:** More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete (RAAC) used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

**Question:** Is a school more than just a building?

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

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Hope you have a great 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.

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Phonics/Reading Meeting for Parents – 3.20pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	School Open Day at the Village Hall/Playground
<b>York Food Festival Week</b>	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	HT/Parent Drop In – 4.30pm to 6pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sycamore Class Visit to York Food Festival (am) York Community Awards – ‘School of the Year Finalist’
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	County Lines Talk to Y5/6 York Youth Justice Team
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Walk to School Week – House Captains to organise <a href="#">HT/Parent Drop In – 4.30pm to 6pm</a>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Children bringing Harvest Gifts World Mental Health Day
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu Jabs – 1pm Cross Country – Askham Bryan College
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival – St Matthew’s Church – 2pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sycamore Class Visit to Eden Camp – All day Parent Dinner – Acorn Class

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