

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! As always, it has been a privilege to see everyone and witness first-hand, the children 'bouncing' excitedly through the school gates.



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It has also been great to welcome new staff members into school and I think it's important to introduce them to our school community.

Read on or use the following link if you prefer to listen to me. <https://youtu.be/ixe4NIOWRRk>

Mrs Durham

By now you will all have met, been introduced to, or seen our new Head of School, Mrs Durham. We are delighted to have her on our staff and **know** that she has the skills and ability to lead the school forward to the next stages of development.

As well as her morning teaching commitment in Year 3 and 4, Mrs Durham will be working with me in the early part of the year in order to give the school more stability and greater capacity to maintain the improvements we have made in the last two years.

I know that you, as the most loyal advocates of the school, will join me in wishing her all the best in her new role. I believe that the knowledge, skills and talent that Mrs Durham brings with her will ensure that Naburn CE Primary School has an even brighter and secure future.

Mrs Hannen and Miss Winter

We also welcomed Mrs Hannen and Miss Winter as Teaching Assistants to school. Miss Winter will be working in Acorn and Mrs Hannen in Sycamore. They have settled quickly into school and are adding value to the teaching and learning in their classes.

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.

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

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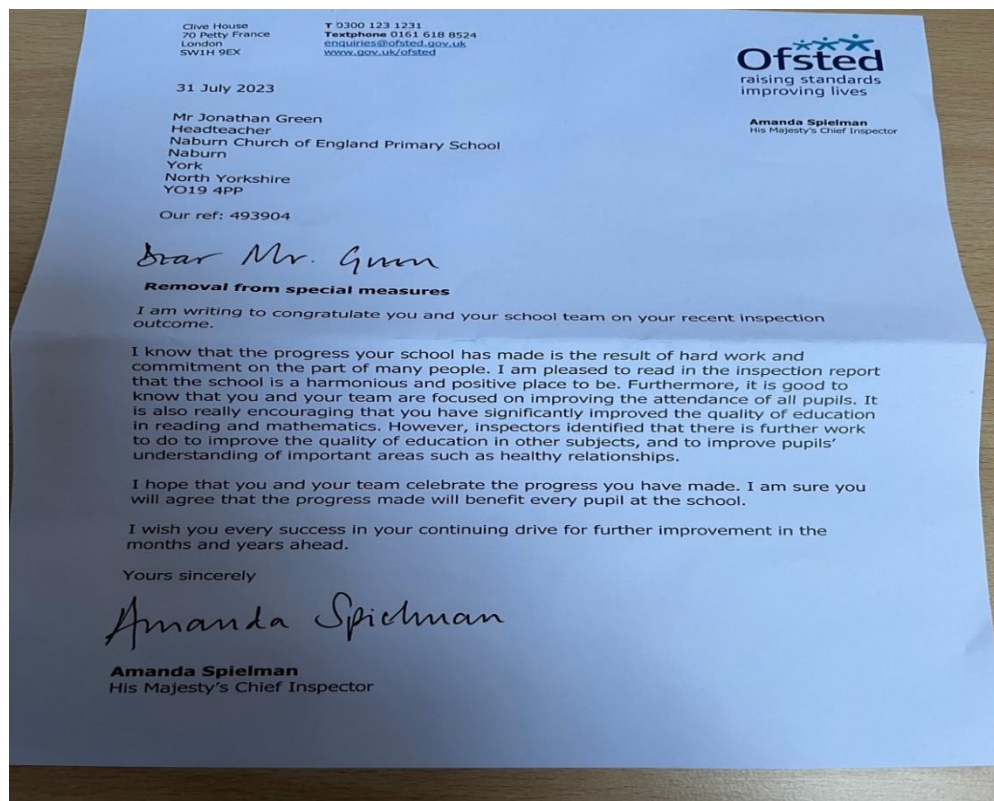
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The good news in this instance is that Mrs Burton has agreed to teach Acorn Class full time until October half term. At that point I am excited to tell you that Mrs Rotchell will return from maternity leave and take on the same work pattern that Mrs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

Holiday Letter

We received a very pleasant letter from His Majesty's Chief Inspector in the holidays. You might have seen it in a Tweet I sent in mid-August and it's definitely worth a read. I feel that it is a celebration of what we have accomplished as a school community and you have been such a big part of any success we have achieved. Thank you



Mela Festival

The city of York is getting ready to host its **first ever Health Mela** which is a multi-cultural festival that celebrates health well-being, free health checks, taster fitness classes, diverse entertainment, crafts and delicious food. Please take a look at the link in the article below for more information.

[York's first ever Mela festival will celebrate diversity | York Press](#)

End of Term Party!

It was great to all come together on the evening of the last day of the summer term for the end of summer party. Thank you to everyone that came along and thank you to the PTA for organising a special evening.

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Break the Rules Day and Teddy Zip Line

The last day of term was busy and fun, particularly for the children with a 'Break the Rules' Day and the Teddy Zip Line knock out tournament. You can see the happiness and mischief in the children's faces. Thank you again to the Friends Committee.



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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

Mrs Noble and Mrs Durham will be holding an essential **'Meet the Teacher'** meeting for **all** the parents who have children in Sycamore Class. This will take place straight after school on **Thursday 14th September**. It will be an early opportunity for you to get all the information you need about class expectations and how best you can support your child's learning at home. We look forward to meeting you all.

Reading Buddies at work



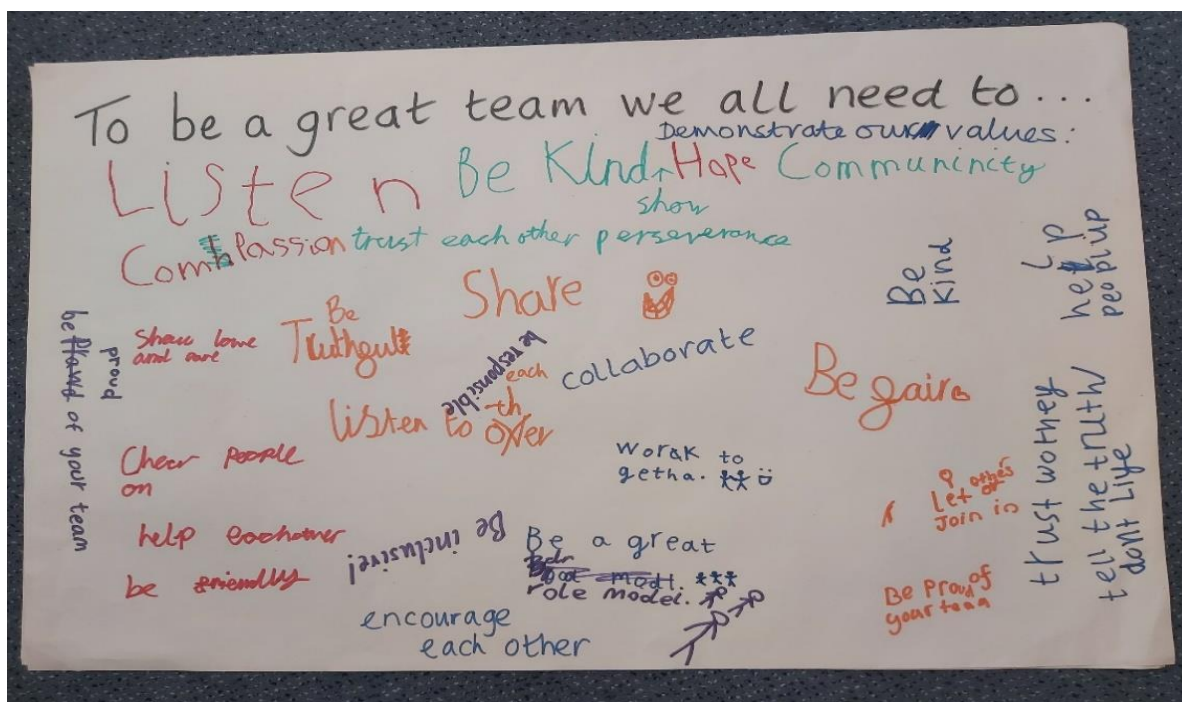
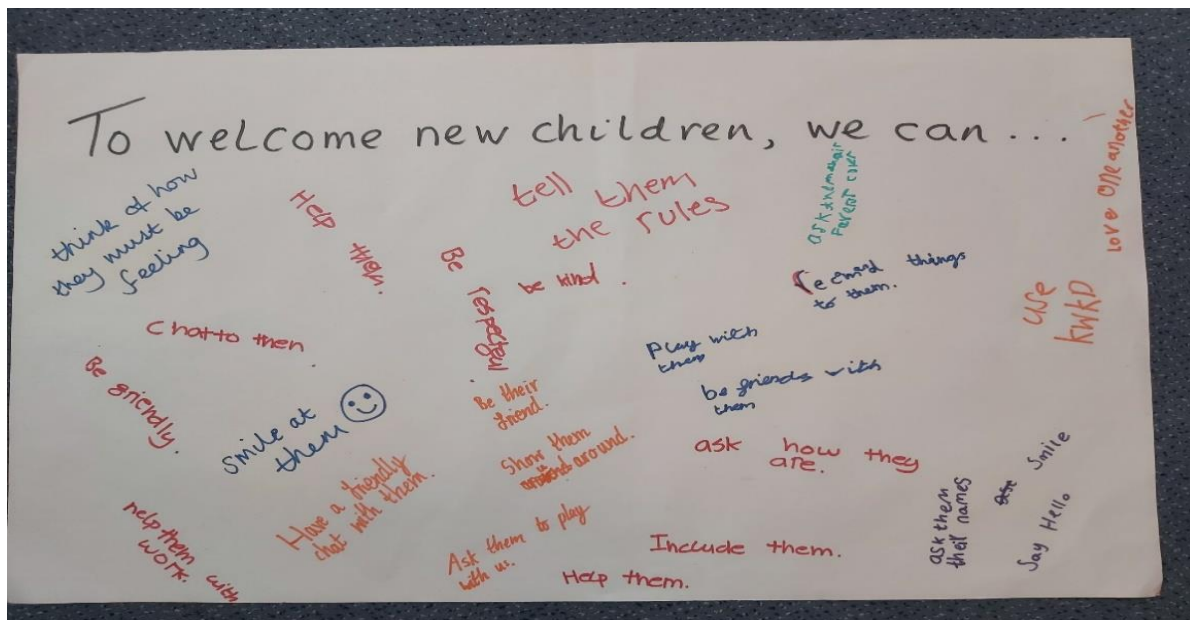
Life Skills

Super work in the Sycamore Class Life Skills lesson. Good things to think about and consider. It's going to be another lovely year. Thank you Sycamore Class.

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PTA Section

We have been looking ahead, 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 2nd or 3rd 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.

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The Friends would like to thank you for your support throughout last year and for getting involved in our activities. We've got a tonne of ideas, 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.



Would your child like to be a House Captain of Naburn CE Primary School? Note from Mrs Noble

Our 'House' scheme has now been running for a year and is working very positively to develop children's community spirit; to encourage them to earn 'House points' for themselves and each other and to ensure that attendance is as high as possible.

We will be holding elections for new House Captains next week and **all children in Y456 who have not previously held this position** are encouraged to apply. As a House Captain, your child would be a role model for the entire school, but particularly for the other children in their House. They will be expected to show fabulous learning behaviour, positivity, kindness and good manners at all times. They will also be asked, for example, to take a lead on organising their House on Sports Day; to show visitors and potential new pupils around the school; to share the views of their House members with staff members.

On Wednesday, we had a great discussion about the qualities needed to be a fabulous House Captain and the children agreed that the most important qualities they would like to see in their leaders are: role model behaviour; a sense of humour and a positive attitude towards life; inclusivity; kindness; good listening skills; helpfulness; a caring nature and respectfulness.

Please have a chat with your Y456 child(ren) to see whether they might like to apply for this role. **All interested children should please let Mrs Noble know on Tuesday.** They will then be invited to

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prepare (at home) a few words to say to their House members, following which we will hold a democratic, anonymous vote **next Thursday**. Successful House Captains will receive a badge, to be worn each day, and will have their photo added to our Houses board. If you – or your child(ren) have any questions - please let me know. I really hope we have lots of interest as we have so many wonderful children who would make great House Captains!

Attendance figures

- This week's School Attendance W/C 17/07/23 = 93.65% - Unauthorised absence = 0%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 93.65% - Unauthorised absence = 0%

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

Picture News

Story: In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that would make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats.

Question: Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?

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

Hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the sun! **UNS!!!!!!**

Best wishes

Sun 10 th Sept	N.E.S.T Service at St Matthews – 9am
Mon 11 th Sept	Clubs start
Tues 12 th Sept	Keyboard Lessons start – (Mrs Wragg)
Thurs 14 th Sept	Meet The Teacher – KS2 – 3.20pm
Wed 20 th Sept	Phonics/Reading Meeting for Parents – 3.20pm
Sat 23 rd Sept	School Open Day
York Food Festival Week	
Mon 25 th Sept	HT/Parent Drop In – 4.30pm to 6pm
Thurs 28 th Sept	Sycamore Class Visit to York Food Festival (am) York Community Awards – 'School of the Year Finalist'
Thurs 5 th Oct	County Lines Talk to Y5/6 York Youth Justice Team
Mon 9 th Oct	Walk to School Week – House Captains to organise HT/Parent Drop In – 4.30pm to 6pm
Tues 10 th Oct	Children bringing Harvest Gifts World Mental Health Day
Wed 11 th Oct	Flu Jabs – 1pm Cross Country – Askham Bryan College
Thurs 12 th Oct	Harvest Festival – St Matthew's Church – 2pm
Thurs 19 th Oct	Sycamore Class Visit to Eden Camp – All day Parent Dinner – Acorn Class



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.

School Dates for your Diary

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