



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



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Dear Parents,

The content of this week's newsletter is a positive reminder of how well the school is supported by the community and that Naburn is a village that is thriving! Read on!

Use the link below if you would prefer to listen rather than read. <https://youtu.be/Sh7OnBNDNx4>

### Christmas Tree Festival – St Matthew's Church

I do hope that you managed to get to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Matthew's Church last weekend. I am sure that those who did get down will have been impressed with the sheer '**Christmasnuss**' of the whole event! Well done to Mrs Dale and her team for all their hard work in arranging this special community event. I have been told that it made an incredible £1300 profit!



Hope Community Perseverance Compassion

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## **PTA Section (Non-Uniform Day)**

The PTA also wanted to thank everyone who supported our social event last Saturday by either donating one of the amazing promises for us to auction and/or coming along to enjoy the live music, drinks and good company. As you will read later in the newsletter, this was a roaring success, only made possible by the support and generosity of both the school and village community, which we are so lucky to have. Thank you!

It's now all systems go for Christmas and we've got something for everyone over the next few weeks.

To start, we'll have a stall at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, at Naburn village hall. There will be a range of festive crafting for the children, as well as gingerbread men to decorate, for a small cost. If you have any little (or big) ones that enjoy getting covered in glitter then this will be ideal for them! We'll also be running a chocolate tombola, and for this last activity we need your help. We'd be very grateful for any chocolate donations please, which we will use for the tombola. These should be brought in on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. In return your child can come to school in their own clothes on that day.

Tickets will soon go on sale for our Christmas raffle. We've secured some fantastic prizes from businesses across York, such as Mama Doreens, The Wizard Walk of York, Yorkshire Winter Wonderland, Northwood Fairy Trail and many, many more. Full prize details will be announced over the next few weeks, but for information on who we've got prizes from so far please see our Christmas wreath at the end of this letter.

We're also planning another film night, this time with a Christmas theme. This will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 18:00. The film will be democratically picked by the children, which we'll share with you as we get closer to the night. As always, there'll be popcorn and juice, as well as a festive hot chocolate and gingerbread person. Everyone can come in their most festive PJs, armed with teddies, blankets and anything else to get cosy under the Christmas tree.

We're really looking forward to embracing the festive season with you and hope you can join us at some of these events.

## **NABURN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - Sunday 3rd December - 6 pm at the Blacksmith's Arms**

Come and sing carols with friends, neighbours and the children - **CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!**

## **Anti-Bullying Workshop**

On Tuesday Sycamore Class had a super drama workshop with YoYo to tie in with Anti-Bullying week. They started by acting out opening a bag and showing a range of emotions linked to whatever we found in the bag (or what had been stolen from it!) We then assisted Janine in acting out the story of Joseph and his brothers from the Old Testament. Thank you to the YoYo Team!

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### Favours Auction

Thank you so very much to everyone who came and supported school at Saturday night's PTA do. It was a fantastic night by all accounts and I apologise for not being able to attend myself. According to eye witness accounts there was plenty of high quality dancing to the wonderful Electric Sheep band and lots of bidding for the amazing experiences and items on offer in the auction. Thanks to everyone who helped out and huge thanks to those parents who donated fabulous promises for the auction and to those who bought them - such wonderful generosity and support for our magnificent school.

I am delighted to announce that the total profit made is a staggering £2,419!!! This will benefit EVERY child in school in one way or another, enhancing their primary school years and making such a difference.

My final thank you goes to our **wonderful PTA** who worked so hard on this and made it a **TOTAL TRIUMPH**. Congratulations and well done!



### Emails

Please can I ask that if you would like to email a classteacher you do this through the School Office now rather than directly to the teacher. Thank you [naburn.primary@york.gov.uk](mailto:naburn.primary@york.gov.uk)

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Thank you to Larry's Gran who came in again to teach us more about Hinduism. In our lesson we created a Puja Shrine to Lakshmi, Goddess of Wealth and Prosperity. We then wrote prayers to her along with giving sweet gifts and flowers.



### Bauble Making with the PTA



Thank you to the PTA for helping us make Christmas Baubles ready for our Christmas Tree.

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## Children in Need Talent Show

I know that anyone who came to watch the Children in Need Talent Show could not fail to be impressed with the variety and quality of all the children's performances. We had magicians, impressionists, comedians, singers, dancers, gymnasts and dinosaurs! Literally all the school took part which is an incredible achievement and says such a lot about our children and our school. Congratulations to everyone who demonstrated their talent and thank you to everyone who came along to support. We raised over £80 for this very worthy charity.



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Sycamore Class had another great Computing session with Kat on Wednesday, during which we learned all about algorithms (sets of sequenced instructions). We used them to create a beating heart animation on a Microbit then planned out more complex animations to try, such as boats / cars / people moving across the LED display.



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### More lovely and special pictures of Buddy Reading



### Invitation to Assembly on Thursdays

Please remember that you are all cordially invited to our Celebration Assembly on a Thursday at 2.55pm. We would love to celebrate the weekly success of the children with you all. Thank you.

### Athena School – Sri Lanka

We were delighted with the beautiful cards, friendship bracelets and plaque that the children of Athena School, Sri Lanka sent to us. Please pop into school to see our displays which celebrates our link with Athena.



### Open the Book

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Thank you to the Open the Book Team who told us the story of Deborah the Judge. Another incredibly exciting and entertaining story from the Bible.



### **Christmas Post Box**

The children will be delighted to know that we will be opening the Christmas Post Box for daily Christmas card deliveries in school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Children who would like to send Christmas cards to their friends in school can use this service.

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day will take place in school on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. It's time to put on your most Christmassy jumper and help kids in the UK and around the world.

Whilst Christmas Jumper Day is also a great excuse to have a festive celebration, the main purpose of Christmas Jumper Day is to raise money for the amazing charity **Save the Children**. In return for the children being able to come to school in their favourite Christmas top, we ask that they bring a small donation of anything up to £1 for this very worthy cause. Thank you

### **Give it back Mac – Riding Lights – 11.12.23 (Open invitation – 1.30pm – Village Hall)**

I am delighted to tell you that the children will have the most wonderful treat on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, when the incredibly talented Riding Lights Theatre Group will perform a very special Christmas Production for them called 'Give it back Mac'. Please note the date and timings and come along if you can make it. I know that you will also enjoy this experience. Thank you to the PTA for agreeing to fund this event.

### **Community Afternoon – 18.12.23**

We are heading towards Christmas rapidly and the Christmas Community Afternoon is on the events horizon.

One of the main purposes of the event is to attract those members of our village that do not necessarily have a direct link with the school. It has proved to be very popular since we introduced it a couple of years ago and with this in mind, please may I ask for your assistance?

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Firstly, we would be most grateful for parents/adult volunteers to serve tea, coffee and cakes to our guests on the afternoon. Volunteers will also be royally entertained along with our guests!

Secondly, we would really appreciate prize donations for the raffle. Nothing too big. A can, bar or a bottle would be great as ideally we would like one small prize per guest. I tend to rig it a little so every guest receives a gift.

The actual afternoon will include a quiz, a raffle, refreshments and a variety of performances led by the children.

### **Nativity – Date changes**

We have moved the Infant Nativity dress rehearsal from Wednesday to Tuesday the 12th December (9.30am start at the Village Hall). We will now be holding our matinee performance on the same day starting at 2pm. Spread the word - All Naburn are welcome to come along!!

We have also decided to change the evening performance to a morning performance starting at 10am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Online Safety**

The link below will take you to the **TEAL website** and a section that will keep you as parents and families updated on online safety. Please take some time to have a look at it. It is really easy to navigate and shares with you good information, tips and advice.

<https://theeducationalliance.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

### **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

Thank you to Hattie's Grandma for actually making three cushions and giving them to school.

### **TT Rockstars**

Great work Year 3 who won last week's battle against Year 5. We are in the middle of a battle between Year 4 and Year 5 which the Year 4 are currently winning. The next battle will commence this coming Monday and is between Year 3 and Year 6.

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

Well done to **Community** for being House attendance champs and overall House winners. Also well done to all our Stars of the Week TTRockstars!

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### Attendance figures

- This week's School Attendance W/C 24/11/23 = 84.24% - Unauthorised absence = 3.10%
- Last week's School attendance W/C 13/11/23 = 89.05% - Unauthorised absence = 1.90%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 90.34% - Unauthorised absence = 2.91%

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

### Picture News

**Story:** Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows.

**Question:** Who is responsible for Antarctica?

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

**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 \(Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub\)](http://www.yorkmash.org.uk) 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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Come and visit our amazing school!  
Acorn class will be open 1.30 to 3pm every  
Friday

10th November to 8th December

For children due to start school in Sept '24

Our small school with big ideas offers a caring, happy and fun learning environment with Christian values at its heart in a close, nurturing, family community where children can thrive and learn confidently. We're delighted to have won the



School of the Year in the York Press Community  
Pride Awards this year and to have been adopted  
by The Education Alliance Multi Academy Trust  
promising an exciting future!

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Places available. Come and experience our great little school for yourself.

(Parents/carers to stay with their child during Stay and Play)



We

look forward to seeing you!



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