



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



1.12.23

Dear Parents,

You might be pleased to know that this is a slightly shorter Newsletter as we approach the exciting Christmas season. Things will definitely speed up from this point. Read on!

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

'Away in a Manger'

We are now in the exciting run up to Christmas in school and one of the very special events that we are looking forward to is Acorn Classes Nativity Production called **'Away in a Manger'**.

Please may I make one single and important plea and it is related to children actually being in school for the performances. These take place on Tuesday 12th December and Thursday 14th December. If you know that your child is going to be away for all or part of this week for any reason apart from illness, please get in touch with the office before the end of this week.

As you can imagine the staff and children are working so hard on this and it would be such a shame if children's absence had a negative impact on the Nativity.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Reverend Francis

Reverend Francis introduced our theme this week on Advent and also reminded us why we celebrate Christmas. Thank you Reverend Francis.

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Christmas Decorations are up – Thank you After School Club!



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Acorn Class – Seesaw

Mrs Burton and Mrs Rotchell have asked me to remind parents to log on to Seesaw to see what is happening in Acorn Class if they have not already done so. Children's home learning, photos and messages are posted on there, so it is a marvellous 'catch up' and 'find out' tool.

Mrs Coultas

After four years of the most magnificent service to our lovely school, Joanne is leaving us to work 3 days at Howden Infant School.

You are as aware as I am of the brilliant work that she has done over that period. She, along with all the office team, have been incredibly tenacious, hard working and loyal members of staff during difficult times. Her work on attendance in particular has been ground breaking and put us on the front foot with Ofsted and CYC. We will miss her and I know that you will join me in wishing her every good wish possible as she moves on. She definitely deserves it.

With this in mind, we will be holding a leaving collection for her. If you would like to contribute, please could you hand in your donation to Rachel by Monday 11th December.

Joanne's final day will be Thursday 14th December. We will have a special good bye assembly for her on that afternoon.

Mr Brown

Arran, our School Business Manager will be leaving us this month. He started shortly after the first of our series of Ofsted inspections in December 2021.

His work behind the scenes with policies, procedures, the budget to name but a few items on his 'to do' list has been invaluable. Arran was so kind and good in agreeing to stay on for the Autumn term to ease the transition of the school from Local Authority to TEAL.

We will miss his team playing attitude, expertise, wisdom and fantastic sense of humour – he has been another one of our many key players. I will also miss my Wednesday dose of football chat!

Mr Brown will be continuing his City of York work in a number of LA schools and we pass on our thanks and best wishes to him.

PTA Section (Non-Uniform Day)

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 2nd 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 the chocolate tombola and thank you to everyone who got stuck in on Thursday by sending numerous chocolate donations in on non-uniform day.

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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, York City Football matchday tickets 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 15th 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!**

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

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.

Christmas Post Box

The School Christmas Postal Service was open for the first day today. A quick reminder that this will be open from today until Thursday 21st December. Children who would like to send Christmas cards to their friends in school can use this service by posting their cards in the Post Box at the bottom of the stairs to Sycamore Class. There will be a daily delivery.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day will take place in school on **Thursday 7th 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

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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

Rehearsing Christmas Songs

Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Clark, for coming in and rehearsing Christmas songs with us ready for the Village Christmas Tree lighting ceremony that is happening this Sunday at 6pm at the Blacksmith's Arms. We can't wait!



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 11th 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?

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 of chocolate 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.

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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 14th 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/>

Twitter has been renamed X! They still say a minimum age of 13+ so no primary-aged children should be using the platform, but we thought families, including older siblings, might find this information useful. It should help parents and carers stay up to date with the changes made to Twitter since its reinvention as X – and the online safety hazards these changes might pose, including exposure to explicit content and unpleasant behaviour. That's not to say, however, that X is a ruined platform: a more cautious approach can still enable young people and of course us adults to navigate it fairly safely. This **#WakeUpWednesday** guide suggests some steps that can help us all avoid common pitfalls – both new *and* old – on X. <https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-x>

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

Picture News

Story: The Fagradalsfjall volcano is thought to be the cause of a series of recent earthquakes and Iceland has declared a state of emergency as inhabitants from the nearby town of Grindavik are evacuated.

Question: What is it like to live through an uncertain time?

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

House Winners and Stars of the Week!

Well done to **Community** and **Perseverance** 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 27/11/23 = 86.39% - Unauthorised absence = 1.31%
- Last week's School attendance W/C 20/11/23 = 84.24% - Unauthorised absence = 3.10%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 89.94% - Unauthorised absence = 2.69%

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

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.

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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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