



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School



8.12.23

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to come together with the Village community for the Big Village Christmas Lights 'switch on' on Sunday evening. The weather was cold and wintry, but this added to the lovely Christmas atmosphere. Thank you to the children who sang the Christmas Carols and songs so beautifully to everyone who attended. We are also very grateful to Mrs Clark for leading the singing and the Blacksmith's Arms for hosting the event!

Use the link below if you would prefer to listen rather than read. <https://youtu.be/qIX5h3GC2Gc>



Hope Community Perseverance Compassion

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## Fire Brigade Visit Acorn Class

Wow!! Acorn class had an exciting visit from Mike, John, Ben and Luke who are the White Watch Crew from York Fire Brigade. We got to see the fire engine and all its equipment. We sat in the cab and loved learning about the different things they have such as torches and protective clothing. We listened to the sirens which were very loud!



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### **Mrs Coultas**

A quick reminder that Mrs Coultas' final day at the school will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We will hold a special good bye assembly for her at 2.30pm on that afternoon, so please come along and join us all.

Please note that we will be holding a leaving collection for her. If you would like to contribute, please could you hand in your donation to Rachel in the Office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### **PTA Section**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Bazaar last weekend and got involved with the crafting and chocolate tombola. There were some amazing decorations made by the children, which no doubt look fantastic on your Christmas trees at home.



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Tickets are 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. For more information on the prizes please see the poster at the end of the newsletter. Tickets are £1 each and can be bought from the school office.

The children have voted on the film for our next movie night, which will be Arthur Christmas (rated U). This will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 17:30, with pick up at 19:10. As always, there'll be popcorn and juice, as well as a festive hot chocolate and gingerbread person (please let us know in advance of any allergies/dietary requirements). Everyone can come in their most festive PJs, armed with teddies, blankets and anything else to get cosy under the Christmas tree.

### **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 opened last week. It has been a slow start, so please encourage your children to use this service and post their cards in the Post Box at the bottom of the stairs near the lift. There will be a daily delivery.

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

We had a great day marking 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'. Thank you for all the generous donations for this very worthy cause and helping us to enjoy the day with so many wonderfully bright Christmas tops! We will keep the collection open for this one until 3.30pm on Friday.



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## Mr Beresford

Thank you Mr Beresford for leading Worship on Wednesday afternoon. The children saw a wonderful video version of the Christmas story told in a slightly different way.



## 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 this coming Monday, 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 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!!

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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/>

<https://www.naburnschool.com/e-safety-parent-information/e-safety-quick-read-disney>

*With more than 150 million subscribers worldwide, Disney+ has enjoyed a steady rise in popularity since launching four years ago. It has a library of treasured old-school animated favourites, modern classics and original series and can offer engrossing content for both young and not-so-young users. Of course, this means there can be the sort of age-inappropriate material you might not expect to find on the platform, given Disney's fabled status as a purveyor of family entertainment. There's useful advice in avoiding this pitfall (and more besides) in this **#WakeUpWednesday** guide.*

### TT Rockstars

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

### Picture News

**Story:** British litter-pickers have become world champions in the SpoGomi World Cup after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in Tokyo, Japan, for the first-ever contest of its kind.

**Question:** What is rubbish?

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

### Attendance figures

- This week's School Attendance W/C 27/11/23 = 88.22% - Unauthorised absence = 0.26%
- Last week's School attendance W/C 20/11/23 = 86.39% - Unauthorised absence = 1.31%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 89.76% - Unauthorised absence = 2.41%

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

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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.

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