



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents,

Great to welcome you all back for the start of the Spring Term and although it has been a cold week, there has been a lot of warm activities happening in school! These have included our re-launch of Vision and Values amongst other things.

We hope you had a superb Christmas and we wish you a very happy new year.

If you would prefer to listen to me read the newsletter please use the link provided.

<https://youtu.be/4S1BpNgXNaE>

### **New and exciting role**

I am very grateful to Anne Clark for writing such a lovely letter about the work that I have been involved in over the last two and a half years at Naburn CE Primary School.

It also informed you that I will soon be leaving to take up a part time position with TEAL (The Education Alliance) working with GTRSB families and children. This is such an exciting opportunity and one that I am really looking forward to when I take up the role properly in the second half of the Spring Term.

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of the teaching and leadership arrangements for the first half of the Spring Term.

Firstly, I will be teaching all day on Monday in KS2 and then in the morning on Wednesday in Year 3/4 Sycamore Class. Thursdays will be my **'TEAL time'** and I will not be in school.

Mrs Durham has been gradually taking over the leadership of the school since September and the way we are working this half term will enable this to happen to an even greater extent.

I would add that I am very grateful for the work that Mrs Durham has done so far and will continue to do. Her expertise in curriculum design has been exactly what the school has needed and the progress

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that we have made since her arrival has been enormous. Naburn CE Primary School will continue to improve and thrive under her leadership and at a more rapid pace. I commend the work that she is doing with the staff and children and I marvel at her work ethic. Thank you Mrs Durham.

I will speak and write more in future correspondence about my time at Naburn CE Primary School, the village and what a special place it has become for me and how I will always hold a special place in my heart for it. For now, I just want to thank you all for welcoming me and supporting absolutely everything we have done since September 2021.

### **Christingle Service**

What a wonderful way to end the Autumn Term with our Christingle Service.

St Matthew's was packed to the rafters with parents, friends, relations and members of the Church helping to make it an even more special occasion for one and all. What I felt was also most impressive was the singing of the Carols and Christmas songs.

Thank you to Tony and Janine from YoYo who presented a short Christmas Drama to add to the event and thank you to Reverend Maxine, Reverend Francis and Mike Beresford for also adding to the service. Finally, well done to the children who sang beautifully and told the Christmas story so well.



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## Vision and Values Days

We have been updating our School Vision and Values this week with a number of really exciting activities. We have related these to the Bible story of Noah and the Ark and I know that Mrs Durham will be sending a letter to you shortly to explain how we will promote this story in school and the impact it is designed to achieve.

In the meantime, I have attached some photographs around the work the children were involved in on Thursday with Tony and Janine from YoYo. They led us through the Bible Story in words and actions, introduced a poetry writing session and finally set up prayer spaces to think about and reflect on how this story can make our school an even warmer environment where everyone can flourish. The result was an experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed and will never forget. Thank you YoYo!



## PTA Raffle

The PTA raffle was a rip-roaring success raising £506! Your generosity in purchasing tickets and adding items to the Raffle was incredible.

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It is important for me to mention how occasions like these draw our village community together. The playground was full of people who had bought tickets and wanted to taste a bit of raffle success by winning one of the many Christmas prizes.

A successful event like this relies on great organisation, good contacts, hard-work and fabulous prizes. I would like to thank the PTA in that regard. Added to this, I am very grateful to all the local businesses who donated so many irresistible items.

### **St Crux – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

The Friends of Naburn wishes everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. We'd like to thank everyone who supported us last term, to raise money for school and, more importantly, helped with the fun events and activities for the children.

We've recovered from Christmas and are now looking forward to the New Year.

An important date for your diary is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, when we'll have the use of St Crux, in York city centre, to sell pre-loved items and run a café. Emails will be going out soon, asking for help on the day of the event itself, as well as requests for grocery donations and homemade, baked goods to sell in the café. If you are able to help in any way we would hugely appreciate it please, even if it's just donating a pint of milk or helping for 1 hour on the day. We also need things to sell. Do you have anything you no longer want, that's been clogging up your spare room? Any unwanted gifts from Christmas, or toys that your children have outgrown? Well this is your perfect opportunity for a spring clear out! More information on this will be coming out soon, but please keep your eyes out for things around the house you might want to donate.

This is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, so it would be amazing if as many people as possible could be involved.

We're also looking at re-vamping The Future Forest, to make it a fantastic space for learning, as well as a space the whole village community can share and enjoy. We'll be arranging a planning meeting soon but please get in touch if you have any ideas on what we can do in the meantime.

### **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/>

### **TT Rockstars**

Great work Year 6 who won the Christmas holiday battle against Year 5. New battle starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January between Year 3 and Year 5.

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## Picture News

**Story:** A study from the University of Valencia in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading on a screen.

**Question:** Is an e-reader better than a book?

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

### Attendance figures

- This week's School Attendance W/C 18/12/23 = 73.77% - Unauthorised absence = 6.23%
- Last week's School attendance W/C 18/12/23 = 74.68 - Unauthorised absence = 2.58%
- Whole School Attendance School Year to date = 86.42% - Unauthorised absence = 2.60%

**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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