



# Navenby Church of England Primary School

School website: [www.navenbyschool.com](http://www.navenbyschool.com)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## WEBSITE

Some of you will have noticed that we have updated our website. Please spend some time looking around it so you become accustomed to where items of importance for you are. If anyone needs any support then please contact the school office.

All of our diary dates are on the calendar, there is also the information about clubs, classes and our curriculum and associated policies. We hope you like it!

## LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

On the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> May, I will be running the second lockdown practice of the year. This is done so that the children and staff know what to do if we ever have to go into a lockdown situation. We have run this practice for 3 years now and everyone in school is well versed in the process, which has been monitored by our Health and Safety Governor, Mrs Hellard. She will be visiting again on the 5<sup>th</sup> to see this process in operation.

An addition to our procedure is to notify all parents that we have gone into lockdown. For this practice we will be sending an alert to you so you know the school is in lockdown. We will use contact numbers we have for you on our Arbor Management System.

The wording you will receive is:

*Navenby C of E Primary School has gone into Lockdown. Please do not contact nor come to the school until it is safe to do so. You will be contacted when the Lockdown issue has been resolved.*

Please note this will be a PRACTICE, so please don't be alarmed when you receive this message. You will receive a second message to say that the Lockdown issue has been resolved.

If you have any questions about our lockdown process then please come and ask me in school.

## SPORTS TOPS

We have had a lot of sporting events this term and have given out many of the red and black sports tops. If your child has worn one of these (plus the football kit and black jackets)

please can it be washed and returned to school at your earliest convenience so we are ready for the summer term's sporting activities. Thank you

## FORCES CLUB

Every year, Mrs Woolsey and the Forces Club children enter the Armed Forces poster design competition to help launch Armed Forces day in June.

We were thanked by the organisers for our entries this year and Mrs Woolsey is delighted to share that Edith's and Madeleine's entries were awarded prizes. They will be receiving these in due course. Well done girls and to all the Forces children who submitted entries.

## LONDON MARATHON



Last Sunday we had our very own Mrs Thornton taking part in the London Marathon. It was a warm day but she was determined to beat her personal best time. We were all extremely proud of her, tracking her on the app to see how she got on. We were delighted, as she was, to finish with a time of 2 hours 42 minutes making her the 27<sup>th</sup> fastest woman! What an achievement and

inspiration to us as staff and the children at the school. She shaved 1 minute off of her personal best too! Unbelievably, she was in school on Monday a little fatigued but still applying herself to the wonderful job she does here. A massive well done to Mrs Thornton.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please can I remind parents to ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. Please check that previously labelled items can still be seen. I was on the field the other day and picked up a couple of jumpers and I could see that names had been written in them but they were no longer identifiable as they had worn away. It is particularly important at this time of year as children remove jumpers and coats if the weather is

warm and quite often forget to pick them back up. If we can see the names we will be able to get the items back to their owners. Thank you.

### **DYSLEXIA OUTREACH**

Attached to the newsletter is a flier regarding supporting children with dyslexia as they transition from primary to secondary school. The Dyslexia Outreach Team are hosting two free online transition workshops for parents to attend. Details of how to book onto either of these are available on the flier.

### **JOEL FEARON VISIT**

On Wednesday we welcomed Joel Fearon to the school. He spent some time with each class doing some fitness exercises on the school field and then took part in a question and answer session before the end of the day. He shared with us his journey and the obstacles he had to overcome to reach Olympic glory. He was fully engaging with the children throughout the day and the feedback I have had is that it was a wonderful afternoon. My thanks to the Sports Crew who helped each of the classes with the tasks and to Miss Reeder for organising the event.



### **SWRA OPEN EVENING**

SWRA are hosting an open evening for Year 5 parents on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 6 – 8.30pm for anyone potentially thinking of them for their child's secondary education. If you are interested, you need to register on [www.swracademy.org](http://www.swracademy.org)

### **FOOTBALL**

Unfortunately the season didn't end how we wanted it to with defeat to William Alvey on Tuesday 4-3. It was a close contest that could have gone either way but luck wasn't on our side. We scored three wonderfully worked team goals which showcased the team's work ethic and football skills in what was an entertaining match. The children were naturally disappointed but we talked about remembering this feeling so that when they played in sports fixtures again, it would give them a little bit of extra impetus to work even harder. They have been amazing all season, winning our league and representing the school at the County Finals. They have set a high benchmark for next year's team and I know that the

Year 4s and Year 5s are chomping at the bit to pull on the Navenby jersey.

My thanks to all the children who have attended the after school club from back in September and to everyone who has represented the school. My thanks also to the parents for your support of the team both at home and away.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

At the end of a tough cross country campaign the final results are in. Throughout the season, what has been amazing is not only their drive and determination, running in some tough wintry conditions, but their team spirit and improvement both individually and collectively. Most of our children have improved on their personal times and all have contributed points to our team total. From 25 competing schools, the girls finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall and the boys finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall



meaning our overall school performance placed us in 5<sup>th</sup> position! This demonstrates a fantastic level of consistency which I know Mrs Thornton was particularly pleased about. We also had a notable individual achievement with Evie finishing as the third best Y5/Y6 runner. For her efforts, she was rewarded with a bronze medal at the final event yesterday. Massive congratulations to Evie and to the whole team – you have been

brilliant ambassadors for yourselves and your school and we are proud of you all. At yesterday's final event our Y3/4 relay team came 6<sup>th</sup> from over 30 schools and Danny managed to finish a brilliant 3<sup>rd</sup> in the individual event.

My thanks also to Mrs Thornton for giving up her time to run the after school running club. As we know from her own personal achievements she is a brilliant role model and inspiration for our children.



### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Through terms 5 and 6, each class will be leading an assembly to showcase the work they have done this year. Parents are warmly invited to join us for these occasions (all 9.05am)

Dates in place are:  
**15<sup>th</sup> May: Year 4**

22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 2  
26<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> July: Reception  
10<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5

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## MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

Have a lovely long weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*C Elliott*

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Headteacher

## DATES (new dates in bold)

We aim to publish dates for any events well in advance so that parents can make any necessary arrangements. Dates in place so far are (**new dates in bold**):

- 4<sup>th</sup> May: May Day – school closed
- 5<sup>th</sup> May: Lockdown Practice (am)
- 7<sup>th</sup> May: Football v Potterhanworth (Y4/Y5 children)
- 8<sup>th</sup> May: Carre’s Cricket event (KS1 and Y3/4)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs; Locality Lead visit (pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 4 class assembly; Governors 4.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> May: Carre’s event: tri-golf
- 18<sup>th</sup> May: Girls cricket competition, Sleaford CC
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 2 class assembly; Y5/6 Cricket competition at Sleaford CC; Last day of term
- 1<sup>st</sup> June: start of term 6; confidence in swimming session (1/6); **FONS meeting 8pm at school**
- **9<sup>th</sup> June: Y1 phonics screening check**
- 15<sup>th</sup> June: confidence in swimming session (2/6)
- 19<sup>th</sup> June: Camo Day
- **22<sup>nd</sup> June: confidence in swimming session (3/6)**
- **25<sup>th</sup> June: Summer fete 3.30 – 5.30pm; non-uniform day (sweet donation)**
- **26<sup>th</sup> June: Y1 class assembly**
- **29<sup>th</sup> June: confidence in swimming session (4/6)**
- **7<sup>th</sup> July: KS1 sports afternoon**
- **9<sup>th</sup> July: KS2 sports afternoon**

Please keep looking at the website where these are continually updated and new dates added. Thank you.