

Tuesday 14th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term. We ended the term on a very positive note with our Christmas performances as well as the great news relating to our primary league table success. Thank you on behalf of myself and all the staff for your kind cards and gifts prior to breaking up for the holiday. Now we have lots to look forward to during this term.

School Games Silver Success



We are delighted to announce that we have finally received confirmation that we achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. With lots of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. A special thank you to Mrs Anderson for her leadership of Sport at Starbeck Primary Academy and to everyone who has helped to run clubs or organise sporting activities and events.

Chinese New Year Special Meal

We recently sent out details about a special school meal that we will be having on Thursday 16th January for Chinese New Year which is very soon. This is one of several themed meal days that our canteen will be organising over the school year. Please rest assured that there will be other options, such as Jacket Potatoes, available on the day if your children normally has a school dinner but does not like Chinese food.

Parking Reminder

Please could we remind parents that we have limited parking on site which is designated for staff. Unless you have sought permission for specific reasons to park on site, please could parents and carers park outside of the school grounds. This does not apply to collection/drop-off at Kids Club which is outside school hours when gates are open and the majority of staff have left.

Parent Forum

During the last couple of school years and in the lead up to our last inspection, we held several Parent Forum meetings which a small group of parents elected to attend and gain more detailed updates on school initiatives and improvement focuses. Last half term I wrote to ask parents whether they would like to continue this. I only received a very small number of replies; however we will nevertheless hold a Parents Forum meeting on Tuesday 21st January at 9am, when I will give an update on the academy improvement plan and any other developments. If you did not respond to my letter but would like to attend this, please could you let the office or myself know in advance that you will be attending. Thank you.



Spring Term Dates

Here are some key dates for the Spring Term. Further dates for specific events will be shared as we progress through the coming weeks.

- ❖ Tuesday 21st January – Year 6 Bewerley Park Meeting 3:30pm in 6P
- ❖ Thursday 30th January – Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
- ❖ Thursday 6th February – Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
- ❖ Monday 10th February – Year 6 residential to Bewerley Park
- ❖ Thursday 13th February – Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
- ❖ Friday 14th February – Year 6 return from Bewerley Park
- ❖ Friday 14th February – Break up for half term
- ❖ Monday 24th February - Children return to school
- ❖ Thursday 27th February – Year 6 Class Assembly 9am (Both 6P and 6R)
- ❖ Thursday 5th March – Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
- ❖ Thursday 12th March – Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
- ❖ Friday 13th March – Sport Relief
- ❖ Thursday 19th March – Reception Class Assembly 9am
- ❖ Friday 3rd April – Children break up for Easter

Yours Sincerely,

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