

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

# NEWSLETTER



**STARBECK**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is quite surreal to be talking about the end of term due to the prior lockdown, however what I can say with certainty is what a fantastic 3 weeks we have had with all children back at school. They really have been stars in adapting quickly to routines and challenging learning and have really loved being among their class friends. Even in 3 weeks, we have seen outstanding learning outcomes across the school, ranging from debates on waste management to moving pictures in DT and Australian-themed artwork and of course daily ongoing development of Maths and English.

After the holiday, we will return to sharing news about learning across the school by filming our Class Assemblies on a rota basis, providing you with a link to watch with family and friends.

## COMIC RELIEF 2021

Thank you for all your support with Red Nose Day 2021. For those of you who do not follow social media, we raised £271.52 for the great causes that RND represents. Our theme of positivity and rainbows created a wonderful array of colour and outfits. Pictured are our Reception class, who did themselves proud with their efforts on their very first RND at school.



## GREEN LEARNING

Now that we are back at school, our green projects and learning are under way. Our involvement in the NSAT Year of Waste goes from strength to



strength as our Green Ambassadors work with other NSAT schools to develop a trust-wide policy for sustainability.

Very soon, our school allotment will be set up as well as a new 'Wildlife Walk'. Our Year 5 class will take the lead in agreeing ideas for the new walk, gathering thoughts from other classes. Some of our Year 5 children have already been using their enthusiasm and initiative to start improving the area of our school grounds and were out this week with litter picking tools to start the process. These new areas will play a key part in cross-curricular outdoor learning. We will keep you posted about progress as we move into the summer term.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Following the Easter break, we will begin to offer a range of after school clubs. After gaining the views and preferences of children in each class, we have identified initial clubs which include, Dance, Football, Running, Netball and Dodgeball. We will also be re-starting drama clubs so look out for details about these. All clubs are being offered to single year group bubbles. As always, letters will be given out to the appropriate year groups so do check book bags regularly.

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## PARKING

Please could I politely remind parents that unless prior permission has been requested (due to specific circumstances/needs) or you are dropping off/collecting from Breakfast/After-school club, please could parents and carers refrain from parking in the front or rear car park. After Easter, there will be additional staff entering and exiting our car parks as the NSAT Hub is launched and we would like to avoid problems with driveways being blocked. Thank you for your understanding.

I have also been asked by our local traffic police to request that parents parking in nearby streets do not block the driveways of residents or park on corners which can lead to visibility for parents and children crossing the road being restricted. Thank you.

## WELLBEING SURVEY

The last year has been trying for everyone, and as part of our ongoing support for wellbeing at Starbeck, we have completed a survey with all classes to ensure that children are feeling supported since their return and to target and address any worries or concerns they may have. We have received some lovely feedback, showing the resilience and stamina of our children as well as their motivation to learn. My thanks go out to all our team at Starbeck for their dedication and hard work over the term in ensuring that children enjoy and achieve.

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

These are the next main dates for diaries:

School closes for the Easter Holiday on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

School re-opens on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

May Day Bank Holiday – **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

School closes for summer half term – **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

School re-opens – **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

School closes for summer holiday – **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**



We would like to wish you all a great Easter holiday – here's hoping that the weather will be kind to everyone and that restrictions are lifted, as planned on 29<sup>th</sup> March, to allow the rule of 6 or two households to be able to meet outdoors. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April** ready to start the summer term.

Yours sincerely

**Mr G de Castro Morland**  
Headteacher