

16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

# NEWSLETTER



**STARBECK**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful half term break and enjoyed the more seasonal weather. We are now into the final half term of the academic year and have already had a busy first week back, full of varied and engaging learning. We would like to give you a few updates since the full newsletter that you received at the end of last half term.

## ONE BRITAIN ONE NATION DAY

On **Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>** all of the Northern Star Academies Trust schools will take part in the **One Britain One Nation** event. For those of you who receive emails, we have also sent a copy of the official brochure. **One Britain One Nation** brings us together, not to focus on our differences but to celebrate the values we share: tolerance, kindness, pride, respect, and a tremendous desire to help others.

Today's Britain boasts a wonderful array of cultures. It is our multicultural identity that makes Britain so unique. Our diverse cultures are inextricably linked by the sole fact that we are British. It is this fact that has prompted OBON to reinforce and revive what collectively unites us. OBON aims to give a new impetus for the creation of a harmonised society, to make Britain an international model of moral rectitude.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, all our classes will be involved in different activities and learning linked to the theme of OBON. We will also have a special non-uniform day and allow children to dress in Red, White or Blue (or all three!) colours. Later in the day, we will celebrate our learning during a special TEAMS assembly so that children can hear about the learning across all year groups.

LINK: <https://www.onebritainonenation.com>



**Our Strength Is Our People**

## RETIREMENT NEWS

It is with complete sadness, that I am letting you know that the wonderful Mrs Rogers, from our school Admin team will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Rogers – 'Auntie Val' to many people – has been a pillar of the school for 29 years, which is an astonishing commitment. Compassion and kindness are qualities that Mrs Rogers never fails to show when supporting children, staff, parents & carers and I know that she will be greatly missed by many. We will of course be celebrating her long career with her later in the half term and wishing her all the best for her retirement. Clearly, although we do not want her to ever retire, plans must be in place for September. Mrs Johnson will continue to work in the school office each day and we are now advertising for a new member to join our administration team. Details of the role are available on our school website in the 'Vacancies' section.



## A GREAT WEEK OF LEARNING

This week saw a seamless return to learning following the half term break. Our teachers have planned exciting topics such as Ancient Egyptians, Journeys and Habitats Around the World in addition to the final half term of new challenges in Maths and English. The great weather has also promoted lots of outdoor learning, which as you know is integral to the curriculum regardless of the weather. The sunshine did however add some sparkle. This week saw the

start of class multi-sport competitive activities, athletics, wild-flower hunting and even some gardening.



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## SPORTS DAY EVENTS

Our sport focus week will be during week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July. As all children are in school this year we will be organising some competitive sports day-type events. As the government have announced that they will remain at stage 3 of the Covid-recovery roadmap, **schools must continue to keep all protective measures in place**. The sport events will be held in class bubbles but will still keep the competitive nature and offer a range of activities. Due to the restriction and to remain compliant to regulations for outdoor gatherings, it is unlikely that we will be able to invite parents to attend this year. We will however be filming aspects of each class's event and will produce a special '**Sports Day**' film that we will be able to share with you all before the end of term. We will keep you posted of any changes with regard to this.

## SUN PROTECTION

As we are now experiencing sunny days and hotter temperatures, please could we ask you to kindly ensure that children are wearing sun cream before arriving at school. Ideally, this should be a long-lasting 12hr protection. In addition, children can bring a sun hat or cap for additional protection whilst using our outdoor areas. Thank you for your support with this.

## COVID GUIDELINES

As mentioned in my email to parents last week, we continue to follow the guidance for schools in relation to Covid-19. As we are yet to reach the final stage of all Covid restrictions or guidelines being lifted, we continue to promote social distancing in our outdoor areas as well as inside. Children remain in their class bubbles during the day and this will continue to be the case. We are very pleased with all the support that you have given us over the last year and a half and would be grateful if you could all continue to follow our guidelines as per the signage around school until the time that these can be removed. Staff will continue to wear face coverings outside at the start of day and home time to ensure safety when having conversations with adults. Although there is no legal requirement for face coverings to be worn, we would encourage parents/carers to also continue to wear face coverings for added protection if possible until the final restrictions are lifted. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G de Castro Morland

Headteacher