

14th July 2021

NEWSLETTER



STARBECK
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

Astonishingly we are now within a week of the summer holiday. **Our final day of the school year is Friday 23rd July.** What a year this has been for everyone! The resilience shown through the difficult national restrictions, including the second lock-down school closure, has been wonderful to see. After the Easter break, we saw such enjoyment in children's faces as they returned to the normality of a daily school routine and they have worked incredibly hard ever since. This will be our final update before the summer holiday when children, staff and parents need to have some quality family time and enjoy the break. We have been delighted to see over 20 of our children taking up the offer of our NSAT Summer School for Year 4 & 5 during the first week of the holiday and we hope they love the drama experience.

NATIONAL EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

As you will have seen in the news, the government has confirmed it's intention to move to Step 4 of their roadmap out of lockdown from Monday 19th July. You will have also seen or heard that the current infection rate in the country is quickly rising. Schools in our area have experienced multiple class bubble closures as a result of positive cases. Our school has managed to avoid this since last March with minimal disruption, however in the last 2 weeks, we have also had 3 class isolation closures. National rules relating to isolation periods are currently not due to change until August 16th. For that reason, there will be no changing of our procedures relating to Covid-19 until the start of the new school year. This is consistent with the other schools in our trust.

Please continue to follow our start and end of day times for the final week. We do not want our families to be affected by the virus with only a few days of the school year to go. Thank you for your continued support with this.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL RE-OPENING NEWS

School will return for children on **Tuesday 7th September** following a staff training day on the Monday. Please note that there is a staggered start for the new Reception class and also our Nursery Class (please refer to your transition documents for your child's start date and contact the school office if unsure)

There will be no changes to the teaching staff for 2021-22 which remains as follows:

Reception – Mrs Kirk
Year 1 – Mrs Kitwood
Year 2 – Mrs Willans
Year 3 – Mrs Anderson
Year 4 – Mrs Illingworth & Mrs Watson
Year 5 – Mrs Pitts
Year 6 – Mrs Riley

Children will be meeting their new teachers prior to the end of term and teachers are busy preparing hand-over information to ensure that all children can make a prompt and secure start in September.

Start and End of Day

From September, we will return to our normal start time for all children at 8.50am. All doors will however be open from 8.40am to enable children to arrive and get settled before the official start of day. Children must arrive by 8.50am at the latest to avoid being marked as late in the register.

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In the Autumn term, we will continue using the current entrances and exits and not returning to lining up in the playground. We have found that allowing children to go straight into their learning areas leads to a calm and prompt start to the day. The entrances are therefore:

- Nursery – direct to the nursery building
- Reception – children enter via the wooden gate by their classroom
- Year 1 – Left side door of KS1 building
- Year 2 – Right side door of KS1 building
- Year 3 – Rear door of KS2 building
- Year 4 – Side door of KS2 building
- Year 5 & 6 – Front main entrance of KS2 building

Both the front and rear entrances and gates to the school grounds can be used at the start and end of day to access our school site. Gates to the school will be locked by gam after which any late arriving children and parents should report to the main reception.



SPORTS EVENT VIDEOS

All children, with the exception of Year 4 who will be taking part in their sport activities this Thursday, have taken part in sporting events over the last couple of weeks. They had such a great time with javelin, hurdles, relay races and even the good old egg and spoon race – all finished off with ice lollies to cool down. As promised, we have created some special montage videos for each year phase and links for these will be sent out in the next few days so look out for them.



FOSS – FRIENDS OF STARBECK SCHOOL

We have missed the wonderful FOSS PTA organised activities over the last 18 months and we are extremely excited about the prospect of returning to these in the Autumn term. We will kick things off with an Annual General Meeting where we will be electing a new Chair. Mrs Fiona Sherwood, our current chair, will be stepping down due to work commitments after several years of tireless support for the team. On behalf of everyone at Starbeck, I would like to thank Fi for all her support as Chair – we appreciate it so much. It would be fantastic to have new parents or carers joining FOSS, even if you are only able to offer small amounts of support. Activities in the past have ranged from our fantastic Summer Fair to discos, film nights, Easter Egg competitions, Book Sales and much more. Look out for details of the first meeting and fingers crossed for an active 2021-22!

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OVERDUE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Our Year 5 & 6 children sadly missed out on their residential trips to Robin Hood's Bay and Bewerley Park this year due to Covid restrictions that were in place at the time. To make up for it however, they have managed to fit in later experience days out which they absolutely loved. Year 6 visited Carlton Lodge near Thirsk, where they tried out canoeing and

archery and Year 5 took a coach to Saltburn where they fossil hunted, took a miniature train ride and of course sampled an ice cream.



END OF KEY STAGE 2 OUTCOMES

Although the official national SATs tests were cancelled this year, schools have been completing their own assessments to monitor the progress and attainment of children prior to leaving for secondary school. We conducted our own testing with our Year 6 and we are incredibly impressed with their fantastic outcomes. Despite the second lockdown earlier this year, the class engaged extremely well with our remote learning during that period and have since then given maximum effort to catch up on any missed learning. These are very pleasing results and highlight the resilience and commitment to learning as well as the hard work of staff throughout the children's time at school. Well done everyone!

YEAR 6 End of Key Stage 2 – Percentage of children reaching the EXPECTED LEVEL	Starbeck Summer Final Assessment	2019 National Averages
Y6 % achieving expected standard in Reading, Writing, Maths (combined – all 3)	81%	65%
Average % achieving in Reading	86%	73%
Average % achieving in Writing	90%	79%
Average % achieving in Maths	86%	78%
Average % achieving in SPaG	95%	78%

Thank you to everyone for your support over the last year, we hope you have a wonderful summer once the holidays arrive. We wish our Year 6 all the very best as they move to secondary education and look forward to seeing everyone else in September.

Yours sincerely,

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