

4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

# NEWSLETTER



**STARBECK**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

## LEARNING ADVENTURES

There has already been lots of engaging and exciting learning taking place across the school in the first few weeks of term. We have seen the start of the engaging Vikings topic in Year 5, linking History and DT skills with children designing and making their own Viking longboats; Alien Adventures in Year 1, who are developing their writing through creative activities and Stone Age artwork/paintings in Year 3. Technology is also featuring in many ways, especially through our Computing curriculum, with many classes developing their 'Coding' skills to programme and create their own computer games.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographer will be in school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photos of all children as well as with siblings, where children have a brother or sister that attends our school. Due to the ongoing need for care and caution when inviting visitors into school, we are not offering photos with other younger siblings who do not attend school on this occasion.

We would be grateful if all children can have their full uniform including jumper/cardigan with them for the photographs.

## MORRISONS GOOD TO GROW SCHEME

We are pleased to be registered and taking part in the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' scheme. This allows parents and carers to collect 'Grow Tokens' for every £10.00 spent in the store and donate these to their chosen school. Our school can exchange Grow Tokens for free gardening equipment once the collection period ends.

As you are aware, our curriculum includes a wide range of outdoor learning opportunities and we will be continuing to develop our new allotment area as this school year progresses. Additional equipment and resources will therefore be very useful.

To download the My Morrisons App, scan the QR code below with your phone camera to take you to the Morrisons website. Thank you for your support.



**How it works...**

- 1 Morrisons customers download the MyMorrisons app
- 2 They sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select the school they wish to collect for
- 3 They scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping
- 4 For every £10 spent they will receive a **Grow Token** to donate to their chosen school
- 5 Your school can exchange your **Grow Tokens** for free gardening equipment after the collection period

**Grow Tokens can be exchanged for things like...**

Mini Greenhouses, Wheelbarrows, Plant Pots, Watering Cans, Trowels, Seeds

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## HEAD BOY AND GIRL ELECTIONS

This week, our elections for Head Boy and Girl took place. We had 8 fantastic candidates, who worked hard to produce campaigns and film their election speeches. These were watched by children in class and voting took place later in the week. A big well done to all children who took part - voting was very close, however congratulations go to **Bentley Hay** and **Rita Hill** who were voted in for this year.

This year, in addition to representing the school at specific events, Rita and Bentley will help steer our new Safety and Wellbeing Council. This important group will be representing the views of children across the school about all matters linked to health and safety, playtimes, school grounds and actions and events linked to positive mental health.



## BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Some of our Year 6 children took part in the National Standard for Cycle Training (Bikeability) course over 2 lovely sunny days. Level 1 of the training took place on the school playground, where the children learnt basic cycling control skills; manoeuvring at different speeds and signalling without wobbling. The children all successfully passed Level 1 and moved onto Level 2, which took place on local roads and included road positioning; passing parked cars; road and traffic awareness and decision making and hazard perception. The group had a fantastic time and learned a great deal of highly important skills about how to keep themselves safe when out and about on their bicycles.



## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

A reminder that our lunch menu can be found on our school website. The Autumn/Winter menu is available in the 'School Meal' section of the site and then in the Winter Menu tab, where you can download a PDF version of the menu. There are 3 menus that rotate weekly - week commencing dates have been added for ease of knowing which menu applies.

## FOSS (FRIENDS OF STARBECK SCHOOL) PTA

Look out for details very soon about the re-launch of our fantastic PTA and possible events for the Autumn/Winter period. We will be starting with an Annual General Meeting and as always, looking for new helpers for our fundraising events.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G de Castro-Morland  
Headteacher