

JUNE 2023

NEWSLETTER



STARBECK
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now well into the final half term and already lots of news and updates to share with you all.



KING'S HONOURS LIST

We are delighted to share the news with you that our CEO of Northern Star Academies Trust – Mrs Jenn Plews, has been included in the King's Birthday Honours List for 2023. She has been awarded an OBE for her services to the education sector. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her for this prestigious award.

STAFFING UPDATES

As always at this time of year and as we quickly approach July, I bring you news of any changes to the staffing for the next school year. We are lucky at Starbeck to have a very loyal and dedicated team who love our school, many of whom have only ever worked at Starbeck Primary. Sadly, like all of us, there comes a time to hang up our teachers hats and that is the case for 3 of our teachers this year.

Many of you will already have heard that Mrs Pitts, our amazing Deputy Headteacher, is finishing off her teaching career this summer and although not retiring yet, this is sadly where her teaching days end. Mrs Pitts has been an inspirational teacher and leader for many years and many of you will have experienced her positivity, inclusivity, and love for all things yellow! She embodies everything that makes Starbeck Primary special, and we will miss her greatly.



Mrs Riley and Mrs Watson will, in similar fashion, both be saying goodbye to school life. Mrs Riley has been a member of our senior leadership team and made a significant impact on leading English as well as exemplary teaching, in Year 6 for a number of years but also across the school. Mrs Watson, our Year 4 teacher and Science leader has also been an excellent role model and teacher for many years and a champion of all things School Council linked and fundraising. We wish them all well as they move on to new and exciting stages of their lives and thank them for their dedication to changing the lives of our young people.

From September, we have adopted a new leadership structure, replacing the role of Deputy Headteacher, with two Assistant Headteachers. After a recent recruitment and selection process, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Willans, who many of you know and who has been a key member of our leadership team for a number of years, will become Assistant Headteacher (Quality of Education). Mr Ben Ashford will be joining our team as Assistant Headteacher (SEND/Inclusion). Also new to our team is a very experienced teacher – Mr Kris Starkey, who will become our new English Leader and SLT member.

Here is how the staffing will look for 2023-24

Nursery Leader – Miss Klodzinska

Reception – Mrs Lea

Year 1 – Mrs Kitwood

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Year 2 – Mrs Willans

Year 3 – Mrs Anderson

Year 4 – Mr Danby

Year 5 – Mr Ashford

Year 6 – Mr Starkey

Information on associate/support staff will be given at a later date.



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FOSS SUMMER FAIR

Don't forget that the FOSS Summer Fair takes place next week on **Saturday 1st July between 11am and 1pm**. Please let our FOSS team know if you are able to help on a stall. There will be food, games, and stalls with lots of nice prizes available.

END OF TERM KINDNESS

As we reach the end of a school year, we do appreciate that some parents like to give gifts to staff before their children move to a new class. Although clearly not an expectation, we are always very grateful for such kindness. I have been asked by our academy trust finance team, to make parents aware that our Gifts and Hospitality Policy (which is for all schools in our trust) states that teachers should only accept gifts up to the value of £10. These policies are devised centrally and we are expected to follow them. Thank you for your understanding.

DEFIBRILLATOR

You may have noticed, on the way into school, that we now have a Defibrillator attached to the side wall of our front/main building. This was kindly donated some time ago to our school by **Harrogate Railway FC**. Due to our school buildings being listed properties, gaining permission has taken some time – however the machine is now ready, active, and registered via 'Circuit' – the national database of defibrillators, and linked to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Should anyone in the vicinity need to access this, they should go to the school site, call 999 and give the location of Starbeck Primary Academy. A code will be given to open the box and access the defibrillator.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We would like to give advance notice to those who use our after-school club provision, that on the final Friday of term (21st July), we will only be offering bookings to 4.30pm. This will be reflected on the July booking forms. Thank you for your understanding.

END OF TERM DATES REMINDERS

Week commencing 3rd July – Sports Week

The children will be taking part in different sports during the week, including the Sports Days.

Tuesday 4th July – KS2 Sports Morning, starting at approximately 9:15am

Thursday 6th July – KS1 & Reception Sports Morning, starting at approximately 9:15am



Tuesday 18th July – The Year 6 Production (Year 6 Parents & Carers)

This year the production will be Wind in the Willows and will start at 6pm in the KS2 hall (Year 6 Parents and Carers only)

Wednesday 19th July – FOSS end of year discos (more info to follow)

Friday 21st July – Break up for the Summer Holidays

Yours sincerely,

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