

July 2023

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now into the last week of what has been a very busy and successful school year. Here are some final updates.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Each year the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme. For 2023, The Reading Agency is teaming up with Youth Sports Trust for 'Ready, Set, Read!' a sports and games themed Challenge that will encourage play and participation – however that best suits children taking part.

Primary school children can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and have fun with reading over the holidays!



Children can join at your local library and take part in person. The librarian will give your child a collector folder, stickers, and other special rewards, and help you find books to read

## KS2 OUTCOMES

We now have our end of KS2 (Year 6) SATs results and we are very pleased with the outcomes. Our results for Reading, Writing & Maths, as well as the combined percentage (those achieving the expected standard in all 3 subjects), were all above or well above national averages. I will update in more detail once data is fully validated and published in the Autumn term.

**FOSS DISCO** – A reminder that the FOSS discos take place this week on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July (Reception & KS1 4.00pm to 5pm, KS2 5.15pm to 6.15pm)** – tickets are £2 and can be bought at the door on the night. A reminder that children must be collected afterwards by someone who is on the existing collection lists for each child.

## TERM DATES

In case you missed an email or paper copy – our 2023-24 term dates are now available on our school website. These can be found by clicking the link at the side of the screen, next to the current 2022-23 dates.

<https://www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

### Summer Term 2023

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes for summer holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens – Autumn Term  <i>Please note: New Reception parents should refer to the welcome letter sent out with staggered start dates/timings.</i>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for Half-term

Please find below, information from Harrogate District Council on support for families over the summer holiday. If you would like any further information, contact 01423 813090 or [help@hadca.org.uk](mailto:help@hadca.org.uk) or drop into Harrogate Community House on East Parade, Monday to Thursday between 9am and 4pm. You can also access their 'Where to Turn' directory at [hadca.org.uk/wheretoturn](http://hadca.org.uk/wheretoturn)



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## **Summer Holiday activities & FEAST sessions**

Inspire Youth fun summer holiday activities for young people 11- 16 years taking place in Knaresborough, Ripon and Starbeck. These activities encourage learning, being active, exploring new experiences, promoting enjoyment, kindness and spending time together. Inspire Youth are also holiday a Junior Summer Youth Club in Knaresborough for children aged 7-11 years [www.inspireyouth.uk/whats-on](http://www.inspireyouth.uk/whats-on) As part of FEAST, these sessions are free for those children that are currently receiving benefits-related Free School Meals at a North Yorkshire school. Find out which other summer holiday activities are offered FREE at <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/> (search by location).

## **Food support over the summer holidays**

### **Resurrected Bites Community Groceries**

A weekly shop from as little as £3

The community groceries are run through a subscription scheme and are for people who are in financial hardship. It costs just a fraction of a normal supermarket shop and it saves thousands of tonnes of food from going to landfill every week. You can join for £5 then have access to a weekly shop for just a few pounds (a 4+ family can get their shop for £6). They run at New Park School and Gracious Street Methodist Church in Knaresborough twice weekly <https://resurrectedbites.co.uk/#groceries> They also run pay as you feel cafes in Harrogate at West Park URC (Weds 10am-2pm), Killinghall Methodist Church (Thurs 11.30am-2pm) and at the Centre on Gracious Street in Knaresborough (Fri 10am-2pm) <https://resurrectedbites.co.uk/#cafes>

### **Foodbank – free emergency food parcels for those experiencing hardship**

If your school isn't a referrer to the Foodbank then we can arrange foodbank voucher for families – just call HELP on 01423 813090 or email [help@hadca.org.uk](mailto:help@hadca.org.uk) We would just need a few bits of info including name, contact details, ethnic group, number of people voucher is for including ages, dietary info, any specifics (e.g. cat food), reason for referral (e.g. benefits related, health).

### **Harlow Carr for families on Universal Credit**

Harlow Carr (and all RHS sites) are offering £1 entry per family for those on Universal Credit [www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/RHS-offers-low-income-households-%C2%A31-entry-to-its-g](http://www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/RHS-offers-low-income-households-%C2%A31-entry-to-its-g) The Harrogate Bus Company has just announced a new bus service from Harrogate town centre to Harlow Carr from 22 July until 3 September. The £2-a-trip 'Price Drop' fares will be available from the driver or on the free Transdev Go app.

Harrogate Mumbler has shared these lists of FREE activities to do over the summer: <https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/days-out/free-activities/>  
<https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/free-summer-holiday-activities/>

### **FREE uniform, clothing and baby items**

The Village is a Baby Bank, Children's Clothing Bank and Uniform Shop providing free essential needs for new mums, families and children of all ages in Harrogate and North Yorkshire. They are open on Mondays 9am-5pm and Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am and are located at 282 Skipton Road, HG13HE with the entrance on Quarry Lane by KD Carpets. Please note, they close over the summer so please access it before the end of term.

Don't forget, there's also the **Harrogate Clothes Bank** which is open every Wednesday from 10-12pm and the second Saturday of every month from 10-12pm (next Saturdays are 8 July, 12 August & 9 September) for free, good quality, pre-loved clothes <https://harrogateclothesbank.co.uk/>

### **FREE downloadable route cards for short, accessible walks in Harrogate**

Local charity Open Country has launched it's 'Breakfree' pack for Harrogate – a set of 12 accessible walks around the Harrogate district, perfect for children, prams and those with limited mobility. Download them at [www.opencountry.org.uk/breakfree](http://www.opencountry.org.uk/breakfree) or pop into Harrogate Community House on East Parade to pick up a printed pack.

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## **Harrogate & Knaresborough Toy Library**

For a small annual membership fee, families can borrow up to 2 toys for up to 2 weeks at a time (but you are welcome to change your toys at any point within this period). They operate a click and collect service from their base in Knaresborough which usually runs on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am - 11.30am plus 2 Saturdays of every month. They also run term time play sessions <https://www.hkttl.org/>

## **Universal Credit – childcare payments**

Universal Credit maximum childcare payments will rise from 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will be able to claim back monthly on their childcare costs on UC up to £951 for one child and £1,630 for two or more children. Parents who enter work or significantly increase their work hours will also be able to get help with the upfront payment for their first childcare bill instead of having to pay the costs and then claim back [https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/?mc\\_cid=bfo7963fd6&mc\\_eid=f373e1c323](https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/?mc_cid=bfo7963fd6&mc_eid=f373e1c323)

## **Cost of living payments**

Cost of Living Payments – The first £301 for people who receive a means tested benefit was paid between 25<sup>th</sup> of April and 17<sup>th</sup> of May. The next payment is due in the Autumn. You can report a missed payment here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment#find-out-how-to-report-a-missing-301-cost-of-living-payment-for-a-low-income-benefit-or-tax-credits>

Disability cost of living payments -- £150 for households who receive benefits such as PIP, DLA and Attendance Allowance will be paid between 20<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Energy Bills**

From 1 July the average annual energy price will drop and the advice is to do a meter reading to ensure that you are being billed correctly. If you have a smart meter, always check the bill to make sure readings are going through correctly. Reminder that there **won't** be the £400 worth of government support for fuel bills this coming winter. Despite the price drop households will pay on average £137 more per year.

For help with all sorts of financial issues visit Martin Lewis's website <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/> and more locally, you can turn to North Yorkshire Citizens Advice <https://www.cany.org.uk/>

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I would like to thank every member of our team for their commitment to our children and families and for all their incredible hard work. On behalf of the Starbeck team, thank you all for your support for our school. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing summer break with your families.

Yours sincerely,

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