

Monday 3rd June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are now into our final half term of the school year. We hope that you enjoyed the half term break. We have some busy weeks ahead of us with various events and educational visits planned to take place. You will of course also be receiving your child's end of school year reports later in the half term.

Sports Days

I am aware that when we sent out our list of summer term dates, we had not finalised when our Sports Day events would happen. These will take place on the following dates:

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) – Wednesday 26th June (1.30pm) Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Thursday 27th June (1.30pm)

FOSS Summer Fair

A reminder that our FOSS Fair takes place on **Saturday 22nd June** – you will receive a flier with all the details very soon. In order to collect some great prizes for the FOSS raffle we will as normal hold a non-uniform day for all year groups in return for kind donations of prizes. Our non-uniform day will be on **Friday 21st June** which is the day before the Summer Fair.

Art Week & Exhibitions

As you will be aware, our first week back is a special Art focus week, linked to our school improvement plan focus on Art & DT this year. Children will be engaged all week in special art learning and activities. We are planning some exhibitions of the art produced on 18th and 19th June after school however we will let you know the specific details of this once finalised.

OFSTED report

We are still awaiting our report from the recent inspection which we believe has been held up due to half term. Unfortunately this is not in our control. I am therefore hoping to get this through during the first week back. Please rest assured that once we have this you will receive copies immediately and we will make links via Facebook and our school website. Thank you for your patience.

Lifestyle Challenge

You may or may not be aware that over the past few years North Yorkshire Police have held 'Lifestyle Challenge' which culminates in an award ceremony later in the year. Lifestyle Challenge is an activity that gives young people **aged 10 to 17 on 31st August 2019**, who are resident in North Yorkshire something positive to engage in over the summer holidays. It gives them the opportunity to make a difference in their community as a team, whilst demonstrating what young people are capable of when given the right opportunities. I have been asked to publicise this to parents and include the following link which will provide you with all the necessary information.

https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/public-campaigns/lifestyle/Dates for your diaries



Music Performances

Our award winning Choir and Djembe Drumming Group will both be performing at the **Starbeck Community Day** which is taking place on **Saturday 29**th **June from 2pm**. Please do come along if you can to enjoy their performances.

Changes to School Uniform.

As you are aware we will be converting to academy status in September. I have been asked by a few parents about changes to uniform. Please be assured that any changes will be gradual and you are not expected to make changes for the start of the new term. Our new logo is currently being designed and although new signage and the new school website will be in place for our return in September, changes to uniform will be more gradual and are still being discussed by governors.

National Child Safety Week

Child Safety Week is run by **Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT)** to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. We are keen to promote awareness of CAPT and their work and provide you with links to their support resources if you are interested.

Although rates of hospital admission in North Yorkshire caused by unintentional injuries in children at home are relatively stable, they are significantly worse than the England average and our closest statistical neighbours. Supporting Child Safety Week by sharing campaign messages with families and communities across the County is one of the actions we are taking to help address the issue locally. For more information please visit the following website:

www.capt.org.uk/Pages/Category/child-safety-week

End of Term Reminder

Friday 19th July – School Closes for Summer Holiday (normal time)

Holiday dates for the 2019-2020 academic year are available on our school website. Visit the Parents section of the website and click on the link for School Holiday Dates.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Garry de Castro Morland Headteacher