

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. We hope you were all able to enjoy the break and the warmer weather, which was a welcome change. Well done to all those who took on the Photograph Challenge which led you on a lovely walk around the Boggs Lane area of Starbeck, ending up near the new Kingsley Meadows development.

## FULL RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL

We are delighted with the news from the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday this week. We can confirm that our school will re-open to all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We have been so impressed with how all our families have tackled home learning however we know that nothing beats having children in school, learning with their teachers and peers and with the additional opportunities of social play and extra-curricular activities. The arrangements will be very similar to those in the Autumn term, we will however write to you all next week with full details of start and end times, health and safety arrangements and all relevant important information. Remote/Home-based learning will therefore continue next week alongside our school provision for key workers.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY 2021**

Next week, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Our teachers are currently planning a range of activities for children to complete at home (or at school if attending Key Worker provision) – Aside from the obvious focus of 'Reading for Enjoyment' and a love for books, there will also be focus on non-screen activities. Children can access their tasks and activities in the normal way via their learning portals (Tapestry/Purple Mash/TEAMs). We will share examples of the range of activities with you in a special social media post later next week.



## **SCHOOL TERM DATES**

First of all a reminder that this current half term is quite a short one, consisting of 5 weeks. These are the next main dates for diaries:

School closes for the Easter Holiday on *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March*School re-opens on *Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021*.

May Day Bank Holiday – *Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May* 

All Term dates are available on our school website in the Parents Section -Term Dates.

Term dates for the next school year 2021-22 are also now available and can be found via the same link. These have been emailed out to parents so please do not confuse these with the terms dates for the current year 2020-21.

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

Look out for this week's Star Award Assembly later today, linked via Facebook and email. We will be in touch again next week.

Yours sincerely

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