

November 2021

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. Thank you for all your support in helping the last half term to run smoothly. There is lots to look forward to in the run up to Christmas, which we will keep you updated about via our usual communication streams. As the Covid-19 virus continues to remain prevalent, we are grateful for your support in responding quickly should your child show symptoms of the virus. We also appreciate your communication with our school office to inform us of any positive cases or to discuss individual scenarios and ask for help or advice. We must continue to work together as the winter months arrive!

HARVEST

We would like to thank parents and carers for all their contributions to our Harvest collections at the end of the half term. The food has been donated to the Harrogate District food banks and was warmly and thankfully welcomed by the directors and organisers.

Our children enjoyed taking part in Harvest-linked learning during the final week, including poetry, artwork and research work – all of a very high standard. This was shared by each class during our final Star Awards assemblies.



YEAR 5 INTER-SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Year 5 had a very exciting and high-spirited afternoon of playing football against ten other teams at Harrogate High School. They played with enthusiasm and improved their game with every match, winning the last two of their games. They were very lucky to meet the Harrogate Town first team players Luke Armstrong and Alex Pattison who signed their certificates, water bottles and boots! This was one of the first tournaments that children have been able to attend as our team and they did us proud.

END OF DAY COLLECTION DETAILS

To support our safeguarding procedures, please could we remind parents and carers that if you need to request an addition or change to collection details for your child, for example adding or removing an adult, these should wherever possible be made in person at the school office. Please do consider if you have all the required people on your approved list to avoid delays to collection. In the event of an urgent situation requiring a last-minute change, please speak to our admin team in the school office who will undertake further checks needed to make a change. Thank you.



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TERM DATES

Here is a reminder of the key up-coming term dates.

Monday 1st November - School re-opens
Friday 19th November – Children in Need
Friday 17th December - School closes for Christmas

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January - School re-opens
Friday 18th February- School closes for half term
Monday 28th February - School re-opens
Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter



For all our term dates, please visit our school website at: <https://www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Please look out for details which will be sent out by class teachers very soon in relation to Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings. These will be held during the 3rd and 4th week of this half term. This year we will offer a choice of face to face, telephone or TEAMS meetings.

STONEAGE DAY



Following on from their Stone Age topic learning, Year 3 rounded off the half term with an exciting special themed event. During the day, they built teepees, and campfires and made Stone Age jewellery. In addition to this, they took part in an educational visit to Stump Cross Caverns to find out how the famous limestone caves were formed, followed by a hike up to Coldstone Cut, near Pateley Bridge, where they studied the rocks and visited the old quarry. It was a wild and windy day up on the Cut but everyone had a great time.

BLACK HISTORY LEARNING

During Black History Month, we have included a range of class and assembly-based learning linked to this very important focus. Year 5 were inspired by their discussions and went on to produce thought-provoking and powerful images and poems which highlighted how moved they were by the stories of great black history figures over the year.

Finally – ahead of Remembrance Sunday, we will be selling poppies as well as a limited stock of other Poppy Appeal merchandise (snapbands, wristbands). These will be on sale at breaktimes next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G de Castro-Morland - Headteacher

