

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

# NEWSLETTER



**STARBECK**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

## EXCITING EDUCATIONAL VISITS

There have been some great educational visits that have taken place over the last few weeks. As part of their Chocolate topic, Year 4 had a 'tasty' outing to the York's Chocolate Story Museum where they not only learnt lots of new interesting knowledge about chocolate, but also took part in practical DT workshops, making their own chocolate items. Year 1 & 2 took part in Science workshops at the exciting Askham Bryan Park.



Year 3 also had a wonderful day out in the Nidderdale countryside, visiting Studfold Adventure Trail. Our school were lucky to have been offered a session at the interactive park, where children immerse themselves in the countryside with interactive clues to unravel, sensory boxes, an interactive historical barn, den building and lots more.



Year 5 had a wonderful mini-residential at Robin Hood's Bay. This was the culmination of all their learning in history, geography, art and also English and they represented our school brilliantly, with fantastic behaviour and attitudes throughout their stay. There was fossil hunting, historical trails and stories of smugglers, cave exploring and of course lots of team building activities.

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

In the final week of term, we will of course be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have planned a range of activities that will take place in the final days of this half term and children will be working on producing some memorable Art and DT that will create a lasting display in memory of this historical event. **On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we will have a 'Purple & Silver, Red, White and Blue or Royal' themed non-uniform day.** Children can choose an outfit in any of the colours or a combination of them all, to help us get in the mood for national celebrations that will take place over the half-term holiday. We will also be busy making decorations for 'Starbeck in Bloom' preparing for the local community events.

## GOVERNOR NEWS

Following the end of Richard Walker's term as our Chair of Governors, we have now welcomed Mrs Hannah Ellingworth as our new Chair. Hannah is an existing governor and brings a range of experience and knowledge to the team of governors. Each academy in Northern Star Academies Trust has a Local Governing Body which works on behalf of the trust board to exercise leadership in the running of the individual academy. It is responsible for promoting high standards and strives to ensure that children are attending a successful school which provides them with a good education and supports their well-being. I have already begun working closely with Hannah, keeping her up to date on all key school matters.



## FOSS FAIR

A huge thank you to our FOSS members for organising the recent Easter Fair and for everyone who came along to support us. It was fantastic to see everyone back in our school hall enjoying a social event. Lots of money was raised for our school and I would like to give a special thank you to our Year 5 class, who planned and led their own games and stalls which were



incredibly popular and successful. The children were brilliant role-models to the younger children and we were very proud of them all.

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## STAY AND SHARE SESSIONS

After the half term holiday, each class will be organising a Stay & Share session, when parents and carers can visit their child's class and hear about some of the interesting things that have been learnt during the term. Many of you will remember similar sessions that used to take place prior to the COVID restrictions being brought in. These will normally take place at the start or end of the school day. Look out for details from class teachers soon.

## NEW TEAM MEMBER

We would like to officially welcome Mrs McPartlin to our Starbeck Team. After a recent recruitment process, Mrs McPartlin was successfully appointed as a new member of our Midday Supervisory Team. We wish her well in her role and are sure that she will be a great asset to the team.

## AUTHORISED ABSENCES

Please could we remind parents and carers to notify school in advance, wherever possible, of any appointments that need to take place during school time. Where possible, appointments should be made outside of school hours – we do however appreciate that hospital appointments and some other medical/specialist sessions are difficult to arrange and we therefore request that you contact the school office team in advance, to notify them of any appointments during school hours. When collecting any child early (via the school office), you will be asked to complete a short form giving the reason for early collection.

We would also like to remind parents of the national rules relating to requests for leave of absence during term time. Authorised absence can only be granted where there are exceptional circumstances (examples of these can be found on the request form). If you need to request leave of absence for your child, you must complete a form 6 weeks in advance of the leave taking place wherever possible. These can be obtained by speaking to our admin team at the school office. Holidays during term-time are unlikely to be classified as an 'exceptional circumstance'. Please note that unauthorised absence can result in a penalty notice being issued by North Yorkshire Council. Thank you for your cooperation.

## TERM DATES

In case you missed an email of paper copy – our 2022-23 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 2021-22 dates.

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

### Summer Term 2022

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Non-Uniform Day (Royal Themed – Purple/Silver, Red, White & Blue colours, Kings & Queens)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closes for summer holidays

If you don't already follow us on Facebook or Twitter, please do consider checking either of our social media streams out. These are updated regularly with photos and news from across the school and the best way to keep in touch with events.

Yours sincerely,

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