



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

Wednesday 10th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Thank you to parents for ensuring that children were back in school on time and looking very smart to begin the Spring term. As you will be aware, the first half term is quite short so we have lots to fit in during the next 5 weeks.

Attendance & Punctuality

As you know we are keen to ensure that our school attendance is in line with national expectations. Our whole school attendance for the whole of the Autumn term was 96.3% - this is only 0.2% below our main target of 96.5%. We now need to keep up regular attendance by all children over the coming term please.

Congratulations to children who won 100% attendance awards last term – 87 children achieved 100% for the half term and 60 children achieved 100% for the whole Autumn term. We hope they will enjoy wearing their badges. Please remember that children must be at school by **8.50am** which is our official start time. Lateness after close of registration period is recorded as unauthorised absence.

Parent Pay

Parents will shortly receive a letter with details of how to register to use *Parent Pay*. As this letter includes an activation code which is personal to each parent, this will be sent by post to your current home address. This is an optional service however I would recommend setting up an account if possible as this enables you to make payments for most school services on-line rather than having to visit the office to pay with cash. If you experience any difficulties, please contact the Mrs Rogers or Mrs Johnson in the school office who will be happy to help you.

Parents Forum

A reminder to those parents who signed up to attend the forum that our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th January at 9am. If you have not signed up to attend but would like to come along, please catch Mrs Pitts or myself at the start or end of day or contact the school office to let them know of your interest.

Morning Fitness Session

Mrs Anderson will be continuing to run our Wednesday morning fitness session for Key Stage 2 children this term. If your child would like to take part then they should arrive at school in time for 8.30am and come straight to the KS2 entrance. This is a great way to 'Wake-up and shake-up' prior to starting school. PE kit is not required of this.

Dates for Diaries

Mrs Pitts will be sending a letter shortly with lots of dates for the whole term, including class assemblies, parent consultation meetings and stay & learn sessions. In the meantime these are the main term dates to keep note of:

Friday 9th February – School closed for half term holiday

Monday 19th February – School re-opens

Thursday 29th March – School closes for Easter Holiday

Tuesday 17th April – School re-opens for Summer term.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an enjoyable term ahead.

Yours sincerely

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