



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

15th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed a positive first week back with children reminding themselves of our revised school rules and expectations but also getting straight back into lots of new learning. It was great to see children coming back with projects and other learning that they had completed at home and were keen to show and share. Thank you for your support with this.

Sport at Starbeck School



This year we are planning some exciting improvements to sport and fitness at Starbeck School. We are keen to widen the range of sporting activities available to children as well as opportunities to keep active before, during and after school. We will be offering new lunchtime activities and clubs for a range of sports which will lead into the optional participation in North Yorkshire schools competitions.

To support us in this, we want to develop leadership skills in our children so that they can organise and help run events and activities in school. At the end of this half term, the NYCC School Sports Coordinator will be in school training some of our Year 5 & 6 children to be 'Sport Leaders'. Straight after half term we will be inviting some children to be trained to be the 'Starbeck School Sports Crew'. This will run in a similar way to our school council but will focus on health, fitness, sport and wellbeing events.

To celebrate our improvements over the year, I am keen that work towards achieving two key sport/PE quality marks – the Youth Sports Trust Mark and the School Games Quality Mark. Mrs Anderson, our Sports Leader, is already busy preparing and planning to achieve these this year.



Parent Pay



You should now have received a letter by post with instructions of how to register to use Parent Pay. Please do consider using this option to help pay for school services on-line rather than with cash at the office. We are now beginning adding services onto our school portal so that you can begin to pay on-line. Please let us know if you have any problems.

SMIRFS

Hopefully by now everyone will be aware that SMIRFS do not relate to small blue animated characters but instead to our whole school approach to learning key maths facts! All children work at their individual levels with a target sheet of maths facts to learn both at school and at home. Your child's sheet should be found in their homework book as SMIRFS form an on-going part of their weekly homework. Periodically staff will check children's progress against the SMIRFS and when they are ready, move them up to the next planet/level.

We would be grateful if you could help your child with their SMIRFs as often as you can. The next Stay & Learn sessions will be a parent help session when there will be the option for you to ask questions about these maths facts. Look out for your child's next Stay & Learn date.

Yours sincerely,

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