



**Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School**

22nd February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a good half term break. We are looking forward to a busy half term and lead up to the Easter break. You will already have received a letter with lots of Spring 2 dates in it but please do let us know if you have not received this.

EMS Updates

This half term we welcome a new member of staff to our EMS – Liz Gattenby, who will be joining the EMS team as a part-time specialist teacher. Our EMS team continue to provide support to schools across Knaresborough, Ripon and Boroughbridge areas for children experiencing social, emotional and mental health issues. We wish Liz all the best with her new role at Starbeck EMS.

You will have also received a newsletter from George Dickinson, the parent support adviser based in the EMS. Although George primarily works with parents of children referred to the EMS, she is also able to provide additional periodic support to Starbeck School parents. She is now offering a drop-in session for any parents interested (by appointment) – please see the flier and details sent home on Wednesday if you are interested.

Sharing Children's Learning

We are very keen to keep parents updated on events and learning taking place in school. We have now begun to add content to the new Children's section of the school website including updates to Sport Leaders, Music, Sport and Internet Safety sections. You will also now find an updated Internet Safety page for parents in the 'Information' section of the site with some helpful links. In order to be able to share success as it happens to a wider audience, we will be sharing blogs and pictures more regularly on our Starbeck CP School & Nursery Facebook page. If you use Facebook, make sure you 'like' the page in order to receive these updates.

Goodbye to Mrs Davy and Mrs Newby

Sadly Mrs Newby and Mrs Davy will both be leaving us this half term. They have both accepted offers of new jobs and challenges in business roles. Both Mrs Newby and Mrs Davy have been with us for many years and they will be missed. They both love life at Starbeck School and will continue to support us. We do however wish them well in their new careers.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March. This year we are focusing on a shared love of reading books and the whole school will be looking at 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker – a textless book which allows children to take on the role of the author at their own level with their own creativity. Each class will be involved in activities around this as well as focusing on 'enjoyment of reading'. We are not having a dressing-up/non-uniform day however we will be having a non-uniform day later in the term for Sport Relief.

Letters by Email

For those parents who signed up to receive letters by email only, this will be the last newsletter that you receive a paper copy of (Parents may still receive paper letters where a response slip is attached at this stage. We are working on an alternative to paper responses which will be available soon). From next week, newsletters will only be given to those children whose parents requested this. If you are having any problems with receiving your emails please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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