



**Starbeck Community Primary  
and Nursery School**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an extraordinary week last week was! Thank you for your patience and understanding on Wednesday and Thursday when we had to take the decision to close. As you may have seen, this was a decision also taken by all local schools however we were glad to be back open as usual on Friday. Compared to Craven schools in the west we seemed to come of lightly as many of those schools were closed for 4 days, which is unprecedented. Let's hope that we have now seen the back of the bad weather and can look forward to some spring sunshine.

**Harrogate Competitive Music Festival Winners!**

This year we have decided to showcase the wonderful musical talent that we have at Starbeck and give children experience of competing against other schools and receiving constructive advice from the experts. We have entered our recorder group, school choir and Djembe Drumming group into their respective events. Each week prior to their event, the children will have a dress rehearsal of their pieces during our Star Award assembly.

On Sunday our recorder group took to the stage and were delighted to come away as the winners of their group! Well done everyone and to Mrs Rowntree for all her support. We will be proud of all our musicians regardless of results and know that the experience is a valuable one – especially for aspiring musicians of the future!

**Inter-schools Hockey tournament**

Well done to all the Year 4 children who took part in the inter-school hockey tournament last week held at Harrogate Grammar School. We saw some great teamwork and technique and were very pleased with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placing as well as a special recognition award for Obinna as his great technique was spotted by the sport leaders and coaches. Despite the very cold temperatures, everyone had a very enjoyable time. Thank you to Mrs Anderson for helping the children prepare and to learn the skills and rules in lunchtime hockey sessions.

This week we have a team competing in an inter-school Netball competition – look out for updates on our Starbeck CP School and Nursery Facebook Page as well as the school website.

**Staff Governor Election**

Mr Stratford has been a staff governor for the last 4 years and has very kindly given up extra time to attend full governing body meetings as well as committees. As his term of office is now reaching its end we thank him for his commitment to the school. Since returning from half term we have consulted staff for nominations for a new staff governor. Mrs Riley has subsequently been elected as staff governor and will join the governing body later this month. We thank her for her interest in contributing to the governance of the school.

**Bewerley Park Residential**

Our Year 6 residential runs all of this week and we wish the children a safe and enjoyable time over in Pateley Bridge. Look out for updates on our Facebook Page as well as the Year 6 class page on our website.

**Payment for school services**

Please could I politely remind any parents with balances to pay for school meals, breakfast & afterschool club or other services provided by school, that these should be paid promptly either on ParentPay or at the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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