



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

24th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed a positive and productive first week back. Thank you for making sure that children were back looking smart and ready to learn. A special welcome to any new children and their families who have joined Starbeck School this term. Everyone should have received a letter last week containing lots of dates and events taking place during the summer term. Please speak to the office if you did not receive this.

Attendance Update

Well done to all 66 children who managed to achieve 100% for the whole of the Spring term. Over the two terms so far, 19% of our children have managed to be at school every single day – this is up from 12% achieved for the same period last year. Thank you for your support with attendance, making sure that children are only absent when genuinely unwell and not fit to be at school. Our overall absence rate is also down from last year which is positive news.

Social Skills

This term, as part of our focus on developing children's key learning behaviour skills, we are looking at 'Social Skills'. An introduction to this important aspect was delivered by Aimee Bellwood, our Teacher in Charge of the EMS, at our recent INSET day. All classes will include activities and additional work linked to social skills within their learning and our 'Stay and Learn' sessions will include a presentation from our EMS team to inform parents on why we believe these skills are so important as part of all learning at school.

School Meals

We have now included the school dinner menu onto the school website for your information. This can be found in the Parents Section under 'School Dinners'. We offer a great healthy menu which works on a 3 weekly- cycle. Can we remind parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that children in these year groups are entitled to a free school meal every day as part of the national universal free school meals initiative. We have a fantastic school canteen with all food freshly cooked on-site and any children not already taking school meals are welcome to try these. Costs for school meals for children in Yr 3-6 are also detailed on the website.

Parents Forum

Our next Parents Forum is taking place on Wednesday 2nd May at 2.30pm and letters were sent out last week to those parents who signed up earlier in the year to attend these meetings. If you would like to attend the meeting and did not originally express an interest in attending, please speak to the school office to let them know. The focus of the meeting this time will be an update on the school's work on personal development and wellbeing with a presentation from our EMS team.

Term Dates

Monday 7th May - May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

Friday 25th May – School closes for half-term holiday

Monday 4th June – School re-opens

Friday 20th July – School closes for summer holiday

Yours sincerely,

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