



**Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School**

1st May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletters

Hopefully you will all have received class newsletters. These are now also available on class pages which can be found in the 'Children' section of the website which we will continue to develop.

Pupil Learning Blog

This term we have started a new 'Pupil Learning Blog' which was a great idea brought to me by some of our children. Lea-Louise, Megan, Ella and Noah have written their first blog which includes the star pupils from week 2 as well as some details about what the children in Key Stage 2 classes have been learning. They will continue to develop their content and ideas as the term goes along. The blog can be found in the 'Children' section of the school website. Once we have established the blog, we will look to roll this out further into the new school year, with interested children from various year groups taking a role and a share in writing the blog.

Teeth Hygiene

Children in our Nursery and Reception classes will be taking part in Teeth Hygiene workshops very soon to learn all about how to keep their teeth clean and healthy. These are being run by professionals from the North Yorkshire health service and children will get to take home a brand new toothbrush and some toothpaste at the end of the session.

SMIRFs

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping children to learn their SMIRFS (Space Mission Instant Recall Facts). Many of you attended Stay & Learn sessions last term which gave you an insight into the targets and how we teach them at school. Lots of children are now progressing through the planets and are bringing home certificates to celebrate their achievements. Please continue to support your child in learning their SMIRF targets – these help children so much with their everyday maths and we are already noticing a difference across the year groups with children applying these facts in their learning.

Parent Pay

Lots of parents have begun to use ParentPay to pay for various school services and trips. Please do consider this option if you haven't already accessed ParentPay as it does make paying much quicker and easier. All parents were sent user details/passwords however if you would like to begin using ParentPay and cannot locate your user details, please speak to Sasha or Val in the school office who will be glad to help.

Contact Details

Please could we request that if you have made any changes to your contact details (mobile numbers, addresses, email addresses) that you notify the school office immediately. We are experiencing some cases where we are unable to contact a parent as their mobile number has changed. Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely,

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