



Starbeck Community Primary  
and Nursery School

# Starbeck School Newsletter

Wednesday 6th September 2018

## Welcome Back

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. It was great to see so many smiling, eager faces of the children entering school after the holiday. Thank you for ensuring that the children looked so smart in their school uniforms. A warm welcome to all our new parents & children joining us after the holiday. Thank you to all our staff for working hard in the lead up to the new term, to ensure that we were ready and raring to go on Tuesday. A special thank you also to Mr Wild and the cleaning staff for making sure that the school was clean and sparkling ready for the new school year.

During the first week back all classes are working on important induction lessons with particular focus on the following:

- ◇ Our school rules and expectations
- ◇ PSHE—Personal, Social & Health Education — including sessions on Internet/E-safety

In addition to this, children have been introduced to their new topics and preparations for English and Maths units which will be in full flow next week.

## Whole School Targets

Our whole school targets were very successful last year resulting in significant impact on handwriting and maths number facts. These will continue to be part of our core expectations. This year our targets will be:

**English**—Spelling - we will be looking at enhancing our teaching methods of spelling which will include a new scheme of work as well as providing access for children to an engaging on-line spelling learning platform—'Spelling Shed'

**Maths**— Questioning — this year we are working as part of a Maths Mastery Hub, alongside several local primary schools. We will be focusing on the use of questioning in maths to ensure that children are challenged effectively through high-quality questioning.

## Stay & Learn Sessions

We are currently arranging dates for the first Stay & Learn sessions & will include these on the next letter with a list of Autumn term dates. The focus of the sessions over the coming months will be on Whole School Targets and also Children's Mental Health Awareness.

## Flu Vaccinations — Parental Consent Required

A reminder to all parents/carers of children in reception up to and inclusive of year 5. If you wish your child to receive a flu vaccination and you have not already done so, please complete the online consent form using the following link: [www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent)

Vaccinations are due to take place in early November so please respond online as soon as possible—Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G de Castro Morland — Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 28th September** (2.15pm)  
- NSPCC Parent Workshop—  
Internet Safety (*more information to follow*)

**1st—5th October** — Poetry Week

**Tues 9th & Wed 10th October**—  
Parent & Teacher Consultation  
Meetings (*letters to follow nearer the date*)

**Friday 25th October**—School  
Closes for Half-term Holiday

**Monday 5th November**—School  
re-opens

**Friday 21st December**—School  
closes for Christmas Holiday.

*A full list of dates will follow next week. We also have a diary on our school website*

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