



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

Starbeck School Newsletter

Thursday 4th October 2018

Dear Parents,

OFSTED Monitoring Visit

Last week we received an HMI monitoring visit over two days. The purpose of a section 8 monitoring visit is different to a full inspection and is used to check progress against the targets set in the last full inspection report, looking at the school's leadership and capacity to continue to improve. We received very positive praise and feedback about our excellent end of summer results and the progress we have made. I will of course share full details about this once I have the official written feedback.

Poetry Week

As you will be aware, this week has been our 'Poetry Week'. We started the week off with a very special visitor – author and poet Paul Jenkins. Paul led a whole school assembly, sharing his poems and enthusing children to join in and enjoy. Afterwards, all classes took part in poetry workshops where they initially gathered language based on their class topics. Paul then modelled his techniques for using great vocabulary to build a poem. We have continued with this theme all week and children have been writing and preparing performance poetry to share in our Friday assembly.

Wear Something Yellow Day - Youth Mental Health Awareness

You will have received a flier regarding our 'Wear Something Yellow' day on Wednesday 10th October. This day is World Mental Health Awareness Day and at Starbeck School, we are taking this very current and important topic seriously. As you will be aware from our school development work last year and our stay and learn sessions led by the EMS team, we already focus on promoting and developing children's key social and learning behaviours. This year we will however also include additional focus on children understanding the meaning of good mental health and strategies to help them as they grow up. Our EMS team will be leading special assemblies on Wednesday next week as well as selling 'Yellow Cakes' after school that day if you would like to purchase any.

Please note – **this is not a non-uniform day** (and we are not asking for donations) – however we would love to see children adding something yellow (such as socks, a hairband or a scarf) to their uniform to help us raise the profile of the day. Thank you.

Finally could I please remind all parents that school officially begins at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time are late. Persistent lateness effects our overall attendance and punctuality judgements so please could all families ensure prompt arrival at school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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