



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

Starbeck School Newsletter

Wednesday 17th October 2018

Dear Parents,

OFSTED Monitoring Visit Report

The feedback from our recent monitoring visit is now finalised. This will be emailed to those parents receiving emails and has been posted on the school website in the school info/statutory information section. We hope you will agree that this is a very positive report which reflects the hard work of the team at Starbeck School – something definitely to be proud of.

Starbeck School Prayer Group

The school prayer group has re-started after the summer break. To get the year off to a flying start, they recently led a Key Stage 2 assembly, sharing some of the activities that they have been taking part in and discussion how the club helps them

In addition to the children's group which meets each Tuesday lunchtime for those children who have signed up to attend, Mrs Kidman has informed me that there will be an adult prayer club session taking place on **Tuesday 13th November at 1.30pm** which parents and friends are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend this session then please could you let Mrs Kidman know by emailing to this address starbeckprayergroup@gmail.com or by speaking to her in the playground. Thank you to Mrs Kidman and Mrs Leach for their time and support to the school.

Christmas Card Competition

Reverend Phil Carmen from St Andrews church has offered our pupils at Starbeck the opportunity to create the Christmas Card design this year which will be sent to all Starbeck residents giving details of Christmas services. This is an optional competition and a template will be provided for children wishing to take part. Rev Phil has requested that designs include reference to the nativity or to the original meaning of Christmas. Entries should be returned to school by Friday 9th November.

Starbeck Pedestrian Crossing Closure

I have contacted our local MP as well as the police community support team to get an update on how long the pedestrian crossing will be out of use in Starbeck. Clearly this affects the safety of our children, especially those walking to and from school unaccompanied and I have so far received no information about this which is unacceptable. I will keep you updated over the coming weeks.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection on Monday. Our special assembly went very well and some photos can be found both on the school website and facebook page. I was so proud of the children's singing and the lovely poems that our head boy and girl read. Our thanks go to Rev Anne and her helpers who organised the event and will now send all the donations on to the Harrogate Food Bank and Harrogate Homeless Charity.

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Springwater School Building Work

Please be aware that building work is currently taking place at Springwater School. The work is to develop their outdoor play area. The Headteacher at Springwater has informed us that their school car park will be completely closed to their school staff, visitors, parents and home school transport for the duration of the build. All Springwater pupils on school or parent transport will arrive and depart from the lay-by outside the Library on the High Street. NYCC transport staff and Springwater staff will be on duty during these periods. Although this does not affect Starbeck School directly, parents should be aware that there will be additional traffic, including school buses, around the library area and increased vigilance may be needed at home or drop off times, especially on the library side of the high street. It is also my understanding that Springwater Staff will be using parking at the Methodist Church. If you encounter any specific issues, please do let us know and we will relay this to the staff at Springwater School.

Head Girl

My apologies for an error in the newsletter on 20th September which gave an incorrect surname for our new Head Girl. This should have named her as Milena Humble – many apologies Milena!

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

Well done to our Year 3 & 4 children who took part in a Harrogate Schools Football competition at Harrogate High School this week. They showed great teamwork as well as defending and striking skills during their matches and Mrs Andersen was delighted with their performances. Overall, they came in runners up in their league and will all receive a certificate each. Next week we are taking part in the Year 5 & 6 competition and wish the team the best of luck.

Yours sincerely,

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