



Starbeck Community Primary  
and Nursery School

## Starbeck School Newsletter

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

### School Games Award Success



We are very pleased to have been awarded our very first kitemark for success in sport! As you are aware from our newsletters and facebook page updates, we have worked hard to enhance the provision of PE and sport at Starbeck and we are certainly heading on the right track. We have successfully applied for and achieved the bronze School Games Award. A special well done to Mrs Anderson who continues to do a great job leading sport at Starbeck. We now have our sights firmly set on silver and gold and will keep you posted along the way.

### Reception Trip to Starbeck Bus Depot

Our reception class took their very first school outing this week to the local bus depot. The children have been busy learning about vehicles of all shapes and sizes and a firm favourite has been the double decker bus! The staff of the depot kindly showed the children around and explained where the buses are kept overnight. Afterwards they all boarded a bus and took a ride through the special bus washing machine which was great fun. There was even a photo opportunity and a special gift to take away at the end.

### NHS Over the Counter Medicine Consultation

I have been asked to share details of an optional NHS Consultation regarding plans to restrict over the counter medicines on prescription for minor illnesses. In the year prior to June 2017, the NHS spent approximately £569 million on prescriptions for medicines which can be purchased over the counter from a pharmacy and other outlets such as supermarkets. In Harrogate and Rural District CCG we spend about £1 million a year on medicines that can be purchased over the counter. The NHS has a limited budget and with an increasing demand for services it must evaluate every service it pays for. Any money saved on over the counter medicines could be spent elsewhere in the health care system.

NHS Harrogate and Rural Clinical Commissioning Group are planning to implement national guidance on restricting in certain circumstances prescribing of over the counter medicines. The NHS would like to hear your views. The consultation is open from 15th October to 12th November. The consultation document is available at: [www.harrogateandruraldistrictccg.nhs.net](http://www.harrogateandruraldistrictccg.nhs.net)

### Year 5 & 6 Inter-school Football Competition

This week a team of Year 5 & 6 children took part in the Harrogate Schools Football Competition held at Rosset School. All the team members really enjoyed the experience against some tough competition and although they were not victorious overall, they played brilliantly. Harry and Liam were awarded special awards for resilience and team work which showed how well they played as a team. Well done boys!

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### **Academy Status update**

A letter has been sent out today from Richard Walker, our Chair of Governors, updating parents that we have now received confirmation from the Department of Education of our academy sponsor. This is very positive news. There has been a lot of hard work behind the scenes since receiving the academy order in June 2017 just after I moved to Starbeck. I have worked closely with Northern Star Academy Trust as a potential sponsor and provided them with a deep understanding of Starbeck School, its community, history and our vision for the future. Please do read the letter carefully which confirms that there will be further information provided over the coming months. I am very familiar with the work and success of NSAT and am sure that this will be a positive and rewarding partnership, within the same trust as Hookstone Chase & Harrogate High School who are existing academy members.

### **End of Half term Reminder**

As you will be aware, today is the last day of term for children as tomorrow is a teacher training day. This has been an unusually long, 8 week half term and we know that all our children are ready for a well deserved half term break. We return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

Thank you to everyone who plays a part in the Starbeck School Community for their hard work and support since we returned in September. We wish you a restful holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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