



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Northern Star Academy Trust Meeting Dates

As previously mentioned we are now arranging some parent meetings with Northern Star Academy Trust, prior to our acadamisation. This is an opportunity to meet Jenn Plews (CEO) Northern Star Academies Trust (NSAT) and other senior NSAT colleagues to discuss what it means to be a Northern Star Academy, hear about NSAT's vision for school improvement and how becoming an Academy will support and strengthen the successful work achieved in recent months by the staff and Governing Body.

Meetings will take place on **Thursday 7th February**. Parents wishing to hear more information can attend at either **8.40am** after morning drop-off or at **3.15pm**. If you would like to attend either of these meetings, then please return the slip at the end of this letter.

In addition, Mrs Plews has released a statement regarding the academisation which is attached with this newsletter as a separate letter. The statement can also be found on our website by visiting the news section on the homepage.

Stay and Learn Sessions

We have now arranged dates for our next Stay & Learn sessions. This time our sessions will focus on Maths, looking at interactive ways to develop children's knowledge and retention of Multiplication Facts. In addition, we will be highlighting our focus on the use of language and stem sentences in Maths which is a key part of our current whole school target for maths.

Monday 11th February – Year 3 – 2.45pm
Tuesday 12th February – Year 2 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 13th February – Year 1 – 2.45pm
Tuesday 19th February – Year 4 – 2.45pm
Thursday 21st February – Year 5 (5I and 5S) – 2.45pm

Year 6 will be holding a Stay and Learn session during the first week back of the next half term in order to include an additional focus on the SATS testing which will take place in May.

Community Police Request

Our local Police Community Support Officer has been in touch to request that I ask all parents to be considerate when parking at the start and end of day. There have been several complaints from local residents where cars are being parked that block driveways, entrances or exits. Please note that should further complaints occur; the police will follow these complaints up directly with the car owners.

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Year 3 Morris Dancing

Last week Year 3 had a special treat with a visit from Ripon City Morris Dancers. Children took part in an energetic PE lesson when they learnt how to perform stars, arches, step-ups and sides. The dancers gave an introduction to how Morris Dancing was formed and let the children wear their colourful hats. Year 3 are now looking forward to perfecting their dance routine as part of their continued PE Dance unit.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Garry de Castro Morland
Headteacher

Information Sessions – Northern Star Academies Trust
Thursday 7th February 2019

I will be attending the meeting on (please tick below)

Thursday 7th February 8.40am
or 3.15pm

Name(s): _____

Name of child/children: _____

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Statement for Starbeck Primary School and NSAT Websites

Northern Star Academies Trust (NSAT) wish to become the Academy sponsor for Starbeck Community Primary School from 1st April 2019

We believe that successful schools develop their own unique identity and individuality and are best placed to meet their own community's needs. As an outward facing organisation we believe that partnership working and sharing good practice underpins robust and sustainable school improvement.

Our core educational mission is to inspire and support learners of all ages to fulfil their potential and better the world.

At Northern Star Academies Trust our success is driven by our collective hard work and unwavering commitment to:

- providing a world-class organisation and improving the life chances of all the children and young people in the Trust
- ensuring that bespoke professional development, challenge and support are at the core of our school improvement strategy and that all our staff are learners and engage in the latest pedagogical research about teaching
- celebrate diversity, equity and an inclusive approach throughout our whole Trust
- develop in each of our children and young people academic and vocational skills, positive learning habits, qualities of character and leadership to become confident citizens now and in the future.

Our **school improvement model** for transformation at Starbeck Community Primary school is founded on:

- a deep knowledge and understanding of the school's context and potential
- strong, open and transparent relationships with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors (*both appointed since the Special Measures judgement*)
- the firm belief that children and young people come first and their school experience should be enriching and purposeful, with their parents/carers engaging fully in supporting them to achieve great things

NSAT has developed a Hub model serving schools across **Skipton, Harrogate and Keighley**. Starbeck Primary School will become a member of the **Northern Star Harrogate Hub**. All our Trust schools work closely together to identify and then implement consistently the best school improvement strategies across its schools.

On academisation, Starbeck Community Primary School will become a new school, and will lose the Special Measures judgement and thus be given a fresh start.

Please feel free to contact **Jenn Plews: Chief Executive Officer** or **Garry de Castro Morland: Headteacher** should you wish to discuss any aspect of this academisation.

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