



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

Monday 11th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Northern Star Academies Trust Meetings

We hope that the meetings last week were informative for those parents who attended. NSAT has produced a 'Frequently Asked Questions' information leaflet which we will aim to distribute to parents shortly. The document is useful in dispelling any myths around academisation as well as celebrating the enormous benefits from becoming part of a highly successful and forward-thinking trust, especially at a time when central/local authority functions are being diminished and changed. Look out for the FAQ coming to you very soon.

FOSS Valentine Discos

A reminder that our FOSS organised discos take place this **Thursday (14th February) – KS1 – 4pm-5pm KS2: 5.15pm-6.15pm**

It's not too late to buy tickets with all money going towards our FOSS funds and our new ICT/Computing equipment.

Hockey Club & Tchoukball

Another successful after school club at Starbeck – Hockey Club has been running for a few weeks now and the children have moved from practising basic skills indoors to some outdoor game practice. They are now preparing as a team for the up-coming inter-school hockey competition which was the first competitive event that Starbeck took part in during the last school year.

This year we have already taken part in competitive events and most recently *Tchoukball* which many of you will never have heard of before. This is a fast-paced hand-ball game which has gradually become part of sport curriculum across the county due to its inclusive, team-focused approach where everyone is included and no-one left out. Our team did very well with one member earning a special recognition for teamwork.

Computing Clubs

I have finally managed to secure a funded after-school club through North Yorkshire Family Learning which will focus on Computing. Initially we are expecting to offer this to Key Stage 1 children in March with a further club offered to KS2 in May. It is likely that we will be focusing on 'Coding' where children learn the skill of programming code (simple computing instructional language) which is a key part of the Computing curriculum in schools and a very useful skill for the future. I will give you full information very soon.

Gas Works

You will have noticed that the council have been working immediately outside the school grounds to rectify a gas pipe issue. This was not a school related problem and did not present any risks to school however this has been fixed over the weekend and approved as safe.

Yours sincerely,

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