



Starbeck Community Primary  
and Nursery School

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Art Focus Year**

Our staff have been busy planning ahead for our Art Focus week and other art related activities. This term Mr Stratford (our resident artist) will be running an art club for some year groups and a letter with details about this has already been sent out. We are also planning a full week of art during the summer term leading up to what will hopefully be an impressive exhibition and gallery of art for parents and friends to come and admire. If any parents or relatives have any expertise in art or DT and would like to share or showcase this talent, please do let me know.

### **Northern Star Academies Trust Update**

As promised, a copy of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been attached with this letter. This is the same document that was given out at the recent meetings with Jenn Plews the CEO of NSAT. If you have any further questions then please do speak to me in the playground or give me a call and I will be happy to answer them.

### **Playleader Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a Play leader to help run our after school club on 2 nights per week. The role does require candidates to have a relevant level 3 qualification in a childcare related subject. If you would like more details please visit the North Yorkshire Jobs search engine <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/search-and-apply-job> or ask at our school office for more details.

### **Barratt Homes Wildlife Donations**

Our year 2 class recently welcomed visitors from the homebuilder Barratt Homes. The company donated a range of kits to the school to encourage wildlife to the local area. This included bird feeder kits, a bat box, wild flower seeds and bird feed which were presented to the children. This links to future science and DT learning in Year 2 as well as our focus on outdoor learning and we are grateful for the donations.

### **Year 3 & 5 Class Assemblies**

Well done to our Year 3 and 5I classes who presented some lovely learning at the end of the half term. Year 3 presented a Yorkshire themed play including facts about the county linked to food, music and industry. They even showcased their Morris Dancing skills which they have been busy learning as part of their PE Dance unit. 5I showed some inspired learning from their Maths, performing a 'Fractions-themed' song whilst proudly showing a range of other learning from their busy half term.

### **World Book Day**

This year we are linking our World Book Day activities to our Arts Focus. *Children do not need to dress up* as we will be having a non-uniform day very soon for Comic Relief Day.

Our focus will instead be on significant illustrators of children's literature – for example, Nick Sharrat who has illustrated books for Jaqueline Wilson and Julia Donaldson. Children will look at and compare examples of illustrations and consider their effect on books before designing their own book illustrations and characters in a similar style.

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### **Easter Dates**

Here are some highlights of dates for this half term. Please note that a letter with all key dates will be sent out later this week. *Please look out for this and keep it for your records.*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (***no dressing up required***) – we are making links between Art and Books as part of our Art Focus Year.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose (Comic Relief Day) – (Non-uniform Day - see separate letter to follow)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Non Uniform Day for FOSS Tombola Prize giving

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Egg Tombola (after school)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (Starbeck High Street – after 9am)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Spring term

Yours sincerely,

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