



Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School

Monday 25th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Academy Conversion

I recently attended a steering group meeting with representatives of the Department for Education, Northern Star Academies Trust and the local authority. The purpose of this meeting was to look at the progress of due diligence and legalities in the lead up to our conversion and joining NSAT. As you will remember the proposed date for conversion was April 1st, however due to the complexity of HR, finance and legal aspects the agreed date will now be September 1st. This fits nicely with the start of a new school year and will enable new promotional materials, signage and a brand new school website to be prepared and ready for launch straight after the summer break.

Competitive Music Festival Winners

If you haven't already heard or seen the photos on our Facebook Page, last weekend was a very successful one for our Starbeck School music groups. We entered into two categories this year – School Choir – with our talented choir directed by Mrs Rowntree, and Drumming Group – with our Djembe Drummers, led by Mr Stratford. Both groups came away winners and with some excellent adjudicator feedback. We congratulate them and look forward to hearing more from them later in the school year.

Tennis Taster Sessions

This week children will be taking part in Tennis Taster Sessions at Starbeck Tennis Club. This is the second year we have worked with Tennis Harrogate who are kindly offering one of their coaches for 2 days on Thursday and Friday and the use of the lovely tennis courts. This is an opportunity for children to get an insight into tennis skills from an expert and hear about other opportunities offered by Tennis Harrogate – for more info on clubs and camps offered outside of school time visit www.tennisharrogate.co.uk

Year 6 Class Assembly

This week it was Year 6's turn to share learning from their last half term. So far this half term, they have linked lots of their learning to their residential to Bewerley Park which took place during the final week of last half term. Not only did they share wonderful non-fiction leaflets about Bewerley and all that it offers as well as art and PSHE inspired by BP but they also wrote the whole assembly themselves, sharing personal experiences and discussing life skills and goals achieved during the stay. A great effort by all the children.

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Thank you to everyone for supporting our Red Nose Day fundraising activities. The children looked great in the colourful non-uniform outfits. We also chose one of the suggested challenges for Mrs Pitts to complete during our Friday assembly – She was challenged to name as many children from the school as possible without looking at them. She managed well over 100 from memory which we thought was a fab effort. Total money raised £359.45

Yours sincerely,

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