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Dear Parents and Children,

Here is our last newsletter for this half term.

First of all our apologies for the absence of a school website over the last few weeks but this was out of our control. The website is available now and can be found at www.newparkacademy.co.uk

Please note that the site may be difficult to find initially as we are informed that it will take a little while for it to find its way to the forefront of a Google search but it is there even if you need to do a little rooting around.

Next, a reminder that tomorrow is a fundraising non-uniform day. One of our parents is rowing a marathon on behalf of the Obakki Foundation which installs and maintains wells in Africa in areas where a 5 hour walk in blistering heat to collect water (often dirty and life threatening) is normal. A child under the age of 5 dies every 2 minutes in Africa due to complications from drinking dirty water. Our non-uniform day is to give encouragement to her and support the appeal and we thank you in advance.

Now, an appeal on behalf of St. Michael's retail shop-

Volunteering Opportunities

On Thursday 1 June, Saint Michael's retail shop, 149 Kings Road are holding an evening event to give an insight into Retail Volunteering from 5.30-7.30pm. Whatever your motivation, volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and be part of your local community. You can get involved in so many ways from helping behind the scenes, pricing and displaying stock, helping and serving our customers or using your creativity in window merchandising. Whatever time you can spare, whether every week or just now and again, your time will make a big difference. If you can't make it on the evening, just call into any one of our shops or call Claire on 533030 for more information about volunteering at Saint Michael's.

If you can help at all, please do.

Parents of Y6 pupils are reminded that the children will need Summer sports kit rather than the heavier long-sleeved yellow and blue Winter shirts. A simple polo shirt is sufficient for the remaining few weeks. Shorts and socks can still be used. All parents are reminded that the children should have a sun hat and sun cream applied before school on hot days.

NORTHERN LIGHTS
Teaching School Alliance

It is likely that the building work will begin during next half-term and that there will be a 3 to 4 week period when the main entrance area will be completely inaccessible. We plan to re-site Miss Williams' office in the lower building and create an access point for daytime visitors via the large gates adjacent to the breakfast club room. Children and parents will still be able to use the front gate at the start and end of the day as usual.

For your information, following the Manchester bombing, all schools were invited to participate in a national 1 minute silence at 11.00am. today. We chose to undertake this in individual classrooms rather than a whole school gathering so that children could have a simple age appropriate explanation as this is obviously a difficult thing for very young children to grasp even though they are likely to be aware that something has happened.

Our thoughts are with the victims of the attack and their families.

We have come to the end of our KS1 and KS2 assessments and the outcomes will be reported to parents in due course. We will be undertaking our Y1 phonics screening and final Reception assessments in June. Again parents will be made aware of the outcomes.

On a very positive note we had two visitors from the Department for Education this week and although they were not here to evaluate the school but simply to learn about what day to day school life is like, nevertheless they were very complimentary about the pupils and the staff so well done to everybody.

I am looking forward to my final half-term here and there will be plenty going on so please make sure you check the newsletters and texts regularly as well as your children's bags for letters!

School closes tomorrow at the usual time of 3.10pm for the half-term break and reopens on Monday the 5th of June. Please remember that we will be closed for the election on Thursday 8th June as we are being used as a polling station.

A few other dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14th June 3.10pm – 5pm Movie Night, tickets £2.50

Wednesday 14th June 3.30pm – 5.30pm Harrogate High School Super Learning Event – pupils from Year 4 and 5 are invited to attend with their parents.

Friday 23rd June Nursery and Reception visit to Studfold.

Thursday 29th June 3.10pm – 4.30pm Summer Fair

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson

