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Dear Parents,

It's been a busy few weeks at New Park and there is a wonderful "buzz" of learning in the classrooms!

- Our Year 6 children had a fantastic time on residential and rose to meet every challenge!
- The school council welcomed Andrew Jones MP to learn about the democratic process and representing others. They are all really keen to make a difference for our school.
- Five of our service children attended Ripon Cathedral to commemorate Armistice Day alongside hundreds of children from schools across the area.



This week the children have started their new Novel Studies – the teachers have planned five weeks' worth of English work based around fantastic texts. We will be tweeting lots of photos and examples of their

work so keep an eye on our twitter feed [@NewParkPri](https://twitter.com/NewParkPri)!

Thankyou [@AJonesMP](https://twitter.com/AJonesMP) for visiting our newly elected school council today to talk about the importance of democracy!
[#represent](https://twitter.com/represent)



Thank you to all of you who made the effort to attend Parents' evening last Thursday. It was lovely to see so many children proudly sharing their work with you. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office and we will do our best to make another appointment with you.

We held our first PTFA meeting of the school year last week and have planned a really exciting Christmas celebration on Thursday 21st December. We are starting the day with a family breakfast (with a special visitor). There will be a Christmas fair in the hall from 9am, a school Christmas dinner at lunchtime and a Christmas movie night after school! Please see the attached letter and return your slips ASAP! We are always looking for new members willing to support the school, if you would like to be a part of the PTFA, please speak to Miss Williams in

the school office.

Next week we are holding our first Parent Forum – an opportunity for you to meet Jenn Plews, CEO of Northern Star Academies Trust and myself, and hear about future plans for New Park and the trust. This will be happening on Wednesday 22nd November from 2:45pm in the hall. The Parent Forum will give parents/carers a voice and enable you to contribute to school decision making. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



This is the time of year when many parents of 2/3 year olds begin to think about choosing a school for their child. With that in mind, I would like to invite you all to the grand opening of our new Early Years Foundation Stage on Saturday 2nd December from 10am-12pm. The mayor will be officially opening the building at 11. Please invite any friends, family members, neighbours and colleagues who are looking for nursery or reception places for their children. We are really fortunate to be one of the few schools in Harrogate to offer 30 hours of nursery provision. We will also be running tours during the working week to see the school "in action", please contact the office to make an appointment.

Finally, a reminder about Free School Meals. If you believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please come and speak to Miss Williams in the school office. As well as getting a free meal every day, your child will receive a set of school uniform and free access to school trips and visits. You can visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals> for a list of criteria.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Mold

