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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a brilliant start to 2018 here at New Park! The children have, as always, thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm and perseverance. Our new novel studies have given the children opportunities to debate whether Sophie should let the tiger in for tea, wonder where the Iron Man really came from, write letters to Jack Frost and even experience the backbreaking digging faced by the "bad boys" in Holes!



Our lunchtime Nurture Club is well attended each day, and offers children a quieter space to play, build friendships and develop social skills indoors where it is warm. I would like to thank all the parents who are reading with their children on a daily basis, teachers are noticing the impact in the classroom already and we have spent over £2000 on new books to make sure we keep up with the demand. It is brilliant to see children reading 2-3 books each week, thank you for your efforts in promoting reading at home.

We are really excited about upcoming trips for all classes, please see the attached letters. KS1 will be visiting the Yorkshire Safari Park, Y3/4 tropical world in Leeds and Y5/6 will be travelling to York to find out more about the Roman and Viking settlements there. Nursery and Reception are planning a visit to a local farm once the weather is a bit warmer. As always, these visits will be completely free if your child is eligible for Free School Meals; please speak to the office if you would like to know more.



We have also begun to dig over our 6 allotment plots in the corner of the school field. This is just the start of our outdoor learning curriculum and will give every class the chance to learn more about the natural environment and grow their own fruit and vegetables.

We will be hosting our next Family Breakfast on Thursday 1st March to coincide with World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as characters from books and I am sure there will be some brilliant costumes. We will send out more information after half term.

On Saturday 17th March we are organising a family day out to Bradford Science and Media Museum, please see the attached letter.

Our first parent forum in November was well attended, we will be running this again and are inviting all parents and carers to meet with myself and the NSAT CEO, Jenn Plews, on Wednesday 7th March from 2:45 – 3:45pm. We will be offering refreshments and activities to keep children entertained. We would love to see as many of you there as possible to share our vision for New Park.

Finally I would like to share some of the feedback from the parent survey we carried out at the end of last term. 96% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that your child enjoys coming to school, is taught well and is making good progress. Thank you to everybody who took the time to complete and comment, your feedback is really valuable. I hope that many of you are able to attend our next parent forum.

Have a wonderful half-term break,

Mr Mold

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 21st February – SATs information meeting (Y6 only)
- Thursday 1st March – World Book Day & Family Breakfast
- Wednesday 7th March – Parent forum
- Thursday 8th March – Parents' evening
- Saturday 17th March – Family day out to Bradford
- Wednesday 28th March - Nursery and Reception Open Day