

Dear Parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the academic year. It has been a fabulous term, at the end of a superb year for the school. Everywhere we go, staff are hearing positive things about the school. Thank you for sharing our success stories across the community. This is a brilliant school that we should all be very proud of.



SATs Results

Our Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Test (SAT) outcomes are the school's best results in six years. Our combined score of children meeting the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths has rocketed from 32% last year to 69% this year. This represents a phenomenal effort from the teachers and children and is a testament to the hard work, perseverance and determination they have shown. They are a credit to you, to themselves and to the whole school community. It is not just in KS2 where we have been successful, as the Key Stage 1 results are also the highest since the introduction of the new national curriculum three years ago. In both key stages, children from New Park are outperforming the national average. I am particularly pleased with our reading results, where a large number of children have scored very highly on the test. This reflects the effort put into our new Novel Study curriculum and we are seeing that success reflected in the children's writing across the school.

KS1 by subject	New Park 2016	New Park 2017	New Park 2018	National (2017)
Reading	68%	64%	82%	76%
Writing	47%	51%	76%	68%
Maths	74%	73%	76%	75%

KS2 by subject	New Park 2016	New Park 2017	New Park 2018	National (2018)
Reading	42%	47%	69%	75%
Writing	65%	79%	73%	78%
Maths	54%	53%	81%	76%
GAPS	65%	47%	77%	78%

KS2 Combined	New Park 2016	New Park 2017	New Park 2018	National (2018)
Expected Standard	31%	32%	69%	64%
Higher Standard	0%	0%	8%	9% (2017)

Community work

We held our first History day in July which was a great success. The children rose to the occasion magnificently, whether they were touring visitors around the school, exhibiting their work or providing the finest waiting service outside of Bettys! 100% of the surveys we handed out came back positive, with lovely comments from ex-pupils who remember the school as it was when they were young.

Sports Day and Summer Fayre

The sports day was well attended and very successful. Thank you to everyone who attended and took part. Congratulations to Uruguay who were the overall school champions! A special thank you to the PTFA for their efforts setting up and running the Summer Fayre. Together we raised £650 for the school. Thank you also to AFC Harrogate for the use of the biggest bouncy castle our playground has ever seen!



Service families

July marks the time of year when many of our service families are relocating around the country (and possibly further afield). I am always so impressed by the determination and resilience shown by our service children, they are integral to our values as a school and bring fantastic life-experiences to share with the children from the local community. We have loved having you at New Park and you will be greatly missed, don't forget us!



Building updates

The building work to replace the ageing school roof and windows will begin in September and run until Christmas. We will keep disruption to a minimum by replacing windows during weekends wherever possible. These renovations will make an incredible difference to the school and allow us to press ahead with further redecoration works in the children's classrooms.

We have particularly exciting plans for a future school library, watch this space!



Community Farm

I am pleased to announce that following an extensive community consultation, we will be officially opening the New Park school farm in the Autumn term! We will be rehoming ex-battery farmed hens and will welcome four goats to the New Park family. We are really excited about the learning opportunities this gives us. Every single child will be involved in growing food and looking after our farm. We hope to involve parents and the wider community in this exciting project and will send more details out next term.

School Uniform

The changes to our school uniform policy come in to effect from September. These changes make school uniform simpler to follow and cheaper to buy. You can see the full policy on our school website. The main details are:

- Nursery children do not need to wear school uniform
- All other children must wear a royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with the New Park logo (available to buy from Rawcliffes): No other blue sweatshirts or cardigans are allowed
- Plain white shirt or white polo shirt (must have collar). Polo shirts with the school logo are also available from Rawcliffes but are NOT compulsory
- Plain black or grey trousers, plain black or grey skirt or grey pinafore dress – no jeans, leggings, jogging bottoms or denim material trousers
- Plain black or grey ankle socks or tights
- White ankle socks may be worn with a dress, skirt or shorts
- Plain black shoes. No boots, heels, sandals or flip flops. No logos
- No make-up or jewellery (one pair of stud earrings is allowed)
- In Summer, children can wear grey or black shorts, blue gingham dress and white socks



Remember, we provide free school uniform, free school trips and other events, as well as a free school dinner to children who are eligible. You can visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals> for a list of criteria and application forms can be found online or from the school office.

School residential

From September, we will begin a two-year rolling program of residential visits. Y3/4 will be offered a short overnight visit in the Summer term and Y5/6 have their week-long residential in February.

Thank you for all your support for your children and for the school this year. Have a fantastic Summer holiday and we will see you on Wednesday 5th September for the new school year, it's going to be great!



Mr Mold