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Dear Parents and carers,

### Welcome

Welcome to the start of a brand-new year at New Park! It has been lovely to see so many smiling children talking with enthusiasm as I walk around the school. There is a definite “buzz” in the air this year! A special welcome to all of our new starters this year. Whether you are just starting your school life in the Early Years, or have recently moved schools, we are happy you are here! New Park is a fantastic place to learn, we have brilliant teachers, exciting lessons and great opportunities.



### Celebrating children’s achievements

Our end of week celebration assemblies will start next week at 8.55am. Each Friday teachers choose two children who have impressed with their perseverance, hard work and great attitude. The children look forward to this assembly each week as we also ask each class to share a little bit of their learning from the week. If your child is chosen, we will let you know beforehand so that you can come along and celebrate with your child.



### Achieving together

Last year, children across the school achieved the highest results in the school’s history and we believe we are the most improved school in North Yorkshire. We know that this is just the beginning, however, and we are continuously developing our curriculum and refining our teaching, making sure that your child squeezes the most learning (and fun) out of every single school day.

### Learning beyond the classroom

We’re excited to announce that this year, all children will have the opportunity to learn outdoor survival skills such as den-building, fire-making and wild cooking. Many of you will remember the Yorkshire Dales Bushcraft team from their brilliant demonstration at the Summer Fayre last year and we are really looking forward to these lessons. For KS2 children this will be on a Wednesday, please ask children to bring a spare pair of shoes and warm clothes – they may get dirty! Nursery, Reception and KS1 children will get the chance later in the year.

### Family Breakfast & Meet the teachers

On Tuesday 18th September we are holding our first family breakfast of the year! We will be serving breakfast for all children and parents from 7:45 in the school hall. Tickets cost 50p and can be bought from the office. We are also inviting all parents to stay for the first hour of the school day from 9-10am and join your children in the classroom! This event is free for children eligible for free school meals but please let the office know you are coming.

### Jeans for Genes

It is Jeans for Genes day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. All children are encouraged to wear jeans for the day and bring in a donation to raise money for the 500,000 children in the UK with Genetic Disorders.



### **Giving children the best start**

As parents in the local community start to think about applying for a school place for next September, I am pleased to announce that we will be holding two open mornings, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, from 10-12. These mornings are open to prospective parents and their children and will include a tour of the early years provision, a chance to meet key staff and a visit to the school farm! If you or your friends and family are looking for a school place from next September, please spread the word and come and join us on one of the mornings. More information is available from the office.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you for making such an effort with the school uniform, the children look very smart. A few parents have asked questions about the new policy, our aim is to make the uniform simple to wear and cheap to buy, especially as children grow so quickly! To clarify, the only piece of uniform that must have the school logo is the jumper or cardigan.

- 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 shoes. No boots, heels, sandals or flip flops. No logos
- No make-up or jewellery (one pair of stud earrings is allowed)
- No overly decorative headbands, bows or clips
- In warm weather, children can wear grey or black shorts, blue gingham dress and white socks

### **Free Uniform and trips**

Remember, we provide free school uniform, free school trips, swimming and free entry to 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.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Family Breakfast or Meet the teacher morning on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr Mold

### **Dates for the diary**

- Family Breakfast – 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Meet the teacher morning – 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Jeans for Genes – 21<sup>st</sup> September
- Open Mornings – 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Bookfair – 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Photos – 14<sup>th</sup> November

