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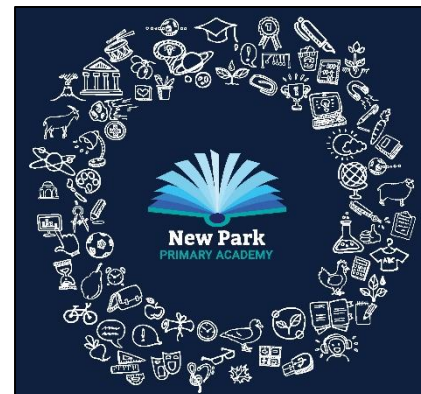
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Dear parents and carers,

It's been a fantastic first few weeks back at New Park. We've had family breakfasts, open mornings, Jeans for Genes day, the launch of our new class novels, a swimming gala and an Ofsted inspection!

### School logo

Many of you will have noticed the redesign of our school website and new prospectus. We're excited to launch our new logo after almost a year of design input and tweaks from children, parents and staff. The finished logo is an amalgamation of many of the children's designs and celebrates reading at the core of what New Park is all about. The elements around the book showcase just some of the many subjects, activities and skills that children learn through their time with us.



### PTFA

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we are holding our first PTFA meeting of 2018-19. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the PTFA for their fundraising expertise last year, they organised fantastic events that the children still talk about now! If you would like to be involved or to find out more, please join us on Wednesday. All are welcome!

### Family Breakfast and meet the teacher morning

We had a brilliant morning with over 60 children and parents joining us for breakfast and even more joining in the classroom fun. There were jam sandwiches, smelly potions, puzzling poems and many more fun things going on. Thank you to those who were able to attend, it is great for the children to be able to share their learning with you



### Ofsted

As you will know, we had our full Section 5 Ofsted inspection on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of term. The Ofsted team spent two days visiting lessons, meeting myself, governors and staff and talking with children and parents. The children are fantastic ambassadors for the school and talked passionately and honestly about their learning with the inspection team. We look forward to sharing the final report with you as soon as it is published.



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

You may have had a flyer for our open days posted through your door this week. We are holding two open mornings, on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. 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.



### **School farm**

We want all New Park children to learn to love the outdoors and are putting together an ambitious outdoor learning curriculum involving gardening, growing fruit and vegetables, bushcraft, animal husbandry and orienteering. As part of our work to develop the field we have partnered with the woodland trust who are giving us several hundred hedgerow plants and tree saplings to add shade and screen the field from the main road. Hopefully you have noticed the paddock area being constructed on side of the school field. In the next week we will begin the process of replacing the fence along Skipton Road, improving security for the animals and ensuring that the field is only accessed by those with permission to be there.

Our farm will welcome eight hens from the British Hen Welfare Trust on Saturday. These birds have spent their lives in tight confined spaces with little natural light and we are keen for the children to understand the ethical dilemma surrounding mass-produced food. We will also have four goats in the paddock next to the hens. We are looking after these goats for a local farmer, who is on hand should we have any health concerns or veterinary needs.



All the children will be learning on the farm and each class will take it in turns to look after the animals for a week. We will begin with Nursery and Reception children on Monday. Please send children to school with wellies or a spare pair of shoes to put on when they go up to the field. Your child's teacher will let the children know when it will be their turn.

Alongside the introduction of farm animals, we will continue to develop our vegetable plots by constructing raised beds, with the aim of growing food to serve to the whole school community. This is an adventure that we would love you to join us on. Perhaps you have always wanted to "grow your own" but lack the space at home or don't know where to begin. Our aim is for this project to bring the community together and we will offer families and individuals growing space freely, in exchange for help looking after the animals and keeping the site tidy and weed-free!

If you are interested in being involved, please return the slip to the office or get in touch via email

### **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.

Yours,

Mr Mold

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**New Park Farm**

Child's name and class .....

I am interested in growing fruit and vegetables for my family ☐

I am willing to help look after the animals at weekends ☐ school holidays ☐