

12th November 2018

Dear Parents,

What a start to the Christmas term! There's been so much going on in the classrooms, with visits from owls and butterflies, a mysterious delivery in Y3/4 and a briefcase full of intriguing items in Y1/2! We were very proud of the service children who represented our school at the Remembrance commemorations at Ripon Cathedral last Friday. There is always something exciting going on at New Park, follow us on twitter (@NewParkPri) for daily updates, photos and news.

You cannot help but have noticed the scaffolding that has gone up around the school. Thank you for your understanding whilst this important work goes ahead. The stripping of the roof above KS1 has almost finished and we expect the roofers to move onto the Nursery and Reception classes later this week. We will collect the children from the main playground and walk them down to KS2 whilst the work is ongoing.



Last week we welcomed three pygmy goats as the newest additions to our school farm. They have settled in extremely well and are already happily eating out of the children's hands. A number of you have expressed an interest in looking after them over weekends and school holidays. We are running a training event this Friday straight after school for all who are interested, please meet us by the school gates and bring your wellies!

All the children have the opportunity to get fully involved with the animals during their class "farm week". If your child has any allergies or you have questions about the farm, please inform the office and ask for a copy of the risk assessment and policy.

Thank you to the PTFA who organised and ran a very successful movie night last week which raised over £200! We are always on the lookout for more volunteers, please speak to me on the playground or at parents' evening if you are able to help out at any future events.

It is Children in Need on Friday and we will again be fundraising for this brilliant cause. This year we are inviting the children to dress up in their pyjamas for the day and bring a £1 donation. Please make sure children still bring a coat and outdoor shoes as it will be cold!

At New Park we use Twitter to showcase all the brilliant work the children are doing and celebrate their achievements. Twitter is completely free – follow us for daily updates and photos.



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I look forward to seeing you all at Parents Evening on Wednesday,

Mr Mold



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Dates for your diary:

- Individual photos – Wednesday 14th November (Group sibling photos will begin at 8:15am, please speak to the office to book a slot)
- Parents' Evening – Wednesday 14th November
- Children in Need – Friday 16th November
- Farm training – Friday 16th November
- Nativity Performance at St John's Church – Tuesday 18th December
- Christmas Celebration Day – Wednesday 19th December