

10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of 2019 at New Park. We have lots of exciting projects and learning this term, remember to follow us on Twitter (@NewParkPri) for daily updates and photos that showcase all the brilliant work the children are doing.

### Parent Survey

At Parents' Evening in October we carried out a survey to get your feedback on our school. We had 50 completed surveys with an overwhelmingly positive response. **100%** said their child is taught well at New Park, **94%** that their child enjoys coming to school and **98%** said that staff at New Park care about their child. When asked whether you would recommend New Park to another parent, **98%** said that they would. Thank you for the support that you give to the school, it is only through working together in partnership that we are able to offer the best possible education for your children.



### Christmas

Our end of term Nativity at St John's Church was a wonderful celebration and it was great to see so many parents and families there. The children sang, read, and acted their parts beautifully. We had a brilliant Christmas celebration at school the following day with breakfast, Santa's grotto, family lunch and a Christmas movie night – some of the children were so tired out that they fell asleep half-way through the film!

### Science Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our two Science fairs at the end of term. It was so important to the children to have a genuine audience to present their experiments and conclusions to.

### PSHE

This term we are focusing as a whole school on PSHE and mental health. Children will contribute to a class scrapbook, learning about the different emotions they might feel, what causes them and how they can regulate extreme emotions and look after their mental health.



### Scrapshed

Being fit and active is an important part of maintaining a healthy body but also has a positive impact on your mental health. We are always looking for new ways to improve our playground provision and have recently introduced a Scrapshed on the lower playground. Every day, children collaborate and build new and exciting ways to play out of junk and scrap. Their creativity knows no end!

### Fundraising

We have organised many successful events over the years, raising funds for much needed resources across the school. Later this term we will be launching a new fundraising goal for the school and we would like to invite you to be a part of our work. If you have ideas of possible events or activities we could organise please come to our planning meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm or speak to/email the office.

### Building work

Work on the roof is on schedule, this term will see 200+ windows installed across the school and the replacement of the KS2 roof. This will involve moving children out of their classrooms temporarily and we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

### Farm

Each class takes it in turns to have "farm week", where they are responsible for looking after the animals from Monday-Friday. Your child's teacher will remind the children in advance – please send your children to school in wellies as it gets very muddy! We have a timetable for volunteers who look after the animals at the weekend (in return for free eggs) on the school gates, if you would like to be added to this list or taken off please speak to the office.



### Bushcraft

As well as our after-school Bushcraft club, this term EYFS and KS1 classes will take part in Bushcraft activities every Thursday. Where we can, this will be on the field and children will need wellies and warm clothes.

### Clubs

I am pleased to include our club offer for this term, it's our busiest and most packed timetable yet! We will be allocating places on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January so make sure you return your slips before then.

### Free School Meals

Finally, I wanted to remind all parents of the benefits of signing up for Free School Meals. Even though meals are provided for all children in Reception – Year 2, we provide **free school uniform, trips and clubs** to children who are signed up for Free School Meals. If you think you might be eligible please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals> and contact the school office.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2:30pm – Fundraising and event planning meeting, all are welcome
- 18-22<sup>nd</sup> February – Y5/6 Residential at Marrick Priory
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day, Family Breakfast and Open morning
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening
- Farm weeks:

Week commencing	Class
14 <sup>th</sup> January	3/4KW
21 <sup>st</sup> January	EYFS
28 <sup>th</sup> January	5/6SC
4 <sup>th</sup> February	5/6HC
11 <sup>th</sup> February	1/2CU
18 <sup>th</sup> February	1/2RP



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