

11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear parents & carers,

It's been a brilliant term at New Park. From the fantastic Y5/6 residential in February to exciting trips out, every child has had the opportunity to learn outside of school. We have also introduced children to new novels as part of our English curriculum, hatched chicks in EYFS and had new windows installed in every classroom. Remember to follow us on Twitter (@NewParkPri) for daily updates and photos that showcase all the brilliant work the children are doing.



### Bingo night

Our first school bingo night was a real hit in February! We had over 60 portions of fish and chips delivered and raised £200 towards books for the school library.



### PE award

Just this week we heard from the Yorkshire PE awards that New Park has won the North Yorkshire area prize! This is a testament to the great work Mr Pratt does in leading PE and to the whole staff team for the hard work they put into running after-school clubs, leading play at lunchtimes and the brilliant PE lessons at New Park. We have been invited to an awards ceremony with other winners from across Yorkshire to find out who will be crowned as the regional winner.

### Chicks

With Spring just around the corner, Nursery and Reception have had the joy of hatching chicks in their classroom. The children have been learning all about the lifecycle of a chicken and recording scientific observations.

### World Book Day and winners

We had a fabulous time at our World Book Day breakfast – it was great fun to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters. The winners were lucky enough to visit Imagined Things bookstore in town to choose new books for their class libraries.



### School Trips

In April Nursery, Reception and KS1 had the chance to see the brilliant Northern Ballet perform Puss in Boots at the Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre in Leeds. It was a delight to see the joy and amazement on the children's faces, many of whom have never been to see a ballet before. Following the performance, the children went to see some very different choreography – staged battles with real weapons at the Royal Armouries! The children had a brilliant day, thank you to the parent volunteers who joined us.



Y3/4 visited the Pump Room museums which house an extensive collection of artefacts from the Ancient Egyptians, the children were fortunate enough to be allowed to handle items that are over 4000 years old!

### Y5/6 residential

This was the first week-long residential for New Park and the children rose to the challenge magnificently. They pushed themselves to try challenging activities and by the end of the week, were making their own beds, cleaning and tidying after meals and making their own packed lunches. We had a brilliant time at Marrick Priory – thank you to all the teachers who gave up a lot of sleep to make it possible.

### Building work update

Over the Easter holidays the windows in the dining hall will be replaced and work will begin stripping the main hall roof. Every classroom now has new windows and these have had an immediate impact – looking much smarter and also keeping the heat in during these cold spring mornings. The roofing contractor has placed display boards out in the playground to show the progress so far – I'm sure you will agree that the new roof and windows are a much-needed and significant improvement. I am also thrilled to announce that we have successfully bid for and been awarded a further £200k for boiler replacements over the Summer holidays - nearly £1.4m of investment in the last two years.

### School uniform

The school council made a very special announcement in assembly this afternoon - we have a new school uniform! From the very first logo designs over a year ago, to the choosing of a colour and font design, this process has been led by the children at every step. The new uniform is a unique colour for the area and the logo stands out - representing reading at the heart of our school. We will be moving to this uniform from September 2019 and will buy one jumper or cardigan for every child who is currently in R-Y5. We will have sample sizes available to try on after the Easter holidays and an order slip in the office.



(New uniform modelled by two of our school-council representatives – the final logo will have white text like the design on the left)

Have a wonderful Easter break,

Mr Mold