



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow – what a busy end to the spring term we had. There was so much to celebrate in our end of term celebration assembly from incredible attitudes to learning, children who always follow our New Park Principles and of course, all of the incredible hard work of staff and pupils to pull off another incredible performance. There were also a few tears as we said goodbye to some wonderful members of staff including Mr & Mrs Corbett and Miss Norton (for now).



Mr & Mrs Corbett have been part of New Park for so long that Mrs Corbett was able to share some photos of Fred using the playground to teach his children how to ride their bikes, many years ago! I know that they were extremely touched by your kind words and gifts at the end of term and we managed to send Fred off on a cruise wearing his very own New Park hoodie!

We continue to enjoy welcoming visitors in to our school and at the start of March we were visited by Captain Emma, MBE, and Wg Cdr James Henderson who shared their experiences of following their dreams to become aviators.



We finished the term with a flurry of exciting events including the incredible Year 3/4 performance of 'Mini-Beast Madness'. To pull together such an incredible performance over the course of such a short half-term is outstanding and huge credit needs to go to all of the staff and pupils who contributed to the show. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute and have had the songs on repeat in my head over the Easter holidays! We are very grateful to Charlotte Bellamy (Laurel from Emmerdale) who popped in to see the dress rehearsal and give our budding actors some last minute tips!

Year 3/4 had taken some of their cues from their trip to see Buggy Malone at Harrogate Ladies College. The level of acting ability and stage presence (and incredible props!) had all of the children buzzing with excitement and definitely inspired them to ensure their performance was just as impressive.



Some of our Year 5 pupils represented the school magnificently at the Airecon Inter-School Board Gaming Tournament at the Harrogate Convention Centre. They spent the morning learning new games and then went head-to-head with pupils from other schools during the afternoon before emerging as winners of the event! Congratulations to them and a huge thank you to Miss Hewson for organising this trip.

It was a delight to welcome so many EYFS parents in for an Easter themed Stay and Play – your Easter creations were fabulous, and it was a joy to see your children enjoying showing you around their learning areas.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Cake Bake. What an eclectic array of incredible bakes we had for our cake stall. Who knew that we had such talented bakers and decorators in our school?! It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Crichton from The Sweet Spot on Skipton Road to judge the entrants. He really took his time to consider all aspects of each entry (including taste tests!) before reaching his decision. Well done to the worthy winners:

KS1 – Amaya MR
KS2 – Noah CE
Staff – Miss Petrova and Mrs Crowther
Parents – Mrs Barker



Thank you for ensuring that your children have arrived back for the summer term on time and are Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn.

Kind Regards



Sasha Bune
Headteacher

Important information

Upcoming Events

We have so much to look forward to in the Summer Term – please see the full list of current upcoming events. We will add to this as more dates get confirmed throughout the term. In the meantime, please can I draw your attention to some events happening in the next couple of weeks:

Family Breakfast – Wednesday 10th April @ 10am

Please join us for our Family Breakfast on Wednesday 10th April at 8:15am. We will be providing a selection of fruit and pastries and ask for a £1 contribution via ParentPay for everyone who would like to join us at this event.

Parent Forum – Monday 15th April @ 2pm

In order to hear and understand parent and carers views about all aspects of school life at New Park, I would like to invite parents to meet with me at 2pm on Monday 15th April. The initial meeting will be an opportunity for us to discuss what is happening in school, our plans for the future and for you to ask any questions. This will allow us to create a plan for further parent forums where we can delve deeper into specific areas of school life to ensure that we are providing the best educational offer for your children. If you would like to take part in the parent forum, please register your interest with the school office via admin@newpark.nsat.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 8 th April	Return to school
Wednesday 10 th April	Family Breakfast @ 8:15am
Friday 12 th April	Y1/2 HS trip to Corn Close Care Farm
Monday 15 th April	Parents Forum @ 2pm
Tuesday 16 th April	Staff Twilight Training – No After School Club
Sat 20 th / Sun 21 st April	AFC in for field development
Monday 22 nd April	Yorkshire Air Ambulance visit (inc. assembly)
Tuesday 23 rd April	Staff Twilight Training – No After School Club
Monday 6 th May	May Day bank holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 th May	AFC Coffee Morning
Monday 13 th May	Start of Year 6 SATs week
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half-term – 3:15pm
Monday 3 rd June	Return to school
Saturday 8 th June	Knaresborough Bed Race
Wednesday 19 th June	AFC Coffee morning
Thursday 27 th June	Crucial Crew – Y6
Monday 1 st July	Y5/6 Trip to Grassington
Wednesday 3 rd July	Sports Day
Tuesday 9 th July	Full Governing Board meeting
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day back-up
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 Production for parents
Friday 19 th July	Break up for summer break @ 2pm – no After School Club

Meet the Team – KS1 (Year 1/2)



Our Key Stage 1 team continue with the incredible work undertaken by the EYFS team, ensuring that the pupils introduction in to more formal learning styles is gradual and successful for all pupils, continuing to teach them the steps needed to move on and thrive in Key Stage 2.

Mr Pratt – Year 1/2 Class Teacher and Assistant Headteacher

I have taught at New Park since 2015 and I have now taught in every year group. I am 6 ft 7 and love food! My interests include Harry Potter, being outdoors (especially walking and cycling), spending time with my family and chocolate!

Miss Shaw – Year 1/2 Class Teacher

I absolutely love teaching, and learning, and as such I am currently completing my 'Masters in Education' at Cambridge University. Alongside this, I love going for walks with my lovely dog Mabel, reading, and spending time with my family - especially by the sea. Two of my other favourite things are Paddington Bear, and hot chocolates! A fun-fact about me is that when I was fortunate enough to sing on tour with Opera North in 'Otello', Neville Longbottom's real-life mum used to look after me!

Mrs Thackwray – Teaching Assistant

I have been a teaching assistant at New Park for 20 happy years! I have enjoyed helping lots of children, across all year groups and watching them grow. My own interests are my love of watching Musical Theatre, spending quality time with my family and visits to London. I must confess I own too many handbags!

Mrs Fall – Teaching Assistant

I'm new to the team from this academic year but feel like I've been part of the school for ages. I love spending time with my family and going on family adventures - plenty of muddy walks and bike rides! I really enjoy history and love learning about and visiting new places!

School Field

We have been working hard behind the scenes this year to work out the best way to utilise the field space and to ensure that this is a sustainable area which enhances the education of all the pupils at New Park Primary Academy. We are thrilled to be assisted with this on the weekend on 20th and 21st April by students from the Army Foundation College who are going to help building an outdoor learning area on the field for our pupils and clear areas of the school grounds for pupils for us to be able to better utilise the outdoor areas we have.

We have also been lucky enough to be successful with a bid application from The WPA Benevolent Foundation, which promotes healthy activity amongst the young, for outdoor gym equipment, which will also go on the school field.

We would love to be able to build on this and provide an array of exercise equipment for our pupils and we have some very intrepid staff who are currently training as the New Park Pacers for the Knaresborough Bed Race on Saturday 8th March. If you would like to donate to this, please go to

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/New-Park-Primary-Bed-Race?utm_term=qRbGr2G9R

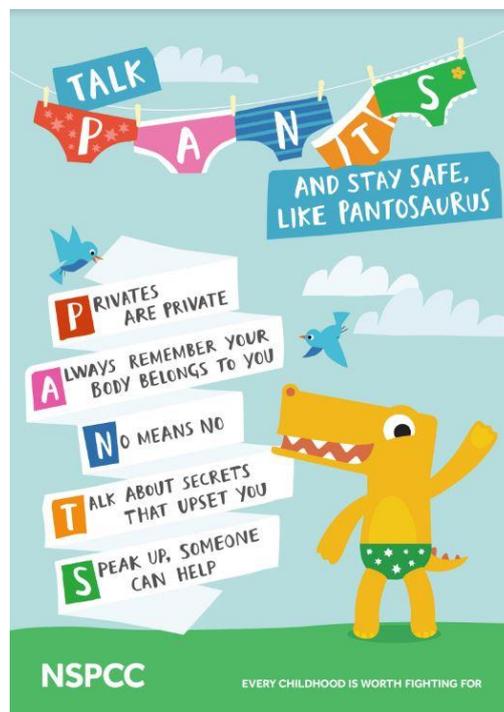
Safeguarding

NSPCC celebrates 10 years of Talk PANTS! See <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents> for more information.

Tips and advice to help keep your kids safe

Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.

We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about.



When's the right time to talk PANTS?

Every family is different, and when and where you have these conversations may depend on your child's age, or how grown up they are - it's all about whatever feels natural for you and them.

Some examples of times you can talk PANTS are:

- **After school** - If they've had a lesson on personal relationships or Talk PANTS at school, ask them what they remember when they get home.

- **Bathtime** - you could start a conversation when you're running your child's bath, or helping them get dressed.
- **Car journeys** - this can be a great time to talk, and your child will have plenty of time to ask questions if they need.
- **Reading** our new PANTS storybook together.
- **Singing** - Sing along to our PANTS song with Pantosaurus!
- **Swimming** - A great time to say that what's covered by swimwear is private.
- **Walking** - Walking home from school, or a weekend walk to the shops can help you both feel more at ease as you stroll and chat.
- **Watching TV** - If a TV show features a sensitive storyline, you can encourage them to talk about anything that upsets them.

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