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Dear Parents and Children,

Here is our newsletter for this week.

First of all some staffing news. I am sorry to inform you that following her extended absence, Mrs. Cliff will not now be returning to work. Mrs. Cliff has been a long serving and dedicated member of the school community and she will be missed. On behalf of the children, staff and parents at New Park School, I would like to take this opportunity thank her for her hard work and dedication over the years she has been here and wish her every success in the future. We have been able to secure the services of Mrs. Shaw who will remain with the class to the end of the year in order to ensure consistency.

Next- a plea re parking at drop off and pick up times. Further to the text sent out this week, it appears that some parents have continued to ignore the request. Whilst I know that it is very busy at these times and spaces are limited it is important that you do not park on the zig zag lines or in any other area where you may cause an obstruction or restrict the vision of other drivers and pedestrians. On Tuesday this week there were at least four cars on the zig zag lines or on the pavement adjacent to the Bread Bin and this was repeated again on Wednesday. We have contacted NYCC police and will be taking steps to get their support with this matter. I have obtained the numbers of the vehicles and whilst I have no wish to cause difficulties for the parties concerned, the safety of the children is paramount so I would ask again that if this is you then please refrain from repeating the offence. The vehicles I have details for are as follows and if anyone can identify the parents concerned then I would be grateful if they could let the school know and we will deal with the matter directly with them- a silver people carrier registration EJ55 AZX, a white hatchback NU65 FRP, a dark people carrier with a roof rack for which I do not have a number and also the following registration numbers: KW52G0J & FY610CN & NG100RY.

On a more positive note, our cake sales have been very popular and we raised £152 this week alone so well done to the parents and volunteers who helped with this. Valentine's cards and cakes will be for sale all next week during playtime: 50p for a card and £1 for a card and a cake to give to a valentine!

Our hockey players had a successful visit to Harrogate High School and won all three of their games last week so well done to them.

Some of or Y4/5 pupils took part in the Harrogate High School production on Friday evening. They have been working hard on this for some time now and performed really

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well in the show. Thanks to Miss Williams for supporting them and to all of the parents who attended. Here they are!



Finally for this week we have some very important news regarding funded provision for 3 and 4 year olds. Last year the government announced that they would be increasing the funded offer to 30 hours for eligible families. This would consist of the 15 hours universal offer that all families with nursery aged children can access and a **further 15 hours if the family meets certain criteria**. North Yorkshire is trialling this scheme from April so eligible families will be able to access 30 hours funded care from this point. This will undoubtedly result in greater demand for places that the private and independent nurseries may not be able to meet. We will be writing directly to all parents of children currently attending nursery to find out if they are eligible and whether or not they would want to use this offer with us.

We currently have good capacity in our nursery and as provision is reliant upon funding, we need to have a minimum number of children attending. To this end I would like to ask for your help in publicising our provision. We have attached 3 flyers to each newsletter and would ask that if you know of any families living close by to you with nursery aged children, and you are willing, that you post these on our behalf. We will be finding other ways of publicising our provision but word of mouth is best. If you know of anyone interested then please tell them about us.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson