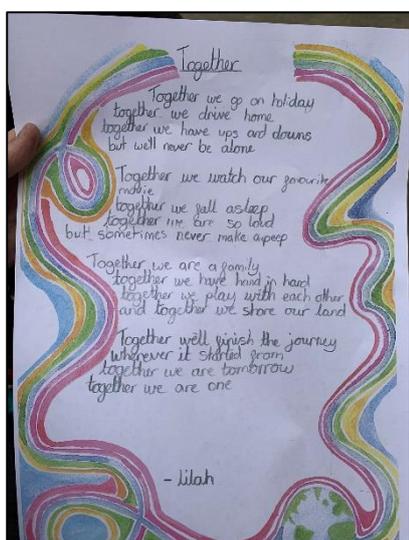


26.3.2021

Dear parents & carers,

The last three weeks at New Park have absolutely flown by! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and back into the classroom. School really is the best place for the children to be and they have benefitted greatly from the familiar routine and rhythm of the school week. Our celebration assemblies on Friday continue to be a highlight each week, watching the children wave to their friends and celebrate each other's achievements through the computer screens in their classrooms is a delight!



Curriculum

The focus of these three weeks has been routines and expectations in the classroom and rebuilding relationships and learning behaviours. Mrs Constable introduced the children to a poem called "Together" and each class has used this as inspiration for their own poems and thoughts about what it means to be back together in school. After Easter we will launch our Summer projects and new Novel Study texts.

Homework

We don't send out weekly homework at New Park but instead focus on the fundamentals of daily reading and regular maths practise. We have sent out a reading record sheet for the Easter holidays – please read with your child each day and fill this in.

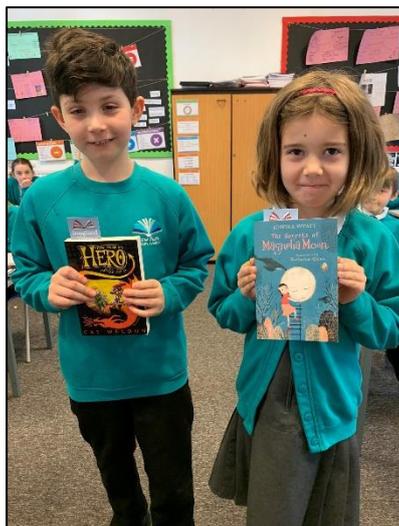
Community Farm

The work on our field has progressed rapidly and should be finished and fully landscaped in the by the time we come back after Easter. Early next term we will send out a letter inviting families to request their own raised beds to use all year round.

Farm volunteers

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help look after the animals during the Easter holidays. School staff will ensure feed is topped up in the blue barrels and black bin. If you are visiting when the contractors are on site please make yourselves known to them before entering. Look out for the (very) deep ditch they have dug too!





Food vouchers and parcels

We have sent out food vouchers for all children in receipt of Free School Meals or the Early Years Pupil Premium. If you are in need of a weekly food parcel you can order one from www.resurrectedbites.co.uk, whether you are in receipt of food vouchers or not.

Coronavirus

Please email us if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus or if any member of your household tests positive over half-term. We are required to report positive cases to Test and Trace and the Department for Education.

Term dates and entrance/exit arrangements

Term starts back on Monday 12th April. We will continue with our current entrance/exit arrangements and are bringing Nursery in-line with Reception for the Summer term

Bubble	School day	Entrance & Exit
Nursery & Reception	9:00 – 3:30	Via main gates on Skipton Road
Years 1/2	8:45 – 3:15	Via main gate and side gate on Skipton Road
Years 3/4	8:45 – 3:15	Via main gates on West Street
Years 5/6	9:00 – 3:30	Via main gates on West Street

Healthy eating

The children enjoyed their treat items in their packed lunches and chocolate desert from the kitchen at lunchtime today. We like to celebrate important dates with food but please avoid crisps, chocolate, cakes etc. at other times. You can find more information on our school website:

<https://www.newparkacademy.co.uk/parents-carers/meals-and-snacks/>

I hope you have a lovely Easter break and finally get to see friends and family outdoors.

Mr Mold

