

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new look newsletter where we will share all the wonderful things happening in our school and our community and provide information about upcoming events for you to be involved in.



It was wonderful to welcome all the children back at the start of this week and are delighted with how ready to learn they have been every day this week. We kick started the week with a whole school assembly introducing our Vision and Values for our school, focussing particularly on the importance of Nurture – being nurturing to ourselves and others, and having the experience of being nurtured. We have given ourselves the challenge of ‘making kindness our choice, every time’.



Thank you to everyone who attended our events at the end of last term. It felt quite magical to see so many people gathered together in St John’s Church for the school Nativity.

Our KS1 production was a roaring success. We definitely have some budding actors in our midst, and I am excited to see how KS2 follow on from this with their productions over the next two terms – watch this space!

The Christmas Fair was a triumph - a huge thank you to all the parents and staff who pulled this together. I am delighted to let you know that we have raised around £500 this term which we are going to be able to use to develop the Before and After School Club (BASC) and intervention room. We are hoping to put more community events on this term – please let me know if you have any ideas or would like to get more involved.

The exhibitions were a wonderful showcase of the learning which had taken place over the course of the term. I particularly enjoyed hearing different groups of children articulate the reasons why their choice was the most effective form of transport (Year 1/2) or the part of Ancient Greek culture which has had the most impact on our lives (Year 5/6). The discovery of new evidence in the case of the ‘Princes in the Tower’ made a fascinating (and very exciting) end to the Year 3/4 and I loved spending time in EYFS making Christmas crafts!

Kind Regards



Sasha Bune
Headteacher

Important information

PE Days this term:

- **EYFS** - Tuesday
- **Y1/2** - Thursday and Friday
- **Y3/4** - Wednesday (GP class to come in PE kit / LP/AS class to come in school uniform and to bring their swimming kit with them)
- **Y5/6** - Monday and Wednesday

PE could be indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather, so please ensure that your children's PE kits are adequate for this.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 30th January	Year 5/6 trip to Lime Tree Planetarium
Friday 9th February	Break up for half-term
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Tuesday 5th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 6th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite word
Wednesday 13th March	Year 3/4 trip to Buggy Malone @ Harrogate Ladies College
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter

Meet the Team – The Office



The absolute back-bone of our school, who keep everything running and ticking over – we would be lost without them. They are always on hand to answer any queries and to keep us all organised!

Emma Mitchell – Business Manager

Emma works across 2 schools within NSAT. She loves the outdoors, camping and spending time with her friends and family.

Caroline Cameron – Senior Administrator

Caroline joined the New Park team in September and it feels like she has always been here! We are just discovering her cake decorating skills and are hoping that she will be able to share these with us (both the cakes and the skills!)

Rachael Simpson – Office Administrator

The most flexible member of staff, in her younger years Rachael was a competitive Gymnast and she continues to enjoy all things gymnastics. She also plays football for the Scotton Scorchers in her spare time.

Safeguarding - Information from North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Keeping safe online: Have the conversation

As the online and digital world is such an integral part of children's lives now, it's important for us to continue to have regular conversations with children about their lives online and staying safe. Not sure where to begin? The UK Safe Internet Centre have some starter suggestions that can help.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy together?

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