



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term may be short, but it has also been extremely busy with lots of opportunities for the children to deepen their learning across school.

### **EYFS**

It has been extremely exciting watching nature come to life in EYFS. We had 8 chicks hatching over the course of one day and the children have been exemplary in caring for them since they arrived. They are growing by the minute, so it is fascinating for all of us to see the changes which are occurring. Trips to Corn Close Care Farm are continuing, with Mrs Crowther's class going last week and Mrs Brett's class visiting this coming Friday.

EYFS enjoy welcoming visitors to their classroom and recently had a visit from local postie, Sam Williams.

### **KS1 – Years 1 and 2**

In KS1 our Year 1 and 2 children are also exploring nature, investigating the impact of the environment on the growth of plants. The children are really enjoying our new music curriculum, learning how to play glockenspiels, exploring different genres of music and learning through singing. KS1 visits to Corn Close Care Farm are coming up this term – please see 'Dates for your Diary' for further information.

### **LKS2 – Years 3 and 4**

In LKS2, we all enjoyed going to Harrogate High School to see pupils rehearse for their upcoming variety performance. It was really inspirational for the children in Year 3 and 4 to see older pupils dancing, singing and acting on stage. Watching the hard work which goes into rehearsals has made them even more excited about visiting Harrogate Ladies College on the 13<sup>th</sup> March to see their production of Bugsy Malone, and about putting on their own performance of 'Mini-beast Madness' (linking with their current Science learning) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. There will be 2 performances for families on that date – 9:30am and 2pm. Details of how to book tickets for these will be sent out nearer the time.

### **UKS2 – Years 5 and 6**

Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant time at Lime Tree Planetarium – kicking off their Project Based Learning Project. Their increasing knowledge about Space is extremely impressive! The standard of writing in UKS2 is always incredible, and this terms novel study – 'The Viewer' is clearly both inspiring and intriguing many of the Year 5 and 6 pupils with some brilliant writing being produced. They have been working on their persuasive writing this week and are becoming quite skilled at it, so expect some tough negotiations over the coming months!



### **Parent Forum**

I am keen to start collating parent and carers feedback about all aspects of school life at New Park. I would like to invite parents to meet with me at 2pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@newpark.nsat.org.uk).

## School Council

*This week the new School Councillors had our first official School Council meeting. We discussed lots of things and everyone had great ideas. Some of the things we want to think about this year are having more clubs (especially during school time so everyone who wants to can attend), having class names, having monitors to make sure everyone follows the New Park Principles, and the school runs smoothly (someone to water the school plants, kindness patrol etc..) and we want to talk about our school uniform. We all listened to each other's ideas, and we want to take everyone's thoughts into account. By Pippa*



As always, we really do appreciate all the support you give your children to ensure they arrive at school on time and are Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn.

Kind Regards

Sasha Bune  
Headteacher

## Important information

### Upcoming events

**NEW PARK PRIMARY ACADEMY**  
**MOVIE Night**  
THURS 29TH FEB - 3:30-5:30  
£3 per child  
POPCORN & HOT CHOCOLATE INCLUDED  
WONKA (PG)  
PUPILS FROM YEARS 1-6 WELCOME

**New Park Primary Academy**  
**Easter Bake-Off 2024**

**Categories**

- Parents
- Staff
- EYFS / KS1 pupils
- KS2 pupils

**Instructions**

- Choose a fabulous cake / biscuit design with an Easter theme
- Bake and decorate your cake / biscuits
- Bring your cake / biscuits to school on the morning of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, along with a list of all ingredients used (no nuts, please)
- Judging of cakes / biscuits will take place during the day & winners will be announced at the end of the school day
- All cakes / biscuits will be donated to school and will be available to buy from the cake stall at the end of the school day
- All other none home baked cakes / biscuits donated for the cake stall will be gratefully received

## Easter Bake-Off Competition & Cake Stall – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

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- Staff
- EYFS / KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2)
- KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)

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## Meet the Team – EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)



Early Years Foundations Stage (Nursery and Reception) is where our youngest pupils do their learning under the guidance of our incredible EYFS staff.

### **Mrs Brett** – EYFS Class Teacher

Mrs Brett has worked at New Park for many years! Previously the Nursery Manager, Claire is now an EYFS Class Teacher. She loves swimming, long walks with her family and going to the cinema.

### **Grace Crowther** – EYFS Class Teacher

Mrs Crowther, is the EYFS lead at New Park, and has been here for the last five years. Her favourite thing about EYFS is sharing stories and performing in the role play area. At the weekend, she likes cosying up with a book and her grey cat called Mabel.

### **Ms Edmunds** – Teaching Assistant

Ms Edmunds has have been at New Park longer than she can remember and has been based in EYFS over recent years. She likes walking her dog Teddy and eating chocolate!

### **Mrs Chamberlain** – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Chamberlain is new to New Park this year but has an extensive background in education. She loves cats and horse riding and enjoy spending time with her family!

### **Mrs Bailey** – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Bailey is new to working in Early Years this year but she is not new to New Park having come here as a child! She likes watching football and Formula 1.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Movie Night – 3:15pm – 5:30pm – see Parentmail for details
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	EYFS CB trip to Corn Close Care Farm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	AFC Coffee Morning
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Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite word
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1/2 RP trip to Corn Close Care Farm

<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3/4 trip to Bussy Malone @ Harrogate Ladies College
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y1/2 HS trip to Corn Close Care Farm
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Airecon Boardgame Competition
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Bake-Off Competition and cake stall
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Y3/4 Performance of 'Mini-Beast Madness' for parents – 9:15am & 2pm
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Break up for Easter – <i>No After School Club</i>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Return to school
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Family Breakfast
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parents Forum @ 2pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Staff Twilight Training – <i>No After School Club</i>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Staff Twilight Training – <i>No After School Club</i>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Start of Year 6 SATs week

## Safeguarding

### **National Online Safety App**

*Making sure that young people stay safe online can be tough when there are new apps, games and sites every day. To help, National Online Safety have launched an app of their own. Packed with hundreds of insightful guides, it'll keep you informed of the latest online crazes – and hazards.*

*There is also a free online safety parents' course, compiled by experts. The National Online Safety app is available to download now from Google Play and the Apple App Store.*



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**WE HAVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WITH SERIOUS NUT ALLERGIES. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS**