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Dear Parents and carers,

It's been a brilliant half-term at New Park. In April the children were introduced to their new class novels in new and exciting ways. Our new clubs have been incredibly successful and the children are learning a huge variety of new skills. I would like to say a personal congratulations to all of the Y2 and Y6 children who have completed their SATs exams recently. We are proud of each and every one of you for the determination and perseverance you have shown over the last fortnight. You are a credit to your parents and yourselves.

Building updates

In my first letter as headteacher, I made the commitment to improve every space in our school, both the buildings and the outdoor areas. So far this year we have completed the refurbishment of the reception area, creating new toilets, a meeting room and a foyer space. We have invested heavily in the early years, completing a full renovation of the nursery and reception classrooms and the outdoor area. I am delighted to tell you that we have now been awarded just under £1 million to replace the roof and windows across all the school buildings. This will make an incredible difference to the school and allows us to press ahead with further redecoration works. This is one of the significant benefits of being part of Northern Star Academies Trust, utilising the expertise and experience of colleagues across the trust to ensure our children get the very best.



Attendance

Our celebration assemblies have taken a new twist this term as each year group thinks of an exciting way to share their learning with the rest of the school. We have also started a weekly prize-draw for all the children with 100% attendance for that week. Each week, five children are randomly picked for a prize. I am very pleased to say that attendance is improving across the school, thank you for your efforts in getting your children to school on time, it makes a big difference.

History day

We are really excited about our upcoming History day. On Tuesday 10th July we will be opening the school site to the local community and inviting everyone to visit and learn about the history of New Park school and the surrounding areas. There will be refreshments available and the children are really excited about sharing their learning with you and the public. Please do all you can to be there and

celebrate with us.



Community Farm

We are also launching our community farm consultation today. We are fortunate to have such a large playing field and are always looking at ways to make better use of it. Our gardening club have recently started planting in a small allotment area. We would like to use the banked parts of the field for a community learning farm, which would grow over time and be open to the community at weekends and holidays. Please take the time to fill in and return our consultation document, letting us know your thoughts. We are particularly keen to hear from those in the local community who are interested in helping to manage and run the farm on a day-to-day basis.

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Summer Fayre & Sports Day

Our Summer Fayre and Sports Day will be held on Thursday 5th July. We are planning a really exciting event with BBQ, games, stalls, ice cream, face painting, bouncy castle and much more! Please help us by volunteering to set-up and pack-down, run a stall or donating items for the tombola etc. In order to raise money for the Summer Fayre, we are hosting another movie night at school on Thursday 14th June. We are also planning a family day out to the beach on Saturday July 7th and will be sending a letter out about these events after half-term.

Reminders:

- We have children with nut allergies in school. Please do not send any nut-based foods in your child's packed lunch. This includes Nutella, peanut butter and many cereal bars.
- Car parking. Please be careful and considerate if you are driving your children to school. The local streets do not have enough space for the number of cars trying to park and there have been examples of poor driving and near-misses recently.

School Uniform

We are making some changes to our uniform policy which will come in to effect from September. These changes are designed to make school uniform simpler to follow and cheaper to buy. You can see the full policy on our school website. The main details are:

- Nursery children do not need to wear school uniform
- Year 6 will wear the same uniform as the rest of the school
- All children must wear a royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with the New Park logo
- Plain black or grey trousers, skirt or grey pinafore dress
- Plain white polo shirt
- School shoes should be all black, flat and logo-free. Boots, sandals and trainers are not allowed.
- No make-up or jewellery (one pair of stud earrings is allowed)
- In Summer, children can wear grey or black shorts, blue gingham dress and white socks



Many parents have asked about the new school logo. A decision has not yet been reached so the current logo will remain as part of the school uniform for the 2018-19 academic year.

Have a wonderful half term,

Mr Mold

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Movie night – Thursday 14th June
- Sports Day and Summer Fayre – Thursday 5th July
- History day – Tuesday 10th July