



MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

We have had some interesting weather recently and I just wanted to thank you for your support during the snow this half term, I am sure you will appreciate making the decision to close the school is a difficult and stressful one and many factors have to be considered. Thank you to all the parents that went out of their way to tell us you supported our decision, it really is much appreciated.

Luckily, the snow fell on days when no trips were planned and of course we managed to rearrange World Book day. The children had an amazing day stimulated by the book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalk. Thank you for all your support with the costumes and thank you to Mr Richardson for organising this great day.

As always we are operating an open door policy and if you have any comments or concerns about the school please contact us in person. Unfortunately, some parents are still using social media to vent about school issues. Whilst sometimes staff are made aware of issues from mutual friends this is not always the case. We cannot help or explain a situation if we don't know there is an issue for you or your child. Your child's class teachers should always be your first point of contact.

Staffing

Four new Assistant Headteachers will take up post after the Easter Break, congratulations to Mrs Smith, Mrs Clifton, Mrs Turton and Mr Richardson on their promotions.

Mrs Johnson will leave us at the end of this term and Miss Jones will return from maternity leave. Mrs Tennent begins her maternity leave today and I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her growing family well.

Mrs J Baker
Headteacher



**PLEASE NOTE
WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018 - THIS
IS NOT A TRAINING DAY.**

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know that Universal Credit is currently a qualifying benefit for Free School Meals?

If you receive Universal Credit then your children are entitled to a free meal in school. Claiming free school meals could save you almost £400 per child per year, and could enable the school to gain over £2,000 per year extra funding for every child as well. So even if your child doesn't take the free meal, or your child gets a free meal because they are currently in reception or Key stage 1, you should apply now if you haven't already.

From 1 April 2018, the government are introducing a net Universal Credit earning threshold of £7,400 per year for free school meal eligibility which means that some families who are eligible now would not be if they apply after 1 April.

It is important that you apply now as all **children assessed as eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) by 1 April 2018 will continue to be eligible until at least 2022**, while Universal Credit is rolled out across the country. There would also be no need for any further FSM eligibility checks as well.

To make sure that you don't miss out **please apply now and before the 1st April.**

Forms are available from the school office, on line at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals> or by contacting the Admissions, Transport and Welfare Team using the following details.

Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director

Children and Young People's Service Business Support

Admissions, Transport & Welfare Team

Jesmond House, 31-33 Victoria Avenue Harrogate HG1 5QE

Tel: 01609 533679

Email: schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk Web: <http://northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

PARKING

Please can we ask parents/carers not to park on the yellow lines outside of school and please do not block private driveways.

Many Thanks



Friday 23rd March 2018

Walk 10,000 Steps for Sports Relief

On Friday 23rd March 2018 we will take part in a whole school walk with the aim of walking 10,000 steps each.

Music Tuition

Information leaflets about instrumental tuition for 2017/2018 can be found in our school office foyer area or go direct to www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk



Children can purchase a drink of milk at lunchtime for 20p (this is free if your child is on free school meals). Children just need to hand the 20p to the Midday Supervisor.



TESCO - BAGS OF HELP BARLBY RAIDERS JFC NEED YOUR HELP

We are proud to have been chosen for the Selby and Brayton Tesco Bags of Help Scheme and are fundraising for a much needed storage facility

From 1st March - 30th April you can vote for us by collecting blue tokens from Tesco and posting them into our section of the in-store unit.

Barlby Raiders play all their home games at Barlby High School but currently have no storage facility to keep valuable equipment dry, safe and secure. Any funding they receive from Tesco Bags of Help will benefit the whole club hugely.

Many thanks



DATES FOR DIARY

Tues 20th March 2018

Parents Evening

Thurs 22nd March 2018

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Governors

Matthew Walker	Chair of Governors/Parent Governor
Sarah Owen	Staff Governor
Philip Boyes	Vice Chair/Parent Governor
Beverley Dowdy	Co-opted Governor/Safeguarding Governor
Ruth Cannon	Co-opted Governor
Geoff Stockill	Co-opted Governor
Solar Richmond	Co-opted Governor
Joanna Millican	Parent Governor
Alexander Durling	Parent Governor
Chris Ayres	L.A. Governor
James Sykes	Parent Governor
Laura Clark	Co-opted Governor

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

	SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL OPENS
Easter Holidays	Thurs 29 th Mar 2018	Mon 16 th April 2018
May Day 2018	Mon 7 th May (school closed)	
May Half Term	Fri 25 th May 2018	Mon 4 th June 2018
Summer Holidays	Fri 20 th July 2018	

TRAINING DAYS 2017/2018 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2018



As always we are interested in your views on the school. Next time you are logged on to your computer please leave your views on parentview www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. OFSTED use this site to get a feel for the school before they come and visit us. The parent questionnaire results that were filled in at parents evening will be published after the next Full Governing Body Meeting.