

# STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

April 2018

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and exciting start to the Summer Term. Not only have we been enjoying the good weather but the children have been extremely excited about our new playground. We are very pleased to have one of the very best playgrounds and the feedback from the children has been overwhelming. The new equipment and court have been carefully planned to encourage children to be more physical during playtime. There are some challenging bits of equipment and we have spoken to children about keeping themselves safe and teaching them how to play responsibly. Please help us to keep everybody safe by supervising your children at all times outside of school hours.

We will shortly be stepping up our campaign to make Hilda Road a safe place for our children to cross the road. Despite constant reminders, some parents are still parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside of the main entrance. This is extremely dangerous and risks the lives of your children. We are supporting the traffic police in fining people who continue to park illegally on these lines. You will soon notice additional signs reminding you not to park in this area. Please support the school in securing a safe crossing for all children.

Today we are delighted to announce the sale of tickets to our upcoming performance of The Adventures of Aladdin! We are positive that you will not want to miss this performance which will be held in the Eastlea Theatre. Unfortunately there are only 400 tickets available, so please purchase the amount of tickets you need as soon as possible through Parentmail or through the school office. This is open to the community, so we cannot guarantee that seats won't be selling out fast. Tickets are very reasonably priced at £4 per adult and £2 per child. **Due to the length of the performance no children under the age of 3 will be permitted.**

All that remains is to wish you a wonderful long weekend.

Regards,  
Ms Von  
Head Teacher

## Online Safety:

Parents need to supervise what their children are being exposed to online at all times. Leaving your child unsupervised online is the equivalent of inviting a complete stranger into their bedroom. Please monitor which apps they are using and games they are playing. The school strongly recommends that primary aged children do not use any social media apps.

We are asking Star Parents to step up their responsibility for online safety.

KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE AT ALLTIMES.



## Important Dates

Monday 7th May

School closed for May Day

Monday 14th May - Friday 18th May

Year 6 SATs week

Monday 21st May

First Year 4 group visiting York

Wednesday 23rd May

Second Year 4 group visiting York

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

School closed for the Summer Half-Term



## Portuguese Day

Tuesday 27th March was the fourth of our very special Languages Days here at Star, with a focus this time on Portuguese. It was a very colourful day with all the children creating Rio carnival masks at home and wearing them to school where they took part in many Portuguese themed lessons and activities. There was even a world class international football tournament held on Star field, with each class supporting their Portuguese speaking country. One of the highlights of the day was the Portuguese themed lunch with some delicious Peri Peri chicken!



## Outward Bounds

Year 6 recently enjoyed an amazing residential visit to the Lake District! They enjoyed time together which focused on team work, developing leadership skills, building confidence and raising their self-esteem. Activities included Mountain Hiking, Gorge Walking, Canoeing and Cave Exploration. This inspirational setting has helped to motivate, inspire and rejuvenate them ahead of their upcoming SAT's.



## Playground Developments

As you have undoubtedly noticed, our playground has gone under a massive revamping over the last 4 months! Thank you so much bearing with us during the works. We're sure you agree that our playground is so much more colourful now, with so much more interactive activities available for the children to access.

To see the work in progress check out our slideshow on our website under latest news!

