

Weekly News Bulletin

Week Ending: 05.1.24

Happy New Year!

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Wednesday as they made an early start to the Spring term. Next week, teachers will be sending out curriculum information letters which also have suggestions on how you can support your child with their learning at home. It was fantastic to see so many of you in school over the festive season and the Christmas fair was a huge success thanks to our Friends of North Park volunteers. In 2024, we look forward to continuing strong parental engagement with the introduction of 'Starbooks'. We also look forward to continuing to see many of our parent/carers at Star assembly each week. We are increasing some of our awards, which means even more invites will go out each Wednesday! As you know, in 2024 we will be introducing ParentPay which ultimately means the school will be going cashless and everything will be able to be accessed from your phone/email. Letters regarding this will go out next week and Parentpay is due to go live in February. As we look forward to an exciting year ahead, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Attendance:

Well done to all the children who received 100% attendance awards for last term. We expect to see all pupils with above 96% attendance.

Every day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning that they can never get back!

Let's work together this year to achieve consistently high attendance and punctuality.



Uniform reminder

The children have returned to school incredibly smart following the Christmas break. Please see to the left for a reminder of uniform expectations: leggings and tracksuit bottoms are not school uniform. Children like to look the same as their peers in school and they feel part of North Park in their smart green uniform.

As you will be aware, we have clean, pre-loved uniform for you to choose from at any time- just contact the school office to come and have a look.

We will also put pre-loved uniform in the main entrance area at the end of each half term- this is particularly helpful if your child has suddenly had a growth spurt and it also helps the planet too! Our Eco Warriors are desperate not to send school uniform to landfill, instead they want to recycle at North Park Primary. We are always happy to take in any uniform in good condition too.

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Dojo Shop is here:

Thanks to our enterprising School Council we now have a new Dojo shop that was officially opened by the Mayor of Spennymoor in December.

The children will save up their Dojo points that they are rewarded with in school and then, either save, or spend their points at the shop at the end of every half term. Dojo points mean prizes!



Starbooks starts next week:

Every Tuesday we are inviting a different year group's parents/carers to attend a Starbooks session. Starbooks is where you can come and read a book with your child and enjoy coffee/tea and a biscuit while the teacher models a short reading session. Every adult who attends will receive a loyalty card and when the whole card is stamped your child will receive a free book. Let's get reading at North Park Primary.



Dates for your diary this term so far:

Date:	Event:	Who is involved:
Tuesday 9 th January	Starbooks (Come to the main entrance)	Mrs Wood's class and Y5/6
Wednesday 17 th January	Y2 visit Durham Cathedral	Y2
Tuesday 16 th January	Starbooks	Reception parent/carers
Tuesday 23 rd January	Starbooks	Y1
Tuesday 30 th January	Starbooks	Y2
Tuesday 6 th February	Starbooks	Y3
Monday 12 th February	<i>KS1 Valentines Disco 4-5.30pm</i>	Y1/Y2
Tuesday 13 th February	Starbooks	Y4
Thursday 15 th February	KS2 Valentines Disco 4-5.30pm	Y3/4/5/6