

# Monthly News Bulletin

## October 2017

We have had an incredibly busy first half term and have made a super start to the academic year. It has been lovely to see so many parents attend our celebration assembly each Friday- Star Assembly is now at 2.45pm each week and any parents/carers/grandparents of children receiving awards or birthday celebrations are welcome to join us.

### England V Scotland under 20's

On Friday, 6 of our staff took 45 Children to watch the England v Scotland under 21's football match at the Riverside Football Stadium. All of the children and staff had a fantastic time.

England won but it was neck and neck for some time. There was a superb atmosphere and everyone said they had an amazing night. A huge thank you to Miss McFarlane for organising this event and to all of the staff for giving up their Friday night.



### Sports Round-up for October 2017

On the 5<sup>th</sup> October, ten of our Y6 children participated in and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tag rugby competition at North Shore Academy. The children had a great time and enjoyed watching and supporting other local schools. Yesterday Miss McFarlane and Mr Carter took Y3/4 to a bench ball competition at North Shore Academy and Frederick Natrass came 3<sup>rd</sup>! The children are well and truly putting Frederick Natrass on the sporting map.

### Staff changes and fond farewells!

Both Miss Ferguson and Mrs Newlove will be leaving us this half term as they have are moving on to different schools. Both members of staff have dedicated vast amounts of their time and support to Frederick Natrass over the years and we wish them all the best in their new roles.

We will be recruiting new staff members after the half term break and will introduce our new team as soon as staff are in place. In the meantime, we welcome Miss Johnson to our team who is the new TA for Y1. Mrs Bowey will continue to work closely with our supply teacher in Y3 in the interim period.

### Collecting children from school

All children are expected to be picked up after school by a parent or carer detailed on the data collection sheet. If another adult will regularly be picking up your child, please inform the school office in writing. This includes grandparents, child-minders, afterschool club staff etc. as this is a safeguarding issue.

Children in Y5 and Y6 can walk home from school on their own if parents give their prior consent. This needs to be given in writing or a form can be collected from the school office.

## Harvest Festival

A warm invite to all parents and carers to our **Harvest festival** which will be held at St Mary's this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm. The children have been practising their harvest songs and we look forward to you joining us for this special occasion.

This year the church are supporting Norton Food bank so we are asking pupils to bring in their harvest gift of non-perishable food to school and we will take them to church on Thursday.



## Missing books:

Frederick Nattrass used to participate in a school library system but unfortunately a number of books were not returned. It is easy to forget library books but the mobile library has asked if we could see if we can have a look for any that may still be at home. There will be a barcode and date inside the first few pages. If you are able to find any of these at home and bring them in then the children will be rewarded with team points for every book returned. Thank you very much for your assistance with this.

## Diary dates

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term	Whole School
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October	PD Day – School Closed	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations	Reception to Year 6
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime at Billingham Forum	Reception to Year 6

## Chill and Chat

Miss Farnell will be organising parent sessions each Thursday morning after half term to provide parents and carers with an opportunity to socialise, be informed and too discuss different issues. Miss Farnell our Parent Support advisor will also be booking organised events and activities for parents to join in with.

