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Dear Parent/Carer,

When I started typing this newsletter school was very quiet because all of the KS1 children were on their trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. It reminded me to say a big thank you to all of the people who make these visits possible. This term Early Years have had a day at Harlow Carr, Y3/4 at the arboretum and Y5/6 at Magna. An enormous amount of work goes in to organising and running these days – from the teachers who plan the day meticulously, to the teaching assistants and parents/carers who make sure that we have high levels of supervision, from the office staff who liaise with the coach companies and send out reminder emails to Ann Cole who takes responsibility for all of the risk assessments. You can guarantee that each and every child will remember their visit for years to come – thank you to you all.

Last week, after school we had our new starters evening. It is very hard to believe that almost a year has gone since our current Reception class started with us. The KS1 team hosted a 'Welcome to KS1' meeting on Thursday afternoon, it was great to see lots of you there. This week we have sports days on Tuesday (KS1) and Thursday (KS2) and strike days on Wednesday and Friday. We finish the week with the summer fair on Saturday 8th July.

The Local Authority have asked schools to share the following:

Starting a new school is an exciting step, but it's natural if you or your child have some concerns about how well they will take to it. Most children settle into a new routine very quickly, but the government has produced five top tips to help with the move. Visit www.york.gov.uk/StartingSchool to find out more #StartingPrimarySchool #StartingSecondarySchool.

From September 2023, our lovely Early Years unit will be offering more hours to your nursery children. Previously we have offered families 15 hours per week for nursery age children, from this September 2023 we will be offering families up to 30 hours + lunch times for nursery children. We hope this will help all families and especially those who are trying to juggle work and school pick-ups out of line with their older siblings. If you have any questions or would like to enquire about how these more flexible hours could suit your little ones from September please don't hesitate to contact us and have a chat with Sahar Dibden, our Early Years leader.

Here's hoping that we have a bit of sunshine for the sports days!

Tina Clarke

