



Sept 16th 2016

Diary Dates

30.09.2016 - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (Mufti day / £1 donation for Macmillan)

11.10.2016 - Year 5 - Thinktank

13.10.2016 - Parents Evening (4.00pm - 8.30pm)

24.10.2016 - 28.10.2016 - Half Term (school closed)

31.10.2016 - INSET Day (No children in school)

02.11.2016 - Halloween School Disco (information to follow)

03.11.2016 – Children's Class Photos

10.11.2016 - Year 5 - Cinema Trip

After School Clubs

All after school clubs are up and running now, if your child is interested in joining a club and hasn't put their name down please contact **Mrs Barfoot**.

Netherbrook Acorns

There are a few places still available in our Breakfast and After School Club.

Please contact Charlie on 07855 052196 or email:

netherbrookacorns@talktalk.net if you are interested and would like further information or see the school website at: www.netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that everyone has had a chance to log on to **Mathletics** at home. I have had some very positive feedback from a number of parents about how it's a good activity for 10-15 minutes before tea or how it's fun and keeps children occupied for an hour or more! Remember it is designed to help the children with their **mental arithmetic skills** which are crucial for success in the new maths generally and the tests at KS1 and KS2 in particular. The app is easy to download on any tablet device and PCs. It's free from the app stores on Google and iTunes.

Can I please ask all parents to make **swimming lessons outside of school** a priority for your children. I know these lessons can be quite expensive but they are an essential skill that could save your child's life. Dudley and Netherton have a large number of canals, rivers and reservoirs and so it's crucial children can swim unaided for at least 25 metres (1 length), ideally by the age of 7. We will be exploring offering additional swimming lessons in KS1 next year but school lessons will never realistically be enough on their own to develop children into confident, capable swimmers.

This week we have conducted our **School Council** Elections and the results will be announced next week. The new councillor's first role will be to help me create a new system to reward those pupils who are '**Behaviour Champions**' in each class. Well done to our Year 6 pupils **Ashley H and Grace D** who have been selected to be our **Head Boy and Head Girl** for this year. They will lead our new team of Year 6 Prefects and also be on hand to help visitors and pupils in school. You will be able to spot Ashley and Grace and the Prefects as they will be given slightly different ties to other pupils as well as their new badges.

A number of parents have asked about '**Time for Twos**' and **30 hour Nursery** provision. We are currently waiting to hear from the Government if our bid for funding has been accepted. If it is accepted, the caretaker's house will be demolished early in the spring term and a purpose built unit will be built on the site. This provision would make **Netherbrook the most comprehensive provider of age 2-11 education in the area** and this should be up and running in September 2017 (next year). We will be able to cater for up to 28 children in Time for Twos and at least 28 in the 30 hour Nursery. We will be writing to parents with more details over the next few months. Our other Nursery provision will be unaffected

Students of the week

Year 1 - Lily S, Rhys H

Year 3 - Tyler B, Cameron H

Year 5 - Beatrice J, Jared L

Year 2 - Connor W, Emma M

Year 4 - Jake-Lee M, Brandon M

Year 6 - Joshua M, Zain A



**Please could we remind
parents to be considerate to
residents when parking
around school.**

WOW MOMENTS

Has your child done something special, won an award, achieved something outside of school, or had a recent party or event?

If so ring the school office and tell everyone about it here. It's free and good news is always the best kind.

Dance Dep0

Classes run at school every
Thursday evening,
£3.00 per session,
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for availability.

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