



17th February 2017

Diary Dates

20.02.2017 - 24.02.2017 - Half Term

W/C 27th Feb - World Book Week

27.02.2017 - Children back to School

01.03.2017 - EYFS - Book at Bedtime

03.03.2017 - World Book - Dress UP
(come to school dressed as your favourite book character)

08.03.2017 - Year 5 - Ormiston Forge
Food Tech Lesson

23.03.2017 - Class / Group Photo's

24.03.2017 - Comic Relief - Mufti
Wear red, £1 donation, noses will be on sale from the school office

24.03.2017 - EYFS - Mother's Day
Assembly

30.03.2017 - Parents Evening

05.04.2017 - FONS 'Easter Disco'

07.04.2017 - Mufti Day - BREAK UP
Fundraising for Birmingham
Children's Hospital info to follow

Attendance Sept 2016 - Feb 2017

RP - 92.68%	RM - 94.35%
1H - 97.36%	1KW - 95.24%
2C - 96.42%	2W - 96.92%
3H - 96.42%	3J - 95.9%
4F - 97.06%	4W - 96.65%
5J - 96.53%	5RJ - 96.81%
6G - 96.60%	6M - 96.31%
Total Attendance = 96.18%	

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are half way through the school year and still going strong!

Take a look at our **attendance figures** at the bottom of the page as usual our attendance is very good and I really must thank all of our parents for continuing to ensure your children attend regularly, as a school we never take this for granted as it isn't the case in schools very close to ours. It shows a great commitment and desire amongst our community for our pupils to do well and make each day count!

On the reverse of this newsletter is some important information regarding **World Book Week**, which is the first week back after half term. Please take a look as there are a few things that parents need to be aware of.

We look forward to the return of **Mrs Marshall and Miss Johnson** after half term as they have both been poorly. Mr Reeve has stepped up to teach full time in Year 5 recently so that the children have not lost out in any way.

Dudley are currently reviewing the dates of **school holiday** in conjunction with other West Midlands Local Authorities. If you would like to provide your feedback on these proposals then send the school your thoughts to info@netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk
Option A: Fix the dates of Easter to begin the week ending with Good Friday and the week after and also fix October half term to the last week in October that crosses into November. E.g. 29th Oct - 2nd Nov.

Option B: As above but one week to be taken from the 6 week holiday and added to half term in October, giving two weeks off in the longest term prior to Christmas, but meaning we would break up at the very end of July for 5 weeks returning early September.

We wish everyone a fantastic break. See you at 8.45am on 27th Feb.

Students of the Week

W/c 13th February 2017

Year 1 - Harley R, Lily-Anne R

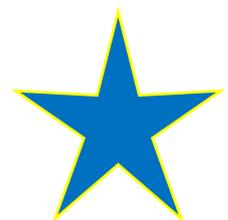
Year 2 - Kristian D, Shakai M

Year 3 - Harley E, Tyler S

Year 4 - Ayesha I, Aidan D

Year 5 - Chloe B, Lexi-Marie S

Year 6 - Freddie N, Carly B





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Cole Street Methodist
Church

Wednesday 1pm - 3pm
Everyone Welcome

World Book Week

The first week back after half term will be World Book Week across the school with an exciting range of events and competitions planned for.

To get children excited about reading we are launching a whole school 'Location, Location, Location' competition. Where the most extraordinary place your child has ever read a book? Please take a photo of your child reading in the most extraordinary place and send it into school with them between Monday 27th February- Thursday 2nd March. These photos will accumulate to celebrate and promote a love of reading and create a fantastic display! This competition is open for everybody to join in! The winners (child, parent and staff member) will be announced on Friday 3rd March and will receive a book token to spend in their local bookstore, such as WH Smith, Waterstones, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys and Tesco.

To celebrate World Book Day we invite your child to come to school on Friday 3rd March dressed as their favourite book character.

To celebrate 30 years of the *Where's Wally?* series we will embark on the *Where's Wally?* School Search. Wally will be hidden around the school for our eagle-eyed pupils to find over the week. If they find him, they will receive a special *Where's Wally* school search certificate.

We will also have a class competition to design the best book token. The winners of each class will then be entered into the national competition. The overall winner's design in the national competition will be made into a real Book Token gift card and distributed to hundreds of bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas – PLUS they could win up to **£500 of book tokens** for our school and **£200 each** for them self and their teacher!