

14.09.18

## DATES TO REMEMBER

19.09.18	Yr6 The Link (Hillcrest) Fun Bus
21.09.18	FONS meeting 1.30pm
09.10.18	Yr4 Faith City
11.10.19	Yr4 Faith City
25.10.18	Parents Evening 4pm—8pm
26.09.18	1st Swimming session for Years 3 & 5
<b>29.10.18 - 02.11.18 Half Term</b>	
28.09.18	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
05.11.18	INSET Day School Closed to pupils
21.12.18	Christmas—Break up 12.30pm

### School Term Dates 2018/2019

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts 08.01.19

### Half Term 18.02.19 - 22.02.19

Term Ends 12.04.19

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts 29.04.19

### Half Term 27.05.19 - 31.05.19

Term Ends 19.07.19

### Inset Days

Monday 5th November 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

### Local Elections

Thursday 2nd May 2019



**Do you know that that your two year old could qualify for up to 15 hours of free childcare each week?**

**For further information speak to one of our Nethertots team on 01384 818409 or ask at the school main office.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we are now part of **The Learning Link Multi Academy Trust (LLMAT)**. The new website for the LLMAT has now been launched and can be found at [www.learninglinkmat.org](http://www.learninglinkmat.org) Here you will find information on core LLMAT policies and details on the 4 schools involved in our trust. The website has only just been launched and as such is still being populated with additional information.

In relation to the LLMAT it is important for parents to remember that Netherbrook is no longer a maintained Dudley Authority school. The Local Authority has no direct power over our school anymore—the LLMAT is now the local authority. Rest assured that all four schools are working hard with the LLMAT central team to ensure standards continue to improve and that our pupils and families benefit from being a founder member of the Academy Trust.

For parents in Year 6 (and possibly Year 5) it is worth noting that most local secondary schools are now organising their open days. I strongly urge all Year 6 parents to go and have a look around more than one school to help inform your choice of secondary school. The admissions application stage is now open and the deadline for secondary school applications is 31.10.18.

If your child is starting Reception in September 2019 the admissions stage opens on 01.10.18 and closes on 15.01.19. Both admissions guides will be added to our website in the next week and are also available on the DMBC website.

Every year we aim to enrich the curriculum for the children by organising interesting trips and visitors to school. We often ask parents for a contribution to pay for these trips as the school simply does not have enough money to pay for them. As school budgets are becoming increasingly stretched I will be asking staff to send out letters asking parents if they are willing to contribute the costs of the trip, before we book them. If we do not have enough parents indicating that they are willing/able to pay we may have to cancel the experiences. We will always try to avoid this happening but last year the school lost over £2000.00 on school trips. I would especially ask parents in Years 3 and 5 to ensure that they contribute to the costs of swimming lessons. We are providing 1 hour pool time per week for a very low cost. This is far more than most schools and could save their lives so please support us if you can.

If you have any issues regarding the cost of school trips etc please contact us to discuss this.