



NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

26.10.20 – 30.10.20 October Half Term

02.11.20 Inset Day School Closed to pupils

03.11.20 School re-opens to pupils

03.11.20 Pupil Photographs

13.11.20 Children in Need Mufti Day

11.12.20 Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.20 Rec – Yr6 Flu Vaccinations

18.12.20 School closes for Christmas 3.15pm

04.01.21 Inset Day School Closed to pupils

05.01.21 School re-opens to pupils

15.02.21 – 19.02.21 February Half Term

01.04.21 School Closes for Easter @ 3.15pm

19.04.21 School re-opens to pupils

03.05.21 May Day Bank Holiday

31.05.21 – 04.06.21 Half Term

21.07.21 School Closes for Summer @ 3.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, next week is half term so I must start this week's newsletter with a big thank you to all of our parents. The first half term has gone amazingly well. The children have all settled back into school very well and it has been a real pleasure to see them all back in school under 'almost' normal circumstances. It has been a real team effort and your support – as always – is greatly appreciated.

Behaviour and Remote Learning Plan

After half term, we will be launching two new things in school. The first is a revised behaviour system. There will be individual points for pupils to earn, class points and also new silver and gold cards for excellence in class work. We will send more details about this after half term once we have spoken to the children. The great thing is that from November, parents will be informed through the new Class Dojo app that their child has a reward point and the reason for it every day, keeping you fully informed. We are trying hard to increase and improve our communication methods in these challenging times.

The same system (Class Dojo) will also be used as a new platform for our new home learning – offering parents the chance to send photos of their child's work back to teachers for review in case of another lockdown. Our 'Remote Learning Plan' is now available to view on the school website, as is the revised Covid 19 Risk Assessment. This will all be in place from November.

INSET Day

Please remember that **Monday 2nd November** is an INSET Day for staff and so the school will be closed to all children. We will see you again on Tuesday 3rd November. I hope that all of our families have a great half term break, try to find some quality family time if you can and hopefully the children can recharge and come back raring to go in the run up to Christmas.

See you all soon ☺.

Mr P Rawlings

Secondary School Applications

You can still apply for your child's secondary school place for 2021-22. The deadline is Saturday 31st October 2020

To apply go to: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/secondary-year-7-intake/>

Nethertots Places

If you would like to enrol your two-year-old in our Nethertots groups we are now able to accept a limited number of additional places. Please contact Mrs Homer at: totsampm@netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk and she will send out the necessary forms and information.

Coronavirus Tests



You should have received a text about this today, but in case you haven't, can I ask all parents to immediately notify the school if your child is confirmed as having Coronavirus during the half term break. We may need to take action to inform other families of children in the same bubble, if a case is confirmed. So please email us at: info@netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk and leave your name, child's name and class and confirmation of the test result if possible. We may get back in touch with you to discuss the results, so a contact number would also be very helpful. Hopefully this won't be necessary but you never know. Just to clarify this is only relevant for an actual confirmed case following a test, if your child shows symptoms you should follow the NHS advice on self-isolation and get a test arranged ASAP.

Parents Evening



Thank you for your time on Parents' Evening this week. It was a very different but also positive experience for the teachers and I will be asking parents for their views on this type of consultation, to see if it's worth adapting and using a similar format for meetings in the future. Please make sure that you act on your child's targets and work on them at home if at all possible. It all makes a difference.

School Dinners



Please send your child in with the correct lunch money. School lunches cost £2.40 which includes a drink of squash or water.

No other drinks are available to purchase.



A big well done to our Students of the Week.

Kaelan T-F, Delilah-Mae P, Callie B, Niya-Malachi S, Madison R, McKethan L, Abdallah K, Chloe A, Eve S, Madison R, Abeera M.