



Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school. Thank you for your support with the reinstatement of class bubbles over the last few weeks. Things seem to be steadily improving.

In the last few weeks we have conducted book monitoring of Maths and Topic books. This has been really interesting and show the phenomenal hard work and effort being put in by the pupils and staff in all year groups. Please continue to do what you can to support from home. I've asked the teachers to contact parents whose children may be taking part in booster groups as part of our Covid Catch up plan. This is so that you can hopefully help at home too.



Things finally seem to be moving forward with our transfer to The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT) following the dissolution of the Learning Link MAT. If you'd like more information on TEFAT think please click on this link: <https://www.elliottfoundation.co.uk/>.

The transfer is likely to take place between April and June. You won't notice much difference but I strongly believe that this is an excellent development for Netherbrook and most importantly its pupils.

TEFAT have already been successful in gaining a considerable sum of money to entirely replace the 68-year-old school roof, which is amazing. This will ensure that the fabric of the building is in good repair for a long time to come. You never know, this may enable us to get the tree down from the top of the tower! ☺

Have a great weekend.
Mr Rawlings

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2022

21.02.22 – 25.02.22 February Half Term

28.02.22 School reopens to pupils.

March 2022

18.03.22 Red Nose Day

April 2022

08.04.22 End of Term- school closes for Easter

11.04.22- 22.04.22 Easter Holiday

25.04.22 School reopens to pupils

May 2022

02.05.22 May Day Bank Holiday

05.05.22 Voting Day (tbc)

30.05.22 - 03.06.22 Half Term

June 2022

08.06.22- 10.06.22

Year 6 Kingswood Residential

July 2022

22.07.22 Break up for Summer

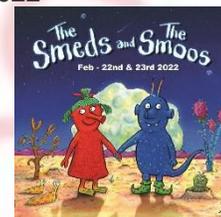


Brierley Hill Civic Hall

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Time: 4:00pm → 4:55pm

Tickets from £12.



Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is National 'Safer Internet Day'. The topic of my assembly next week will be about internet safety. Please follow this up at home and check your child's access to the web and also talk to them about never sharing personal with anyone they don't know.

Please remember that there are often very sinister and unpleasant aspects to websites such as YouTube and TikTok. Children should be carefully monitored when using these websites.

FYI – the age restriction for using sites like Tik Tok, Facebook, WhatsApp and most other social media sites and apps is 13. Cyber bullying is very real and very destructive.

Please check out the 'Online Safety' page on our school website for more ways to keep your children safe online.

Please remember to get in touch with us if you have any issues or concerns about anything in school. If we know about it – we can help.

The screenshot shows the 'Online Safety' page on the school website. It features a navigation menu on the left with categories like Home, Our School, What's Who, Key Information, Our Learning, Special Events, Web Zone, Online Safety, Web Links, Clubs and Events, and Covid-19 Response. The main content area includes a 'DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE?' section with a 'PARENTS' button, a 'CLICK CEOP Internet Safety' logo, a 'ChildLine (0800 1111)' logo, a 'UKCS' logo, and an 'ins@fe' logo. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Advice for Parents' with a small text block.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

A big well done to all of our students of the week this week. We are very proud of your hard work and effort.



Ayva-Jade F, Lucas P, Georgia T-R, Daniel K, Fatoumatta C, Riley P,
Savannah P, Bobbi W, Jacob G, Rylie C, Olivia H & Matty McD.

Attendance Matters

We are still struggling to keep in line with national averages with our attendance. Obviously Covid and enforced self-isolation is a major factor, but the figures below are very concerning. Our attendance this year is steadily getting worse.



The data below shows the average attendance this year on each day of the week. Friday seems to be a very low attendance day. Attendance seems to start off lower and then improve in the middle of the week before dropping again on Friday.

We are tracking this information and will contact individual parents to discuss this issue if we notice a theme.

Average attendance by day of the week

1. Monday 93.09%
2. Tuesday 93.52%
3. Wednesday 93.56%
4. Thursday 93.46%
5. Friday 91.86%

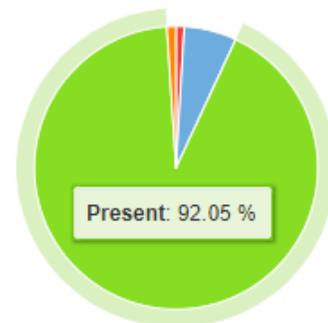
This next table shows the last 5 days' attendance and the pie chart shows the overall attendance for this year including our nurseries.

Attendance for the last five days

This data will update as registers are completed, and counts Y codes as absences.

1. 04 February 88.62%
2. 03 February 91.89%
3. 02 February 91.36%
4. 01 February 89.74%
5. 31 January 89.68%

Whole school this year



Please do your utmost to ensure regular and consistent attendance in school every day.

Message from the office:

Please **DO NOT** report attendance matters on ClassDojo either to the class teacher or the office staff. You must use the absence line or Schoolife App. Thank you.