

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Residential - Kingswood

I must start off by saying a big well done to Year 6 this week. The pupils that have attended the residential have all thoroughly enjoyed their trip and will hopefully have some great memories to treasure. Their behaviour was excellent – indeed the staff have said that they don't think we have ever had a better group for sleeping well and doing what they are asked. They have done lots of fun activities and we will share the photos of their time during the leavers service at the end of term.



The Year 6 children that remained behind have also had a fun time this week as they have been baking cakes – and creating some artistic masterpieces.

We are likely to look at what options we use in future for residential visits. It's been suggested that we do another one in a different year group or possibly do a Year 6 activities week instead of a residential. I'll put out a survey shortly to find out what you think might be the best way forward.

## TEFAT



We are now fully fledged members of the Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT). Our transfer went very smoothly and hopefully over time you will see some gradual improvements – TEFAT have secured funding of £750,000 for a new school roof and are upgrading our internal Wi-Fi network over the summer holidays. Hopefully this will ensure we have even higher quality internet access in the classrooms from September. I will let you know about a date and time to meet and chat with the Trust CEO Hugh Greenway as soon as I have a new date.

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Rawlings

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### June 2022

- 13.06.22 Year 4 Times Table Test
- 14.06.22 Year 4 Times Table Test
- 14.06.22 Football Match TBC
- 15.06.22 Queens Platinum Jubilee Mufti Day
- 21.06.22 Year 4 Art Project & Art Ambassadors – The Mac Birmingham
- 22.06.22 Football Match (home, Fairhaven)
- 24.06.22 Year 2 Trip to Dudley Zoo

### July 2022

- 01.07.22 Dudley Get Active Day
- 05.07.22 EYFS trip to Weston- Super- Mare
- 12.07.22 Reception Starters Parents Meeting
- 13.07.22 KS2 Production @ 7pm
- 14.07.22 KS2 Production @ 7pm
- 14.07.22 Last Swimming Session for Yr. 3M & Yr. 5G
- 15.07.22 Year 6 to Drayton Manor
- 18.07.22 Rock Steady Concert @ 9.15am
- 20.07.22 Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2pm
- 21.07.22 Break up for Summer Holiday

### September 2022

- 05.09.22 School Closed to Pupils – TBC
- 06.09.22 School Closed to Pupils - TBC

## Phonics



Well done too, to Year 1 who have completed their Phonic Screening Checks this week. You have all tried really hard and should be proud of your efforts. Phonics has been a big focus for s this year and will be again next. The effects of the Pandemic on our pupils' skills have been considerable.

## Multiplication Tables Check

Next week sees Year 4 doing their Multiplication Tables Checks, good luck to them – please ensure that Year 4 children practise their tables lots over the weekend. It will help.



## OFSTED REPORT



As I have mentioned before the school Ofsted report is now available on the Ofsted website. Netherbrook remains a good school. If you'd like to read the report click on the following link: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50183346>

The report highlights some strengths and also areas for us to work on, which are already in hand. Our next inspection should be within the next 18-24 months.

Some highlights include:

*Netherbrook Primary is a warm and friendly school at the heart of its community. Pupils are polite and respectful and conduct themselves well in and around the school. They enjoy school and feel safe. Pupils know that adults care about them and look after them well.*

*Leaders have high expectations of pupils. They encourage pupils to persevere and try their best at all times. Pupils present their work neatly and readily help their classmates if they are stuck.*

*Pupils behave well in lessons and move around school quietly and sensibly. They regularly hold doors open for other pupils, staff and visitors. They understand different forms of bullying and discrimination. They know who to report this to if it ever happens. Leaders respond quickly and effectively to pupils' concerns.*

*The school is highly inclusive. Leaders ensure that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are identified early and their needs are managed well. Pupils receive strong support from staff and specialist professionals. The leader for SEND carefully checks on provision and the progress pupils make. All pupils have individual plans which set out clear targets for development. These help pupils to achieve well.*

*Pupils have positive attitudes to learning and even the youngest children show high levels of resilience. Pupils are focused during lessons and behave well. Disruption to learning is rare because staff manage behaviour effectively.*

Our areas for development are:

- To embed the new curriculum and ensure it is consistently delivered and monitored.
- To ensure mathematics is more focussed on problem solving and reasoning skills and that all topics are taught well across the mathematics curriculum.
- To make sure that phonics continues to improve and that any gaps in learning caused by pupil absence are addressed robustly.

Very importantly, the report also recognises that: The school has been through a difficult time in the last few years due to turbulence and disruption caused at trust level. This restricted the leadership team from taking the action it had identified until recently. However, these issues have been resolved and the school is now moving forward at pace.

## LEAVERS 2022



The deadline for ordering is Sunday 19th June and strictly **no** orders will be accepted after this date.

<https://netherbrook.ace-online.co.uk/catalogue>

Hoodies will then be ready for collection direct from ACE (ACE House, Malt Mill Lane, Halesowen, West Midlands, B62 8JF), delivered to school for collection or delivered direct to your home via DPD week commencing 11th July.

Netherbrook Primary cannot be held responsible for incorrect/late ordering of or for the delay in delivering of goods.

## Uniform for September 2022

If you wish to purchase new uniform for September 2022, the orders need to be placed by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June for them to be delivered to school before we break up. Online orders only after this date. The school will not process any orders until we reopen in September 2022



## T.T. Rockstars Competition

A huge well done goes to class 5G who were victorious for the 2nd time in the final school T. T. Rock Stars battle of the year, which took place over half term. 5G achieved an amazing score of 38,546 points! In 2nd place were previous trophy-holders 4K, with 33,829, and 6LJ came 3rd with a final score of 15,992.

Olivia (5G) was individual top scorer with 12,231 points whilst Ryan (5G) came in 2nd with 11,751 points and Rhys (6LJ) was 3rd, scoring 8146 points. Well done to you all and to everyone who took part!

Rhys is also this month's Mathletician of the Month for scoring the most points on Mathletics in May. He logged in a total of 15 times and spent 5 hours and 25 minutes earning 8294 points (almost 3500 more than anyone else in school!). Great work, Rhys!