



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well! Here we are! Today marks the end of another interesting and challenging year. I'm really proud of the hard work and effort shown by the children this year. This year has been about 80% 'normal'. It is easy to forget that we still had self-isolation periods, class bubbles and all those extra Covid restrictions when we started back in September. Life has moved on, which is good and hopefully 2022-23 will be 100% normal and in fact – better than ever!

Thank you for your support this year, it has been invaluable. The links between home and school remain strong and this is wonderful, as the children will benefit the most.

Today we say goodbye to some members of staff:

*Good luck!*

Mr Lord has been with Year 6 for the summer term and moves back to a permanent position at Hawbush Primary next year. I'd like to thank him for his time and effort and for helping year 6 remain stable and strong.

Miss Buckley in Nursery is leaving us after 5 years as a Keyworker. She is moving to live in Manchester, so we thank her for all of her hard work and effort over the years. She will be greatly missed and we hope she will pop back and see us from time to time.

Miss Loughton has been working with us this year providing support for some pupils in Reception, we wish her well for the future and thank her for her contribution this year.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Godsall and Mr Reeve who have been providing Covid Catch Up booster sessions this year. We may still see them around though as I have asked them to be our first port of call for supply next year if possible.



Most of all we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Dodd. She has worked at Netherbrook since before it was even called Netherbrook and has served the school brilliantly under four Headteachers and about 8 different governments!

When she started, supporting children in Netherton people were still wearing bellbottom trousers and platform shoes and DISCO was the 'in thing'. That shows how long she has worked to help the children in the local area. Her contribution has been massive and we wish her all the best in her retirement. I'm sure we haven't seen the last of her though! Thanks Mrs Dodd. We will miss you.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September 2022

05.09.22 School Closed to Pupils

06.09.22 School Closed to Pupils

07.09.22 School reopens to pupils

13.09.23 New to Year 1 Parents meeting @ 3.30pm

14.09.23 New to Year 2 Parents meeting @ 3.30pm

15.09.23 New to Year 3 Parents meeting @ 3.30pm

16.09.23 New to Year 4 Parents Meeting @ 3.30pm

20.09.23 New to Year 5 Parents Meeting @ 3.30pm

21.09.23 New to Year 6 Parents meeting @ 3.30pm

### October 2022

24.10.22 – 28.10.22 October Half Term

### December 2022

16.12.22 School breaks up for Christmas

In preparation for next year, here are a few reminders:

Pupils start back on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at **8.45am** as usual. Reception children start a little later in a staggered entry to help their transition into the school.

There will be New to Year X Parent's meetings from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – see the dates on the newsletter for your chance to meet your child's new teacher and learn about what is in store for next year.

Children should still come in their PE uniform on their PE day next year – The year group teams will confirm which day is your child's PE day in due course. Please ensure children have a plain white T-Shirt for PE.



We are redeveloping the way that we teach maths next year. We are moving to follow the White Rose Maths Mastery approach, which will be good. We have a lot of staff training planned for this.

I'll be launching our Netherbrook Pledge in early September once I've met with the School Council to see if they have any ideas. This pledge is a list of different experiences and events we guarantee pupils will have whilst with us at Netherbrook. Details to follow.



To our brilliant Year 6 children, all that I can say is good luck and best wishes for the future. We will really miss you all and I hope that all of your dreams come true. Work hard and do your best and the sky is the limit. We are proud of the people you have become and make sure you stay true to your own values that we have helped you develop over the years. We will miss you all. Come back and see us soon.



Big congratulations to 4K who have achieved the highest attendance throughout the year with **96.24%**

The overall school attendance 2021-2022 **92.76%**



We are also pleased to be welcoming: Miss Aston to Netherbrook as a new Assistant Headteacher in charge of Maths and Assessment. Some new teaching assistants also join us:

Mrs Ions in Year 1, Mrs Wynne, Miss Beaumont and Miss Welch and Mr Jones in EYFS Mr Sprason in Year 5 and Mr Corrigan in Year 6.

Welcome aboard to all of them.

I would like to wish everyone a happy summer and hope that you get some good quality family time when you can and the weather stays warm and sunny – just not 40 degrees!!!

See you all again soon.

*P Rawlings*

