



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school. Our Halloween Mufti Day was great, so thank you to everyone who took part. We raised £323 for FONS activities this year, which will solely benefit our pupils.

Flu Immunisations

Next Thursday all pupils (that are signed up with the NHS website) will receive their Flu immunisation. This is a spray delivered up the nose and is done in just a few seconds. There is no pain or discomfort and side effects are rare. So if you want your child to have this immunisation.

The link is: <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2022/dudley>

Year 1 Outdoor Classroom

We have taken the decision to remove the outdoor classroom shelter, which is outside the Year 1 classes. The reason being that this shelter has never been used a lot and is a significant obstacle. It's also a wind and litter trap. The site managers will be working to remove this shelter over the next few weeks. This should at least improve access around that area of school.

Mrs Mayall

As many of you may be aware Mrs Mayall in 5M has been absent for some time. Sadly, her health issues have not improved and she has taken the very difficult decision to resign. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and commitment over the last 2 years and wish her all the best for the future. She will be missed.

Mr McCarthy will continue to teach in Year 5 alongside Miss Gordon until a permanent solution is found over the next few weeks.

Panto

Today is the last day to pay for any reserved tickets to the panto. The remaining tickets will be released on Monday afternoon and can be booked using the same booking form, which I will resend and re-open.

FONS

If you are able to join the FONS or if you are an existing member then please try to come in to school meetings to support the activities of the group.

At the moment a very small group is working to plan and deliver events, but more support is really needed. Please contact me via Dojo if you are able to help and I will forward on the details of the next meeting/event etc.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2022

- 07.11.22 School Photographs – Siblings from 8.15
- 10.11.22 Rec-Yr 6 Flu Vaccines.
- 11.11.22 Remembrance Day
- 14.11.22 Anti-Bullying Odd Sock day.
- 18.11.22 Children In Need

December 2022

- 07.12.22 Years 1 & 2 Nativity Production 2pm
- 09.12.22 Christmas Jumper Day
- 09.12.22 KS2 Christmas Fayre
- 14.12.22 EYFS Christmas Production
- 16.12.22 School breaks up for Christmas

January 2023

- 03.01.23 School reopens to pupils
- 16.01.23 TEFAT Inset Day. School closed to pupils



Photographer

Don't forget that Monday 7th November is School Photographs day. So please make sure pupils are in school, on time, for their photos. These make excellent Christmas presents for family members.

Family groups/siblings that do not attend Netherbrook need to be at school for 8.15am to have their photograph taken

Please note that there is no 'mop up' facility for the photos. If your child misses it due to absence, I'm afraid there won't be a second chance.

If your child has PE on this day, please send your child in their school uniform and their PE kit in a bag to change into.

Friday 18th November 2022

Children In Need
Be Spotacular! – Wear something spotty. £1 donation



All Day. Every Day.



Attendance Matters



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I am concerned that we seem to be encountering a lot of pupil absences and late arrivals lately. Our overall school attendance is 93.5%. This is already 1.5% below the national average and is likely to get worse. Netherbrook has always had excellent attendance and this is something vital for your children's life chances.

It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that their children attend school every day, on time unless they are physically too unwell to attend. I know that previous Covid measures meant that we asked people to stay off with runny noses etc. for a while, but this is no longer the case. So unless your child is not physically able to come to school, please send them in on time every day.

To clarify, reasons such as:

- he has been up a lot in the night,
- she has got a painful stomach,
- she has been a bit under the weather so I am keeping her off to give her a rest,
- he's got a sore throat etc.
- it's too hot,
- it's her birthday and we are going out
- he hasn't slept very well and he's tired...

are not really acceptable reasons for absence. If their ailment would make it unreasonable for them to attend and would make them worse, then obviously keep them off for as short a time as possible, but if being in school, would not really make any difference, then please send them in.

FYI - If your child's attendance average is below 95% then this is bad. Anything below 90% is terrible. Anything below 85% is a disaster for their education. We currently have several children with attendance below 70%!

We can and will refer parents for fines if persistent absence or lateness becomes an issue. Please support us in making sure all pupils attend EVERY DAY - ON TIME!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Rawlings



This week, Key stage 2 classes completed their first T. T. Rockstars battle of the year. The children battled hard whilst sharpening their times tables skills and the results are as follows:

3rd place: 4T

2nd place: 6J

1st place: 5G

Our new times table champions, 5G, managed to score an amazing 40,114 points! Well done 5G - what a fabulous team effort!

The 3 individual top scorers were Lacey-Mai B (3C) - 8,691; Olivia G (6J) -16,522; Paradise M (5C) - 19,865.

These children all put in lots of effort for their classes and we're very proud of them!



This year's first Mathletician of the Month, chosen from across years 5 and 6, is Lottie-Louise N in 6C. Lottie has logged into Mathletics more than anyone else has this year and is using Mathletics well to support her learning, at home. What a brilliant start to the year, Lottie - well done!

If you want to be our next Mathletician of the Month, follow Lottie's great example and log in to complete your tasks and play the games regularly. Good luck!



Students of the Week

Well done to all of our students of the week this week. We are very proud of you.

Jorgie-Mae S, Delilah S, Logan T, Zainab A, Sophie S-W, Millie H & Kevin O

Bonfire Night

If you are going to a bonfire or hosting your own party this weekend, I hope the weather holds. Please make sure that everyone is warm, safe and happy and keep pets indoors. Here is some extra firework/bonfire safety tips and information from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA)

<https://www.rosipa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>

Enjoy.