

# Christmas

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we are finally there! It has been a long, hard term but a lovely one.

Some of the highlights this term have been the amazing Christmas performances from early Years and KS1 pupils. They have been so good at learning their lines, songs and dances. I hope you enjoyed the shows if you were able to come along.

We've also had brilliant trips to places like the Black Country Museum, we have had visits from authors, the animal man, Rainforest Roadshow and the Planetarium, as well as the fire service and local police.



Save the Children.

You (our school families) have donated over 150Kg of food for local food banks and we have raised over £1000.00 for vital children's charities such as Save the Children and Children in Need. A fantastic effort.



Our Christmas Fayre was great and we raised nearly £1000.00 for school projects, so thank you for your support with that as always. Thank you to the FONS members for organising and running this event – it was a mammoth task and was brilliantly done. You know who you all are!



## Santa came to see us

Next term sees more trips, more visitors and more fun. Year 3 and 4 will perform a Spring/Easter play in March/April and we will have our Easter Egg Competition and Easter Bonnet Parades to look forward to, along with bigger and better 'Book at bedtime' evenings and lots of other amazing things too.



Thank you Santa for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit us today.



Well done to everyone that took part in 'Netherbrook's Got Talent'



As I mentioned last night, today we are saying goodbye to some staff. We say goodbye to the School Business Manager Mrs Thompson who is retiring after 12 years at Netherbrook. She has been so instrumental in making sure our school remains fit to provide high quality education for our pupils. Everything from keeping the heating on (and paying the bills) to making sure everyone is paid, has been handled seamlessly. We wish her all the best for her retirement and hope she comes back to see us in the future.

Today is also the last day for Mr McCarthy who has been covering in 5M since half term. He's done a great job and we wish him well at his new post.



I am pleased to announce that Miss Wright has been successful in applying for the year 5 position and will start after Christmas. Please make her feel very welcome when you meet her. 5M will be renamed as 5W from January.

We will also be joined in January, by our new attendance and family support worker Mrs Pugh who will help support our families with improving their children's attendance and offer other support where needed.



In assembly today, we have reminded ourselves about the true meaning of Christmas. About the birth of a small baby boy over 2000 years ago who changed the world forever. We talked about how the 'true' meaning of Christmas isn't the gift receiving and the endless presents, but more about the people we spend it with, the people we love and the effort people make to show their loved ones that they care. I emphasised that each gift given has been thought about and how the giver hopes that it makes the received happy. I hope that the children may remember this on Christmas Day.

I do hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a happy and fun New Year period. As much as this time of year can be a time of great joy, it can also be a time of sadness and isolation, so if you get the chance to spread some cheer to others then it is never a bad thing.

We start back at school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at the usual time.

Merry Christmas for everyone here at Netherbrook. Here's to a great 2023!

Mr Rawlings

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## January 2023

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

## February 2023

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February Half Term

## March 2023

- 31.03.23 Break up for Easter

## April 2023

- 17.04.23 Start of Term

## May 2023

- 01.05.23 May Day Bank Holiday
- 04.05.23 Voting Day – School Closed to Pupils
- 08.05.23 King's Coronation Bank Holiday

09.05.23 – 12.05.23 SATS Week  
29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half Term

## July 2023

- 21.07.23 School Closes for Summer

