



# Newsletter



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great first week back. I was really impressed with how smart and proud the children looked as they started in their new classes. It can be a daunting first few days and weeks but hopefully everyone has settled in well.

Next week sees our Reception pupils start fully so that will be exciting. I'll be basing myself down in EYFS for the week to try and get to know everyone and meet some of our new parents and carers.

There are short 'New to Year X' meetings for parents next week after school at 3.30pm in the hall or classrooms.

- Year 1 - Monday
- Year 2 - Tuesday
- Year 3 - Wednesday
- Year 4 and Year 5 - Thursday
- Year 6 - Friday

The year group teams will share what's in store for this year and answer any questions you may have.

There is a Friends of Netherbrook School (FONS) meeting at 1.00pm on Thursday 14th. If you have some time to spare to help raise money for the children and to plan some fun events please come along.

I hope that everyone has a great weekend and we will see you all next week.

Take care

Mr Rawlings

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11.09.23 T4T's & Nursery children return to school
- 11.09.23 Reception children start school (half day)
- 12.09.23 Reception children start school (half day)
- 13.09.23 Reception children start full time
- 13.09.23 FONS meeting @ 1pm



# A FEW REMINDERS for this week...



Water bottles - it's been hot this week (typically) but the temperature is due to fall next week.

Regardless of temperature can you please make sure that all children have a full water bottle with them each day.

Please remember that **ONLY** plain water can be drunk in the classrooms.

Please do not put other liquids in bottles intended for class use. If you wish you can leave a second bottle with squash in your child's bag for breaks and lunchtime if they prefer squash. But only water is allowed in the actual classrooms.

Holidays - no holidays can be authorised in term time and parents taking children out of school may receive a fine for the council if you choose to do this. Please arrange for holidays to be taken outside of term time.



Children should not be using any school equipment before or after school. Such as climbing frames. So please prevent your child from doing this for health and safety reasons.



Healthy break times - We have had the policy for a long time of only allowing fruits and vegetables as a breaktime snack unless doctors have advised a different diet.

Pupils can buy snacks from the dining hall from Dudley catering Services, but these snacks must be eaten in the dining hall, not on the playground.

I apologise that price rises have been announced over the summer - this is not in our control at the moment.



## ClassDojo

Class Dojo - Please make sure that any messages you send to staff are polite and courteous. Although it looks like a text message, it is still communication between home and school and appropriate language should be used.

Please remember that staff may not see your message until the following day and so urgent messages should be left at the school office.



Please make sure that your child has any medication in school that they might need. Such as inhalers or epi-pens and that, these are in date.

All medication needs to be prescribed and reported to the school office when first issued.

We always have an emergency inhaler and epi-pen in school but these are for genuine emergencies only.

PE starts next week, so please make sure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school. This is a plain white T shirt and black shorts with pumps for indoor PE and a plain blue or black tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE.

Please don't send children in football shirts or excessively branded items.



The walking bus will begin again next week once all of the Reception pupils are in school. As long as older siblings are happy to enter school and walk to their classes from their younger siblings entrance they can do this already. Staff will always be on hand to help out.



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