



Nettleham Church of England Aided Junior School

Welcome back to old and new

We are all delighted with the way that the new school year has begun with pupils old and new showing great attitudes towards school.

We welcome Miss Booth as a member of the Year 5 teaching team and Ms Evison who will be teaching across all year groups.

Fun Sports Day is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd September from 1.30pm.

The intention of this event is that our new children are able to mix in a structured and enjoyable way with the other members of the school community. All parents and friends are more than welcome to come and watch.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is planned for the afternoon of Monday September 28th at 2.00pm. This will be our first opportunity to celebrate as a whole school and all are welcome.

We welcome contributions of harvest produce, indeed it is an extremely important time of year to allow us to both give thanks and raise our own awareness of the needs of others. Therefore the more generous you can be...

We would, once again, encourage you to spend some time decorating box with the children to hold your contributions. It really does brighten up the church and I know that it gives a real lift to the homeless charities who receive the produce. Please send your produce into school on Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of September.

PTA - Please join us at our AGM September 16th

We always welcome involvement in the Parent Teacher Association. Please consider joining our thriving association. The best time to do this would be at the PTA AGM which takes place in school on September 16th at 7.30pm.

School Photos - individual and family

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of **Tuesday September 29th** to take the children's individual and family photos. They will be available in the school hall from 8.30am for those of you who would like a photograph taken which includes a younger, or indeed older, family member.

Exciting Plans

We have many exciting plans for the coming year, including further development of our Creative Partnerships work with a wide range of artists, a wonderful project with filmmakers and an orchestra, new approaches to spelling, a range of activities to support our 'Healthy Schools' work, further international links, the use of the latest technology to support the curriculum, further exciting Gifted and Talented work, the development of a new curriculum and much more all on top of a continued commitment to high standards in all areas of education that we offer.

Teaching Groups - Setting

As I am sure that you are aware, although your child will be taught for much of the curriculum in their class groups, we do 'set' by ability/ current level of achievement for maths and elements of Literacy.

We are always keen to involve parents fully in this process ensuring that home and school are working closely together.

Should you have concerns or views don't wait until parents evening to discuss them.

Breaktime snacks—fruit and vegetables only

Please send the children with either fruit—fresh or dried—or vegetables (preferably prepared!) for their morning snack.

Obviously this does not replace a good breakfast which sets the children up for the day.

We also feel that it is very important that the children drink enough water during the course of the school day and your child's teacher will talk to them about the arrangements for this in their particular year groups.

Year Six - A Big Year

Our Year Six children are entering a very important time in their school lives. Firstly they will be asked to consider which secondary school they would like to attend and next May they will be taking their SATs. We are always available to discuss your concerns and answer any queries that you may have regarding any of these issues.

Please note that the dates for next year's SATs are Monday 10th May - Friday 14th May 2010. Obviously, we expect full attendance during that week.

- Key Points:**
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 - Exciting Projects
 - Photo Opportunities
 - PTA—please get involved
 - Harvest Festival
 - Y6—A Big Year
 - Food news
 - Teaching Sets
 - Meet the pupils
 - Reporting Absences
 - SATs results
 - Important Dates for the rest of the Year.



Focus on the pupils

"I like the Design

Technology this year and

I am looking forward to

Kingswood"

Thomas Year 6

"I am really enjoying my

English work and am

really pleased to be a

librarian."

Olivia Year 6

"It is really nice to be a

junior school pupil. My

favourite thing so far is

Literacy"

Vanessa Year 3

"I think that my teacher is

kind and I am really

enjoying ICT, Science

and Maths"

Yuvraj Year 3



Clubs

We are really looking forward to the range of after school clubs that are going to be on offer over the coming year. The next week or so will see our own staff working with the children to form extra curricular clubs, both at lunch time and after school. You will be receiving information with regard to this, but it would help if the children were clear about which evenings they can commit themselves as we start the process.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school could you please ringing the school office before 10.00 am on the first day of absence and send in a letter/email on the children's return? We do have one of the highest attendance rates in the county which is a testament both to how much the children seem to enjoy school and to your support.

SAT Results

Once again we are very pleased with our SAT results.

In Maths 96% achieved the national expectation of Level 4 and above with 56% achieving the top level—Level 5.

In Science level 4—94%, Level 5 62% and in English—Level 4—95% and Level 5 46%. Interestingly 5 children await a remark for their English due to 'interesting' standards of marking!

All children worked so hard and deserve these excellent results

Key Dates for the Year 2009-2010

Some dates subject to confirmation—but you have a broad outline of the year

September 16th – PTA AGM – 7pm

September 22nd – Full Governors -7pm

September 23rd – Fun Sports Day (pm)

Friday 25th September Blessing of the Harvest 3pm

Monday 28th September - School Harvest Festival

October 9th – School Disco

October 5th – 9th –SEN Week

October 7th - Kingswood Parents Meeting 6.30pm

October 20th – Parents Evening (Short)

October 21st – Parents Evening (Long)

November 11th – Year Six London Visit

November 18th – Full Governors 7pm

Friday 4th December –

Advent Service 2pm

December 7th- 11th – Concert Week (Y3/4)

December 16th – Carol Service in Church 7.00pm – Refreshments in school afterwards – Yrs 5/6

December 17th – Party Day – including Pals Productions performance of Cinderella at 2pm

December 18th – Christmon Service in Church 11.00am (Whole School)

February 8th – February 12th – SEN Week

March 23rd – Parents' Evening

March 24th – Parents' Evening

Monday 10th May - Friday 14th May SAT week

June 16th – Sports Day

June 21st - 25th – SEN Week

June 25th – Y3/4/5 Reports to DG

28th June – 2nd July 2008 – Trip to Kingswood – Overstrand Hall

July 9th – Reports to parents

July 8th William Farr Y6 Curriculum Day

July 8th – Y2s to visit for morning and spend time in classes