



# Nettleham Church of England Aided Junior School

## Welcome back to old and new

It is fantastic to have everyone back for the school new year and already the sense of energy, purpose and enjoyment can be felt in every classroom.

We look forward to a wonderful year with lots of exciting opportunities ahead and would like to welcome all of our new children and their families, we are delighted to be working with you.

## Fun Sports Day/ Coffee Afternoon

Fun Sports is planned for the afternoon of **Wednesday 25th September** from 1.30pm.

The intention of this event is that our new children work together 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. We will be combining this event with a Macmillan fundraising event with cakes and coffee in the hall during and after school.

## School Photos—individual and family

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of **Wednesday September 11th** 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.

## Uniform notes

Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart and prepared. We would like to remind you that children should not wear nail varnish, all shoulder length and longer hair should be tied back and children should not wear jewellery or trainers as part of normal school uniform. Also please label everything that you can.

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is planned for the afternoon of **Monday September 23rd** at 2.15pm. 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 a 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 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th** of September.

## 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.

## 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.

## Safety outside school and our School Crossing Patrol

Please could everyone take extra care NOT to park on any of the marked School Safety Zone outside school or on the pavements— it really does help to keep our children safe.

Unfortunately Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership have not yet found a replacement for our crossing patrol. Therefore can you please take extra care when crossing Mill Hill to access the school and also not park in any way that may compromise the safety of those trying to cross the road?

## Meet the Teacher Events

It is really important for you to get to know all of the staff who will be working with your children this year as soon as possible.

With this in mind we have organized the following meet the teacher events—all begin at 3.45pm and should last for approximately 45 minutes.

**Year 3 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 4 – Wednesday 11th September**

**Year 5 – Tuesday 10th September**

**Year 6— Monday 16th September**

## Key Points:

- Welcome back
- Fun Sports Day
- Coffee Afternoon
- Photo Opportunities
- Parking outside school
- Harvest Festival
- Y6—A Big Year
- Food news
- Plans for the coming year
- Meet the Pupils
- Reporting Absences
- Important Dates for the rest of the Year.



### Focus on the pupils

*We meet up with two new pupils and two old hands.*

*Elliot Y6—The year has got off to a great start me and I am looking forward to the responsibilities and jobs in Year 6.*

*Alyssa Y6— I am excited about doing lots of artwork in Year 6 but I am bit worried about my SATs.*

*Caleb Y3—I am enjoying being in Miss Booth's class; I am looking forward to learning all about the new computers.*

*Ella Y3—I am really happy to be at junior school and I am looking forward to ending up a real bookworm like my sister Chloe.*

### Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school could you please contact the school office before 9.30 am on the first day of absence and send in a letter/email on the children's return should the absence be an extended one? 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 also to your support.

### 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 will be undergoing important assessments including 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 11th May - Friday 15th May 2019.

### Plans for the coming year

We are really looking to the year ahead in school with many exciting areas of development including:

- Lots of exciting work on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
- Developing maths as the highest level
- Developing Spirituality in our community
- Making our curriculum the best it can be—ensuring that it is broad and rich

### **Key Dates for the Year 2019-2020**

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

#### **TERM 1 Wednesday, 4th September 2019 to Friday, 18th October 2019**

Week beginning September 9th – Parent information meetings at 3.45pm

Year 3 – Monday 9th September

Year 4 – Wednesday 11th September

Year 5 – Tuesday 10th September

Year 6— Monday 16th September

Wednesday September 11th – am – School Photographer in – individual photos

Friday 13th September – 11+ test am

Friday 20th September – 11+ test am

Monday 23rd September - School Harvest Festival – 2.15pm

Wednesday September 25th – Fun Sports Day (pm)/ Macmillan coffee event

Wednesday 2nd October – Kingswood parents meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 8th October – Y3 to Cresswell Craggs

October 14th – 18th – SEN Week

Monday 28th October—school closed—staff training

#### **Term 2 Tuesday, 29th October to Thursday, 19th December 2019**

Tuesday October 29th and Wednesday October 30th – Parents Evenings

Monday 4th November, Tuesday 5th November and Thursday 7th November - Open Afternoons

Friday November 15th – Rhubarb Theatre Performance in school pm

Friday 22nd November - Dress Down Day for Christmas Fayre prizes

Friday 29th November – PTA Christmas Fayre

Friday December 13th – Year 3 Performance 2pm

Wednesday December 18th – Party Day including theatre performance pm

Thursday December 19th – Christmas Service in Church 11.00am (Whole School)

#### **TERM 3 Monday, 6th January to Friday, 14th February 2020**

February 3rd – February 7th – SEN Week

Tuesday 11th February – Y3 to Flag Fen

#### **TERM 4 Monday, 24th February to Thursday, 2nd April 2020**

w/c 9th March—Y6 Bikewise Training

Tuesday March 10th and Wednesday March 11th – Parents' Evening s

Friday 3rd April—School closed—staff training

#### **TERM 5 Monday, 20th April to Thursday, 21st May 2020**

Friday 8th May—school closed—Bank Holiday

May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> - SAT week

Friday 22nd May—school closed, staff training

#### **TERM 6 Monday, 1st June to Tuesday, 21st July 2020**

June 8th - 12th – SEN Week

Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Summer Fayre – 6pm – 8pm

June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>st</sup> June – Kingswood visit

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

Monday July 20th – Leavers' Treat Day

Monday July 20th – Leavers' Service 7pm