



# 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 20th 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 during and after school.

## 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.

## 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.

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is planned for the afternoon of **Monday 16th October** at 2.15pm at All Saints Nettleham. This will be our first opportunity to celebrate as a whole school community 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.

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 charities who receive the produce. Please send your produce into school with the children on Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of October.

## Clubs

We are really looking forward to the range of after school clubs that are going to be on offer over the coming year.

You should have received notification in July regarding the first round of clubs which were available to book via our school website over the summer. These will commence week beginning the 18th September and you will be notified by the end of next week if your child has been successful in gaining a place this term.

## Reporting Absences

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office absence line (24/7) on 01522 750376 before 9.30 am on the first day of absence. Alternatively a message can be sent via our school website by clicking on 'Parents' and then 'Sickness Reporting'.

We continue to have a very high attendance rate which is a testament both to how much the children seem to enjoy school and also to your support.

## Evening Classes

Would you like to learn something new? Our adult learning opportunities on Thursday evenings might be for you!

All information is here:

[ADULT EDUCATION](#)

## 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 6pm and should last for approximately 45 minutes.

**Year 3 – Monday 11th September**

**Year 4 – Thursday 14th September**

**Year 5 – Wednesday 13th September**

**Year 6 – Tuesday 12th September**

## Year Six—A Big Year

Our Year Six children are entering a very important time in their school lives. Very soon they will be choosing their secondary schools for September 2024 and they will also have important assessments over the course of the year including SATs.

We are always available to discuss your concerns and answer any queries that you may have. Please note that the dates for next year's SATs are Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May 2024.

## A few dates for the Year 2023–2024

Some dates subject to confirmation—but you have a broad outline of the year ahead. Lots more to come!

### **TERM 1      Wednesday 6th September to Friday 20th October 2023**

Weeks beginning September 11th – Parent information meetings at 6pm

Year 3 – Monday 11th September

Year 6 – Tuesday 12th September

Year 5 – Wednesday 13th September

Year 4 – Thursday 14th September

Friday 15th September – 11+ test am

Wednesday September 20th – Fun Sports Day (pm)/ Macmillan coffee event

Friday 22nd September – 11+ test am

Tuesday 3rd October – Animals UK in school with Y6

Wednesday 4th October – Kingswood parents meeting – 6-7pm

Monday 16th October - School Harvest Festival – 2.15pm

October 9th – 13th – SEN Review meeting week

October 17th—flu immunisation for children

### **Term 2 Tuesday, 31st October to Wednesday, 20th December 2023**

Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday November 1st – Parents Evenings

Monday 6th November, Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November - Open Afternoons

Wednesday December 13th – Party Day including theatre performance pm

### **TERM 3      Wednesday 3rd January to Friday, 9th February 2024**

w/c 5th February—SEN review meetings week

### **TERM 4      Monday, 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024**

Tuesday 5th March – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 6th March – Parents' Evening

### **TERM 5      Tuesday, 16th April to Friday 24th May 2024**

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Y6 SATs week

### **TERM 6      Monday, 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2024**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Summer Fayre – 6-8pm

w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Kingswood visit

Wednesday 26th June – Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July – Leavers' Service – 7pm