



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week it has been. It's been so refreshing and pleasurable to see the children enjoying their sports days on the field. The weather was perfect. It was brilliant to finally be able to allow high numbers of visitors on to the site. We are very fortunate to have such amazing school grounds and easy access. I hope that those of you who were able to come along enjoyed it – it was certainly nice to see something approaching normality again – even if just for a few hours. Thank you to everyone for following our requests and making the day possible.

The results of the House competition were very close with only 16 points separating first and fourth places. In fourth place with 185 points was the blue team Bristol. In third place with 194 points was the red team Chester. The runners up with 200 points was the green team Exeter and the winners of sports day with 201 points was the yellow team Norwich. 😊 Well done to all of the children for being so well behaved and for taking part so positively.

### Staffing Changes

This year we have some significant staffing changes to announce for next year.

#### Departures

##### **Mrs Avery – Librarian/TA**

After working in our school library and across many classes for the last 9 years, Mrs Avery is leaving. She has been absent for much of this year due to a persistent back injury and she has decided that she won't be able to return in September. Our library has been awesome for many years and Mrs Avery has always gone above and beyond in helping out in class and at events. She will be sadly missed and we wish her well for the future.



##### **Miss Welch – Year 4 Teacher**

Miss Welch will be leaving us in the summer to pursue a different path as a special school teacher in Sandwell. Miss Welch has worked here for the last three years and will be sorely missed. She has been an asset to the school and we say a big thank you and wish her all the best for the future and hope that she will come back to say hello from time to time.



##### **Miss Crofts – Year 5 Teacher**

Miss Crofts is also leaving to pursue a different path in a different special school. She has completed her first year in teaching here at Netherbrook and has been brilliant. We are sad to be saying goodbye but wish her all the best at her new school.



##### **Mrs Basra – Year 2 Teacher**

Mrs Basra is also leaving to take up a teaching post elsewhere in the Midlands. She has also completed her first year in teaching here at Netherbrook and will be missed next year. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her time and commitment this year.



##### **Mrs Atkinson – Covid-Catch Up Teacher**

Mrs Atkinson has been our Covid-Catch Up teacher for Lower School since Easter and taught Year 1 during the lockdown months too. Many of your children will have taken part in her catch up groups. She has been successful in gaining a permanent part time position elsewhere in Dudley and will leave at the end of term, we wish her all the best for the future.

##### **Mrs Buswell - Cleaner**

Mrs Buswell has been working as a part-time teacher this year to help us maintain our cleaning schedule during the school day. She has done a great job and has been instrumental in keeping us all safe. She is beginning her training for a new career in September so we wish her all the best for the future.

## Message from the LLMAT Trustees

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, a termination notice has been issued to LLMAT and all 4 schools are to transfer to different trusts. Although discussions are progressing, we are presently awaiting confirmation at this stage. Your headteacher and I will update you as soon as we have dates moving forwards.

Kind Regards,  
Pam Garrington  
Chair of LLMAT trustees



## TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Next year we are welcoming some new teachers and support staff. We are interviewing for additional roles next week so there will be more to come. We have three new teachers starting with us next year:

**Mrs Edwards, Miss Floyd and Mrs Mayall** (already here as Covid Catch Up teacher). We won't spoil the surprise about what year groups they are teaching in just yet, as that will be announced next week.

We also have a new Keyworker starting in Nethertots TftTs – **Mrs Wood** will be starting with us shortly and **Miss Alcock** has been successful in gaining a permanent position too.

## Nuptials

**Ms Hinton** in Reception will be returning in the summer a newly married lady. She will be known as **Mrs Chapman**.

We wish her all the best for her marriage to Mr Chapman over the summer holidays.



**Miss Leonard** is also getting married over the summer holidays. Subject to Covid restrictions being lifted sufficiently She will be known as **Mrs Bensley** from September, again all the best to her and Mr Bensley for their marriage in the summer.

## New baby

**Mrs Cashmore** is expecting her new baby in early August and so officially begins her maternity leave shortly. We wish her, Mr Cashmore and little Emily all the best for the birth of their new family member, we fully expect an extremely disruptive new baby tour (meet and greet) to take place in the autumn term ☺.

## Possible England Football Mufti Day

Well done to the England team for their well-earned (slightly dull) victory over the Germans last week. If you are watching the game against Ukraine this Saturday, then I hope you enjoy it and we get a positive outcome.

**IF** England beat Ukraine then they will have a semi-final match on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm. **IF** the match involves England we will have a **EURO 2020 mufti day** and the children can come to school wearing red, white or blue or a football shirt of their choice, if they wish to. (Year 6 will be at Drayton Manor on this day).

For clarity –

West Bromwich Town football shirts are **NOT** allowed. ☺ (They are really!)

Wolves shirts = 500 Dojo points. (Not really!) ☺

Have a great weekend. Come on England!!!

Mr Rawlings



## Parents Evening

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July Parents evenings for **Years 1,2,3,4** will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** and Nursery, Reception and **Years 5 and 6** will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. (Miss Leonard's parents evening will not be on the Wednesday and we will confirm the date for this one. It will be within the same week.)



### TERM DATES 2021-22

#### Autumn Term 2021

Term starts: Thursday 2nd September (INSET DAY)  
Closed to pupils

Friday 3rd September (INSET DAY) Closed to pupils

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September School open to pupils**

**Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday 1st November (INSET DAY)

Term ends Friday 17th December.

#### Spring Term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 4th January (INSET DAY) Closed to pupils

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January School open to pupils

**Half Term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Term ends: Friday 8th April

#### Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25th April

**May Day: Monday 2nd May**

Thursday 5th May (VOTING-INSET DAY TBC)

**Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Primary Liaison Week: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Term ends: Friday 22nd July

## DATES TO REMEMBER

05.07.21

New Nursery Starters  
Parents meeting @ 5.00pm Via Zoom

07.07.21

Yr6 Drayton Manor

14.07.21

Parents Evening Yrs.1,2,3 & 4

15.07.21

Reception New Starters

'Teddy Bears Picnic' Cancelled

15.07.21

Parents Evening Nursery, Reception, Yrs.5& 6

21.07.21

School Closes for Summer

## September School Uniform

If you wish to purchase your child's school uniform for September, ACE Embroidery have extended their deadline to Friday 9th July for delivery into school before the end of term.

Items can be purchased from the office (cash payments only) or via our supplier.

[www.ace-embroidery.co.uk](http://www.ace-embroidery.co.uk)



Well done to our students of the week for their fantastic effort and hard work this week.

We will have one final group next week to finish off the year.

Grace T, Izabel T, Paris P, Francesca M, Leon D, Taniya R, Roman R, Harley R, Lorelai & Zack B

