



Newsletter



Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope that (today) Friday 13th has not brought you any bad luck!

Just a quick reminder that we are closed on Monday for an INSET Day. So please do not send children to school. Obviously, Breakfast and After School Club are also closed.

School is open as normal on **Tuesday 17th January.**

It's been a great week in school, I've been monitoring Maths and Topic books across the school and seen some lovely work and great maths taking place.



I have had a few complaints again about parking and some littering by pupils on the walk home from school. Please park considerately and be respectful to the local residents at all times. The littering is also very embarrassing because our pupils should know better. Staff have spoken to the children about this issue but please remind your children to be considerate with their rubbish.

Have a great long weekend. We will see you all on **Tuesday** at the normal time.

Mr Rawlings

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2023

16.01.23 TEFAT Inset Day. School closed to pupils

February 2023

20th – 24th February Half Term

March 2023

31.03.23 Break up for Easter

April 2023

17.04.23 Start of Term

May 2023

01.05.23 May Day Bank Holiday

04.05.23 Voting Day – School Closed to Pupils

08.05.23 King's Coronation Bank Holiday

09.05.23 – 12.05.23 SATS Week

29th May – 2nd June Half Term

July 2023

21.07.23 School Closes for Summer



Please come along to the FONS parents coffee morning on February 3rd. We want to create a vibrant and welcoming parent community here at Netherbrook so if you have half an hour for a coffee and a chat then please come along. It's in the community room at 9.00am.



Students of the Week

Well done to all of our students of the week this week.

Thomas P, Ava-Grace H, Amess U, Isabelle S, Jerry H, Dominykas J, Chloe C, Desmond M, Charlie G Neo R and Anastasia R



We have had an increasing number of issues with pupils using social media apps such as Whatsapp and Snapchat etc. Can I please ask all parents to monitor your child's use of these sorts of apps on phones and other devices. The intention of a message can often be lost in translation in a short whatsapp message and groups can be terrible places for cyber bullying to occur.

The internet and social media can be great but there are significant risks. Here is some generally good advice with this:



Please bear in mind that the legal age to access almost all social media apps is **13**. If your child has a TikTok, Whatsapp, Snapchat account etc, then an adult has had to set it up for them. Be aware that the age profiles exist for specific reasons.

1. If your child has a phone/device ensure that you know any passcodes to access it and make sure your child knows you can **and will** check it every week. Many deleted message notifications is a cause for concern.
2. Speak to your child to give them the confidence to come and talk to you if they feel funny about anything they have seen on the internet or in messages.
3. Remind them about the fact that once **SEND** has been pressed, you can't retrieve the message. On Whatsapp you can delete but if someone has screenshotted this already, then it's too late.
4. Remind them to only use **kind words** and language on apps. (I always tell pupils to imagine your Nan is listening to or reading this chat. If you wouldn't say it in front of nan then don't say it online either).
5. Don't let your child have their phone/devices in their bedroom **after bedtime**. Take them out of their rooms. If bullying is occurring online then the idea that this could be happening whilst they are in the supposed safety of their bedroom (while parents are asleep) is horrible.
6. **Never delete** any abuse. Show it to a trusted adult.
7. There are apps you can buy that 'clone' your child's phone so that you can see all of their apps and messages etc. If you do become concerned about their use of their personal devices this may be a worthwhile option.
8. As parents - remember - many adults struggle to behave appropriately, online and in messages, so children can and will struggle to deal with the online environment. Monitor this closely.
9. Make sure that children know that sending inappropriate or nude images of themselves or asking for them is a massive safeguarding concern. Any child sending nude images **or** receiving them is **actually breaking the law** as well as placing itself at great risk. They should always come and speak to an adult if anyone asks for or sends them this kind of image.
10. Make sure you have **content filters** saved on any devices - even YouTube can have inappropriate content. TikTok can be a nightmare. In the past we have had instances of our pupils being told/encouraged to kill themselves and being sent links to websites on how to do this. All on TikTok - so be very careful. **It's ok to say NO!**

Finally, please be aware that although we will try to help, any issues that take place on apps, phones and devices etc are not the responsibility of the school. This comes down to parental safeguarding. We will of course get involved if the incident relates to pupils in school, but the safety of your children at home is your own.