



## Headteacher's Newsletter

### Staffing

It is with great sadness and gratitude that we say goodbye to two of our fabulous office staff today. Sue Newbold, Office Manager, is retiring. Sue has given many years' outstanding service to Netherfield. We will miss her professionalism, wisdom and good humour. I wish her a long and happy retirement. Esther Snook, Office Administrator, is moving on to fresh pastures. We will greatly miss her hard work, her creativity, and her sense of fun – good luck in the next exciting phase of your career Esther.

In the New Year Amanda Green and Emma Langley will share the role of Office Manager. We have appointed Rebecca Brudenell to the post of Office Receptionist. I hope you will make her very welcome.

We welcome back Emma Tabreham-Henshaw from maternity leave. Emma will be teaching Fireflies in Foundation 2. Sadly, this means we have to say goodbye and thank you to Victoria Walster who has covered that class admirably.

Exciting times are ahead for Peter Cooper: he is spending next half term on a teacher exchange in a special school – building our expertise in this vital field. Whilst he is away we will be joined by Ross Kettel. Ross will be working in Y2 whilst Class 7 is taught by Jo Mulligan.

### Governors

We welcome some new governors to our governing body. Lee Bratchley-Clark is your new parent governor, Nicola Parkin is a new community governor, and Catherine Millward is a new trust governor.

For the past two years, Jonathan Wright has served as the chair of our governing body. After a very successful term, which has seen our school go from strength to strength, Jonathan is stepping down from the role of chair, though he will continue as a parent governor. I thank him for his service. For the next two terms the chair will be filled by Catherine Millward.

### Christmas Performances and Carol Service

Thanks to all of you who attended our Foundation Stage and KS1 performances and our KS2 Carol Service at St John the Baptist church in Carlton. I am sure you will appreciate how much hard work goes into making these events happen from school staff and volunteers.

### Volunteers

We have a growing band of volunteers who do great things for our children and I would like to thank them for all they do: supporting on trips; swimming; reading; running after-school clubs; fund-raising; even teaching philosophy lessons! If you would like to join them, we can always use help with reading – please speak to Jo Mulligan.

I hope you all enjoy the festivities this Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

*Peter Handem*



