

9 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term, I felt it would be appropriate to round off the term with my sincerest best wishes for the festive period and all the very best for the New Year 2022.

### STAFFING

It is with a heavy heart, that we have to say good bye to 3 members of staff who have decided to move to pastures new, each taking on a very different roles from the ones they have undertaken here at Netherfield. Mrs Chaplin (Class 4), Miss Newton (Bumblebees) and Miss Katie Booth (who many of you will know from the school office) have all been fantastic role models and professionals and will all be dearly missed by children and staff. I wish them all every success in the future, from the Governors, the children and from me personally, their positivity, smiling faces and superb sense of humour will be hard to replicate.

Miss DeLuce Coulthard will be joining Class 4 in January, working Thursdays and Fridays while Mrs Hicken will be in school Monday to Wednesday.

Miss Wing will be taking over in the morning Bumblebees group from Monday 13 December, and working in the Caterpillar group in the afternoons alongside Mrs Hodkin and Miss Astill. As our Nursery provision is oversubscribed again, we are moving in Mrs Steele and Mrs Cooper from Reception, to lead a brand new Nursery group, called Grasshoppers! Exciting times in Nursery as we move through to spring!

**If you have a child in our Nursery, who is due to start in Reception in September 2022, please note that Nottinghamshire County Council's deadline for applications in 15 January 2022. Applications can be made using the link below;**

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place>

### Thank you

I would also thank you, our parents and carers for all of your support over the last term. Maintaining an open school, with a free breakfast club and after school care, continues to be challenging, particularly when we are experiencing a high number of staff sickness. With that said, this term we still managed to launch a completely new curriculum in September, ran tutoring sessions AND reintroduced a wide variety of after school clubs! The support we have received from parents/carers, from former staff members coming out of retirement to help, as well as the warmth and kindness that comes from our community, has helped us to keep going and continue to be successful. The children as ever remain the stars, however as well as thanking you for your support, I would also like to thank our staff for their commitment to the pupils of our school.

I would like to remind you that Friday 10 December is Christmas Jumper Day, and Christmas parties are going to be held by all classes on our last school day, Thursday 16 December. Children should come to school in their party clothes, ready to have a fun last day of term!

In regard to 2022, please remember that all children return to school at 8:45am on **Wednesday January 5 2022**. We will be straight back into the important business of learning and I am sure we will all be inundated with tales of new books and super adventures from the Christmas holidays!

Finally, once again huge thanks to you all for your sterling work with your children and the fantastic support we have felt as a school, through your kind words and gestures.

Kind Regards



Mr Crone  
Headteacher

