

18 December 2023

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 2024.

On 1 December, we transferred to EQUALS Trust, leaving our friends and colleagues from GNET after a very productive number of years. You will probably not have noticed a great deal of change and that is a good thing, as EQUALS were as happy to have us as we were to join them! They are well aware of the great work we do here at Netherfield and now working together, we will be able to give more opportunities for children, and staff to work collaboratively with other schools in the Trust.

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. 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, so 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.

Christmas parties are going to be held by all classes on our last school day, Wednesday 20 December. Children should come to school in their party clothes, ready to have a fun last day of term!

In regard to 2024, please remember that all children return to school at **8:45am on Thursday 4 January 2024.** 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!

If you have a child in our Nursery, who is due to start in Reception in September 2024, please note that Nottinghamshire County Council's deadline for applications is **15 January 2024.** Applications can be made using the link below. Please note we were oversubscribed last year, so please make sure you complete your application on time.

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

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