

6 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new term! I hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. As always, we are committed to providing a positive and supportive environment for all our pupils, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with you throughout the coming months. As we begin this term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about a few important aspects of school life:

Punctuality and Attendance

It is vital that all students arrive on time and attend regularly to make the most of their learning. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is ready to start the school day at 8:45am and attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please continue to inform us promptly if your child is unwell or unable to attend school.

No Smoking/Vaping Policy

We would also like to remind everyone that Netherfield Primary School is a **smoke-free and vape-free site**. This policy applies to all areas of the school grounds, including entrances, and we kindly ask that all visitors and parents respect this rule.

Mobile Phones and Photography

We understand that mobile phones are often part of our daily lives, but we would like to remind parents and visitors that **photography and filming are not permitted on school grounds** unless authorised by the school. Mobile phones should only be used in emergencies. We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that this policy is followed at all times to protect the privacy of all pupils and staff.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The wellbeing of our entire school community is always a priority for us. We have noticed an increase in **foul and abusive language** being used on our communication platforms, including Class Dojo, on the school playground at pick up and drop off times and during phone conversations and face-to-face meetings. We want to remind everyone that respectful communication is essential, and we expect all interactions to be conducted in a courteous and professional manner.

At the same time, we are acutely aware of the pressures many of us face, and we want to reinforce that **mental health matters**. Both your mental health as parents and carers, and that of our staff is incredibly important. If you or your child need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us so we can provide the appropriate assistance or direct you to relevant resources.

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Upcoming Events

We have a number of exciting events planned for this term, and we encourage you to mark these dates in your calendar, they will of course appear on Class Dojo, be in class newsletters, however, we have also provided them here as per a parental request.

- 15 January: School Disco
- 16 January: Reception Parent Reading Meeting (after school)
- 23 January: Reception Stories, a book and a blanket (after school)
- 24 January: Year 3 Class Assembly 2.30pm start
- 31 January: Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm start
- 3 7 February: Children's Mental Health Week
- 11 February: Safer Internet Day
- 12 February: Nursery Campfire Day
- 14 February: SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
- 25 & 26 February: Parents Evening for Reception Year 6 (Nursery parents evening 16 July)
- 4 March: Pancake Day Sale
- 6 March: World Book Day
- 17 March: School Photo Day, individual and family photos
- 21 March: World Down Syndrome Day (Lots of Socks) and Red Nose Day
- 21 March: Year 5 Geography Fieldwork
- 27 March: Year 2 Synagogue Visit
- 28 March: Mother's Day Sale
- 31 March: Nursery Stay and Play
- 2 April: EQUALS Trust Singing Event (Albert Hall)
- 3 April: Reception Visit to White Post Farm (Provisional Date)

Classes will send more detailed information closer to each event (if required) but that will be placed on Class Dojo and/or emailed out in letter form.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another successful term, and as always, if you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to get in touch with us. Wishing you and your child a happy and productive term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr J Crone Headteacher Netherfield Primary School