

# NETHERFIELD

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

6 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to have the school buzzing again with the sound of eager children, who are enjoying being back at school and are very keen to tell us all about their adventures from the summer break. From the stories that I have heard so far, the children have had a fantastic time whether that was a trip to the park or a day at the beach.

The new school year brings us two new members of staff. Ms Sugden joins us as our new SENCo and Miss Kelly has joined the Reception team in Dragonflies. I am sure you will make them feel as welcome as the staff and the children have done already, it's great to have them on board.

Improvements over the summer have taken place, the school has spent a significant amount of money upgrading and refurbishing the fire system, doors, windows etc. and we have new decor in the school hall. It has been repainted and the floor has been brought back to its best, not the most exciting information but important in the sense of keeping our school building fabric the best it can be for our children.

Finally, just a reminder of the importance of school attendance and arriving at school on time. Persistent lateness and absence have a huge impact on a child's learning. Lost learning time impacts children negatively and often means it is very difficult for them to keep up with their work and achieve their best. For example, if your child is 30 minutes late every day, that is the equivalent of one afternoon every week – which is 10% of learning time in a week.

Yours sincerely



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