



Nettlebed Community School

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Dear all,

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in Nettlebed. We are thrilled to have heard all about the year 4 adventures and are glad they came back to school exhausted but with happy faces. It feels like autumn has really set in and the leaves are definitely starting to fall. Soon it will be time to change the clocks! In preparation we have some exciting harvest time activities coming up so read inside for more information.

We have had the second buddy assembly this afternoon although poor adventure class has been blighted by chicken pox. Any children who missed their turn today will be introduced in the assembly on the last Friday of this term, 20th October, to which everyone is invited.

I would also like to thank all the FONS members who helped make our new parents feel very welcome by holding a morning tea last week. It was lovely to hear so many people came together in our school community.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at parent evenings next week and for those of you running tomorrow, I hope you all have fun!

Warm wishes,
Mrs Bethany Greenwood

What have we been up to at Nettlebed?



River metaphor poetry

The River's a drum
Banging and thumping
Making the trees wobble
Crashing and beating
Connor Blyth Year 3

The River's a dog fish,
Long and thin.
He twists mysteriously; he
slithers,
He slowly wriggles to the sea
Chloe Cornfield Year 3

Harvest Festival at Nettlebed

Next week it will be Harvest Festival at Nettlebed. To celebrate we are holding several events:

1—**Friday 13th October will be a non-school uniform day.** Please bring a donation of non-perishable goods or toiletries. All donations will be donated to the Lighthouse Food bank which is run through Nomad in Henley. The food will be given to local families in need.

A group of Year 6's, along with Mrs Greenwood, will be delivering the food on Monday 16th October and will meet the Lighthouse manager to have a look round the premises. Year 6's will then be basing their learning for the week around this theme.

2— **Parents are invited into school for Harvest afternoon tea on Friday 13th October at 3pm.** Endeavour class will be selling their baked goods for you to eat alongside your cup of tea (although the girls will be playing football at a tournament!). This is an opportunity for parents to get together and help judge the pumpkin competition.

3 — **COMPETITION TIME!**

Decorate your pumpkin

We are inviting everyone to enter the pumpkin competition. The winning pumpkins will be voted for by the parents at the Harvest tea and the children of Nettlebed. The winner will be announced the following week in celebration assembly.

You can choose to enter one of two categories:

- 1—The best dressed pumpkin
- 2—The scariest Pumpkin



DON'T FORGET
TO CHECK THE
WEBSITE FOR
REGULAR
UPDATES ON
YOUR CHILD'S
CLASS AND
THEIR
LEARNING.
YOU CAN ALSO
FOLLOW US ON
TWITTER.

Parent's Evenings Next Week

We are really looking forward to seeing parents in school next week to discuss how your child has settled so far and what targets they are working towards in their learning. It is also a great opportunity to have a look at their work in their books.

Tuesday (3.45—5.45) We will all be in the hall as the after-school clubs are still running in the school. Please come in via the community hall entrance.

Thursday (6—8) We will all be in the main school building so please come in via the main reception.

Please note that any accompanying children will remain with you at all times. Thank you for your understanding as we don't have extra staff to monitor them if not with parents.

Reach Out

Reading Eggs

Nettlebed has launched a new on-line reading scheme called Reading Eggs. The children have log ins and are using it in school.

The children are welcome to also read it at home but this is not compulsory homework. Their teacher will sometimes set them a challenge if they wish to complete it but this does not replace their regular reading book.

If your child has not yet received their log in details, then this will follow next week.



Healthy Packed Lunches and break time snack

Can I please remind everyone that we support healthy balanced packed lunches and break time snacks at Nettlebed.

Healthy break time snacks include—fruit, cheese, yoghurt drinks or something similar. We are encouraging the children to leave other things for their main lunch.

Please remember we are a nut free school.



Please be patient with us while we improve our website. It will continue to be updated over the next term and will be the place for all things Nettlebed!

Thank you for your patience.

FONS (Friends of Nettlebed School)

First event of the year will be a colour run **THIS SATURDAY** at 1.30pm starting from the walled garden. Sponsorship forms and are available in reception or just turn up.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help and organise.

fonscommittee@gmail.com

Inter House Cross Country

Inter house Cross Country for Key Stage 2 children is taking place on **Tuesday 17th October**. We still need volunteers to help marshal the route and make squash for the children afterwards.

Please speak to the office or Mrs Roberts if you are able to help.

FULL CONTACT
RUGBY FOR
YEARS 4—6 IS
SADLY NOT
ABLE TO GO
AHEAD DUE TO
A NUMBER OF
FACTORS.
OTHER CLUBS
WILL RUN AS
NORMAL

Awards for Reach Up, Reach Out

25th September - I can listen carefully

2nd October—I can make good friends

Reach up, reach out award—



Absence in school and medical appointments

If your child is unwell, please let the school know in the morning by calling the office or emailing. Otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. There is no need to write a note once the child has returned to school.

Please avoid medical appointments during the school day. However if this is unavoidable, please bring a copy of the letter or appointment card, if you have one, to the office so we can take a copy for our attendance records.

Please note we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time except under exceptional circumstance. If you think your child will need time of school, please complete a 'leave of absence' form available from reception.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 26 th September 2017	KS2 X country run @ Stoke Row
Wednesday 27 th September 2017	Year 4s depart for Woodrow @9am
Friday 29 th September 2017	Buddy assembly for Tuesday starters 3pm – all welcome Year 4s return from Woodrow @3.30
Friday 6 th October 2017	Buddy assembly for Wednesday starters 3pm – all welcome
Saturday 7 th October 2017	FONS colour run @ 1.30
Monday 9 th October 2017	Year 5/6 meeting for Woodlands trip
Tuesday 10 th October 2017	3.45 – 5.45 pm Parents evening—in the hall
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	Phonics and maths talk for EYFS and KS1 parents @2.30
Thursday 12 th October 2017	Discovery class assembly @3pm Parents evening 6-8pm—in main school
Friday 13 th October 2017	Non-uniform day- Donations for a local foodbank please. Pumpkin competition entries into school Harvest tea for parents @3pm Year 6 girl football competition @ Gillotts
Tuesday 17 th October 2017	KS2 inter house X-country (children only) FONS AGM
Wednesday 18 th October 2017	Open afternoon for prospective parents @1.30pm
Thursday 19 th October 2017	Year 5/6 netball tournament Challenger Class assembly @3pm
Friday 20 th October 2017	French morning across school Reach up, Reach Out Assembly @3pm – all welcome End of term 1
Monday 30 th October 2017	Staff Inset day
Tuesday 31 st 2017	Children return to school @8.55am