



Nettlebed Community School

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Dear all,

Welcome to term 2! We are a few weeks in now and been busy learning. I have seen some fabulous work the children have produced and will be keen to share with you during Open Classrooms.

Thank you to those of you who bought some books from the Usborne Book company who were in school last week. You have helped raise nearly £400 worth of free books for the school! Children and teachers are busy choosing their favourites.

FONS have recently been in school making sure that all children have made a Christmas card which will be printed and ready in time to send. Many thanks to those of you who donated your time.

Winter seems to be upon us now so I extend a plea for all children to come to school with coats. It is really important for the children to get outside at break and lunch and be warm and dry.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Warm wishes

Mrs Bethany Greenwood

What have we been up to at Nettlebed?



Adventure Class have been learning about the seaside and have designed pictures.

We have a budding engineer who has been demonstrating his engineering skills during Lego Club.

The year 5s have been really keen to demonstrate their new leadership skills and start activities on the playground for the other children.



Making our Playtimes Better

School council members and House captains have been busy talking to their houses and classes about ideas to make playtimes even better at Nettlebed. Over the next term, there will be some additions and changes to ensure everyone has fun.

- Year 5s are being trained to become Playground Leaders who will encourage others to play games and include all children
- Purchasing more playground equipment and a greater variety
- Opening the sandpit with play equipment
- Reopening the Quiet area after its refurbishment
- Establishing an area where children can partake in quieter activities such as colouring, wordsearches and Sudoku
- House Captains, School Council members and Playground Leaders being responsible to reward others for positive behavior
- Opening the walled garden when dry enough
- Having more adults on the playground at playtimes
- Re-establishing the friendship bench

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.

Children also requested very clear rules and consequences for less desirable behaviours. Children who do not follow the diamond rules will miss their playtime that day and the following day and their parents will be informed. They will report to their teacher.

If they continue to choose the same behaviours they will then report to their key stage leader and if it continues the Headteacher. Supportive measures will be put in place along the way if necessary.

The children have also asked for a few additional changes inside the buildings, such as new mirrors in the toilet, which we will be replacing shortly.

Nettlebed would like to thank the House captains and school council members for their hard work in making sure all children have had a chance to have their say.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

Saturday 18th November 2017— Playground and Gardening Day in School

Please come and support your school by lending a hand some time between 12 and 4. Jobs include bench painting, gardening, mowing, hedge trimming. All help gratefully received.

Please ask in the office or Mrs Williams for more information.

Reach Out

Christmas Shopping.

Whilst you are thinking of loved ones and what gift to buy them, you can also help raise money for the school using Easy Fund-raising.

When you shop online at associated shops, they give us a commission for every purchase. It couldn't be simpler.

Simply follow the link and it will install an app on your computer which will 'pop-up' every time you try and buy something from affiliated sites.

[https://
www.easyfundraising.org.uk
/causes/foNettlebedsch/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foNettlebedsch/)

An invitation from the Governors and Headteacher

Friday 17th November @3pm

The Governors of Nettlebed School and the Headteacher warmly invite you to come and listen to the plans for the school this academic year.

All are welcome in the hall via the community Entrance from 3pm.

Wear your odd socks next week

As part of anti-bullying week, Nettlebed will be showing their support for the anti-bullying alliance by wearing odd socks. The idea being to show our support that it is great to be different and we should celebrate differences. The anti-bullying ambassadors will be leading our assembly.



PARENTS ARE
KINDLY ASKED
NOT TO PARK
IN OLD
SCHOOL
GREEN WHEN
COMING INTO
SCHOOL.
PLEASE
RESPECT OUR
NEIGHBOURS.
THANK YOU.

Wednesday Open Afternoon 22nd November 2017

Please come along on the 22nd November after school to see your child's classroom and their work. Their teachers will be on hand for an informal chat.

We look forward to seeing you.

Awards for Reach Up, Reach Out

3rd November 2017 I can include others

Molly Dellor, Hattie Lyell, Sophie May, Alexia Hordern, Charlotte Ashby

10th November 2017 I can show teamwork

Flora Lyell, Jamie Powell, Libby Hudson, Olivia Tucker, Jemima Lynch, Bronte Bennett

Reach up Reach out

Jamie Powell and Luke Herbert, Charlotte Ashby



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	
Wednesday 16th November	Endeavour Class Assembly @ 3pm
Friday 17th November	All invited to attend a talk from Governors and the Headteacher of Nettlebed @ 3pm
Wednesday 22nd November	Open Classrooms @3.30pm
Thursday 7th December	X country @ Goring
Friday 8th December	Non School uniform—please bring in a hamper donation Pantomime
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production @ 2.30
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day Children to sing at Senior Citizen Lunch FONS Movie Night—doors open at 4.30
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December	Christmas Carols and Star of the term Assembly All welcome in the church. Time TBC Followed by Tea and mince pies in school
Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December	FONS secret present room
Tuesday 19th December	Term ends at 1.30pm
Monday 8th January 2018	Term 3 starts for children