

Netherton Infant & Nursery School Newsletter

No. 1 Wednesday 6th September 2023

Latest News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year! It has been so nice to greet you all at the gate and see our new families and children settling into school life. I hope that you've all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a fabulous year here at Netherton Infant and Nursery School.

As you know, we've had lots of work going on over the summer – we now have fabulous new toilets in EYFS and KS1! Staff have worked so hard to get the school ready for the new term and I'd like to say a huge thank you to them all for the dedication and commitment to the school.

There's lots coming up in this first half term, so please get your diaries out and make note of the dates and events mentioned here – there will be more announced once our Friends of Netherton (FONS) team have met next week.

Enjoy!

Mrs Emma Barker
Headteacher

Communication

Remember to download the **Parent Hub app – this is our main method of communication.** If you have trouble with this, please don't hesitate to pop into the office for some help.

Great Changes to our School

As well as our new toilets, classrooms in KS1 have had new carpets and the corridor has been refreshed with new paint and a new floor. Every display board has been recovered to reflect a more natural look. Year 1 and 2 classrooms have been swapped around and the outdoor area outside Year 1 is now a wonderful learning space thanks to a lot of hard work from Mrs Livesey. We have new doors in the hall and nursery too – plus new windows in the office. We know that these changes will make us even more proud of our little school and create a wonderful environment for learning and for well-being.



Important Dates

Friday 15th September – International Dot Day Thursday 21st September – Individual photo day
Thursday 5th October – Parent Workshop by CAMHS 2pm and 5pm – Child Well-being
Thursday 12th October – Phonics workshops for new Reception parents (more info to follow)
Wednesday 18th October – Parent's evening 3:30-6pm
Thursday 19th October – Parent's evening 5pm-7:30pm Friday 20th October – Harvest & Donations
Friday 27th October – Last day of Half-term

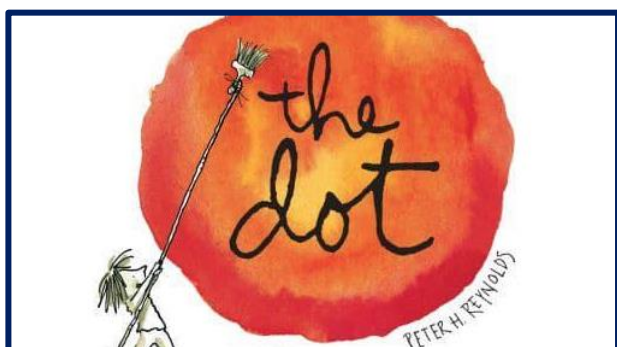
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International Dot Day 15th September 2023

Created by Peter Reynolds, author of the wonderful book 'The Dot', National Dot Day is a day to connect and collaborate and also celebrate self-expression. This year - as we did last year - we will be celebrating this day at our school. During the day, every child will be designing their own dot to appear on some outdoor murals. **We're also asking children to wear one piece of dotty clothing – it could be a head band or t-shirt – you could add dot stickers to uniform. Please do not buy anything new, just be creative with what you have.**

You can find out more information about International Dot Day by clicking the picture below:



Reception Baseline

Reception children will be participating in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of starting reception.

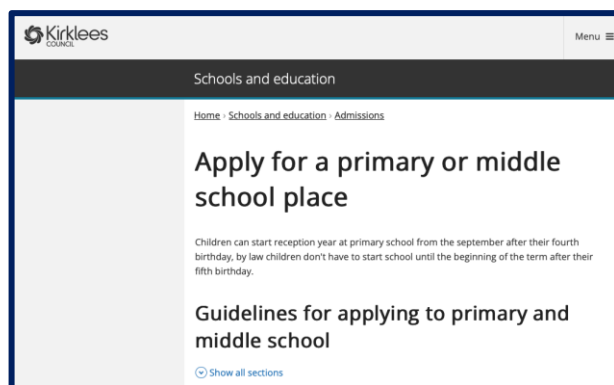
The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a new measure that will help parents understand how well schools support their pupils to progress between reception and year 6/the end of key stage 2. For more information click on the photo to the left. If you would like to know about this, then please click here: [reception baseline](#).

Friends of Netherton - FONS

FONS are our precious fundraising team and are led by our chair, Becky Nunn. We're always looking for new members to help raise vital funds for the school. If you'd like to get involved, no matter how small a commitment, you'd be most welcome and so appreciated. FONS is a great way to meet new people and really feel part of the school community – the first FONS meeting will be on **Monday 18th of September at 6pm** in school – if you'd like to pop along, then please do!

Junior School and Reception Admissions

Nursery & Year 2 parents – the admissions window for school places is now open. Apply online, sooner rather later as the deadline for applications is the 15th of January 2024. Just click on the image to the below.



Welcome Miss Cryer

We'd like to say a huge 'welcome to the team' to Miss Cryer, who is our new Class 4 teacher. It is wonderful to have you at our school – we hope you will be very happy here!

