

Netherton Infant & Nursery School Newsletter

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Latest News

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is flying by and we're already thinking about the last week of term – please take note that the last day is 'dress to express' day.

A letter about parent's evening has gone out today in your child's book bag – please keep an eye out for it.

Enjoy the rest of the news!

Mrs Emma Barker
Headteacher

Uniform Exchange

Another reminder that the uniform exchange have lots of items on offer this winter including brand new hats, gloves, scarves, socks, pants, vest and 'snoodly hoodies'. If you would like to order something – please send an email to the school office at office@nethertonian.co.uk with your child's clothes size.

Mental Health – Dress to Express

On Friday 10th February, to mark the end of Children's Mental Health Week, children can come to school in non-uniform. You could wear your favourite colour or wear something that makes you feel happy! Please take into account the weather on the day and sensible shoes too! Donations of £1 will go towards buying books on mental health and wellbeing.

Friendship Day

Valentine's Day is within the holidays this year, so we'd like to celebrate our traditional Friendship Day on the last day of term - Friday 10th February. This will make a nice finale to Children's Mental Health Week – the theme of which is 'Let's Connect'. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. So, this year, we are going to have the theme of **hearts**. All children will decorate a cardboard heart that will represent our school value of 'friendship'. FONS representative, David Shaw will join us in our proud assembly to talk about friendship and explain the significance of the heart. Pupils can take their heart home on the same day. We hope that the children display them in their windows or hang them in their gardens to create a 'friendship trail' around Netherton. During the holidays, you could go heart spotting – connecting the community together!

Important Dates

Friday 10th February – Dress to Impress/Friendship Day

Friday 10th February – Last day of term

Thursday 2nd March – Strictly Pennine (Y2 only)

Wednesday 8th March – Parent's Evening 1

Monday 20th February – Start of spring term 2

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Thursday 9th March – Parent's Evening 2

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World Book Day

A date for your diaries – World Book Day is on Thursday the 2nd of March.

This year we will be taking part in lots of book-led activities, buddy reading and extra BEAR time (Be Excited About Reading). Children are welcome to bring in their favourite book to share in school if they should wish and wear their pyjamas to really get into the mood for a good bedtime story!



Water Safety

Last Wednesday we had the Learning & Skills Coordinator from the Canal & River Trust in school to present an assembly to our Year 2 children about water safety. The children learned all about spotting common hazards, the SAFE (Stay Away From the Edge) message & checking that they know who to contact in an emergency. Year 2 school councillors then spread the word into Year 1 and Reception, speaking loud and clear to everyone – well done!

Wellbeing

Have you checked out our wellbeing pages on the website recently? They have been updated with a great resource for parents about positive interactions with your child. You can get to the pages here:

<https://www.nethertonian.co.uk/wellbeing>

Parent Workshops

'Back to School Support for Parents and Carers/Managing Change and Transition' - will be our first parent workshop to be held in school and led by Northorpe Hall. This will take place in our outdoor classroom – The Beehive at 9am on Wednesday 28th of March. Everyone is welcome – please can you email office@nethertonian.co.uk to book your place.

Reading Bingo

Thank you to everyone that got involved in the reading bingo – we have had so many responses and pictures of all the fantastic reading you have been doing at home – well done everyone!

Happy Birthday!

Our lovely Mrs Need is celebrating a very special birthday today. We'd like to thank her for everything that she does for our school.

