

# Netherton Infant & Nursery School Newsletter

No. 13 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Latest News

Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to welcoming you into school tonight and tomorrow for parent's evenings. Please use the main entrance door where you'll be able to collect your child's books or directed to see the floors books in our Reception classes.

On Thursday, we will welcome the Sharing Memories project back into school for their second session. Last Thursday, they started an art project in collaboration with some elderly people in the community and children from years 1 & 2. It was a delight to see the young and the old working together and sharing stories – photos can be found on our Facebook pages and news of the art exhibition on the Huddersfield Piazza, should be available soon.

Enjoy the rest of the news!

Mrs Emma Barker  
Headteacher

## Mother's Day Shop

Due the possible disruption next Thursday for teacher's strikes, we have made the decision to bring the Mother's Day shop forward to **TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. A poster will go out on ParentHub shortly.

## Strictly Pennine

Well done to the 30 Year 2 children who took part in last Thursday's Strictly Pennine Dance Festival at the Lawrence Batley Theatre. The children were so excited to perform on the huge stage to parents, carers and the wider audience. They had been rehearsing week in week out with Dance Emporium teacher – Darian. They performed a street dance to Yolanda Adams' 'I Believe' and we were all so proud of them – many of us shed a tear of pride! All the children represented the school fantastically and I'm sure it's something they will remember for a long time. Thank you to all the staff that gave up their free time to help on the evening and to parents and carers for supporting this fantastic event.

## STRIKE ACTION

We anticipate that there will be disruption to some classes and the school day next Wednesday and Thursday for the final teacher strikes. Please ensure you start thinking about alternative care arrangements for your child/children now. I will endeavour to let you know the arrangements for these days just as soon as I can.

## Important Dates

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's Evening 1  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery 'Stay & Play'  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - FONS Mother's Day Shop**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bingo 6pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's Evening 2  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Exotic Animals Day  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Parent Workshop  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Bunny Hop

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## World Book Day

Thank you for supporting World Book Day last Thursday – we had an array of wonderful PJs and onesies around school. Classes enjoyed sharing their favourite books, creating new front covers, making bookmarks, turning into colour monsters and activity books plus lots more to promote the love of reading. There are plenty of pictures on Facebook of the day for you to enjoy.



## Parent Workshops

A reminder that **'Back to School Support for Parents and Carers/Managing Change and Transition'** - will be our 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Everyone is welcome – please can you email [office@nethertonian.co.uk](mailto:office@nethertonian.co.uk) to book your place. As yet we have no-one booking onto this course – I really encourage anyone reaching out for support with behaviour to pop along as there will be time for a Q&A with Dawn Kershaw in the morning. With access to support and services so limited at this point in time, these workshops are an excellent gateway to help.

## Friends of Netherton Update

Last night, FONS met to discuss our up-and-coming events and look at future projects to help the school. We're pleased to tell you that with the help of Persimmon Homes and match funding from FONS, we now have the funds in place to complete the library project and installation will happen at the end of May. Here are some visuals of what it will look like – we can't wait! As well as new shelving, areas to read and a table for focussed work, the library will be fully stocked with new books, all labelled and covered in protective sleeves. We will be searching for volunteer librarians in the near future, so if you fancy helping out in school, potentially on a Friday, then please let us know!



For more news about FONS, why not follow their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057569884632> or search 'Friends of Netherton'.

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## Why Are We Striking?

### A poem by Dave McParlin, Headteacher at Flakefleet Primary

We're striking for the child who's in the wrong  
place,  
Needs specialist provision, but they haven't got  
the space,  
For the child who's behind and suffers with  
stress,  
We'd offer them more, but we're offering them  
less,

We're striking for the child whose life has gone  
bad,  
Who goes back to a home that just makes  
them sad,  
For the child that needs support and love, not  
testing,  
Struggling in a system that's not had enough  
investing,

We're striking for the family who know we are  
trying,  
We can't offer what we used to and our chats  
leave them crying  
For the family we help with food, clothes and  
bedding,  
We all do our best, but we know where this is  
heading

We're striking for the family who sleeps in the  
cold,  
Empty kitchen cupboards and walls full of  
mould  
For the family in desperate need of a  
professional helping hand,  
But the services can't cope because of the  
unprecedented demand

We're striking for the LSAs and teachers, all tired  
and stressed  
Who don't ever feel enough, but are doing their  
best  
For the LSAs and teachers who have never felt  
such pressure,  
Who try to make it fun, but so much is about  
what you can measure

We're striking for the schools with limited  
resources,  
Not as much staff development 'cos there's no  
money for courses.  
For the school staff all dealing with the effects  
of Covid-19,  
Fixing challenging behaviours unlike any we've  
ever seen

We're striking for the leaders with the impossible  
task,  
Of keeping everyone going with an impossible  
ask  
For the leaders to get even more out of their  
shattered staff,  
Balance school improvement with wellbeing?  
You're having a laugh!

We're striking for the leaders who go home in  
tears,  
Because of high stakes accountability and their  
Ofsted fears  
For the leaders who know what it should really  
be like,  
But their ideas aren't listened to and we end up  
on strike

We're striking because we have to, the system  
is broken,  
And for the love of our children, our profession  
has spoken.

With so much on the news about the strikes, I  
saw this poem and thought it was worth sharing.