

Netherton Infant & Nursery School Newsletter

No. 3 Wednesday 5th October 2022

Latest News

Dear Parents/Carers,

It gave me great pleasure to reinstate many of the memorial plaques in the memorial garden at the back of the school, I hope those that pass this area on their way to and from juniors will stop and have a look. You can read all about how we managed to make this happen in this week's newsletter.

Please can we keep talking about our 'kind hands', kind feet, kind mouths' rules at home – it always helps to have the same messages being said in school as well as at home.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Emma Barker
Headteacher

Parent's Evenings

You should have received a letter in your child's bookbag regarding two parent's evening dates – Wednesday 19th of October and Thursday 20th of October. At this meeting, your child's teacher will update you on how the first half term has gone and how your child is settling in. Nursery parents – you have a separate letter regarding a more informal 'stay and play' chat with the nursery staff. All teachers have a flexible approach and are also offering telephone appointments if you cannot make it into school.

Memorial Garden

Since joining the school last year, the decline of the memorial gardens has really bothered me. Several of the plaques had fallen into disrepair and many were missing. Having hunted down the missing plaques, they needed to be restored. I have to say a huge thank you to Mr Paul Barker – a former teacher to many of you at Newsome High and a previous pupil here at Netherton Infants - for taking the time to do this job. He's lovingly repositioned the name plates onto oak and revived the wording.

Retired teacher, Mrs Elaine Levick and past headteacher, Mrs Elizabeth Morris then came to my aid with the positioning of the plaques. Mrs Morris created a map so that we were able to finally place them in the correct positions. We hope to receive a Jubilee tree this term to add to the garden. Please help us to keep this area tidy and rubbish-free.



Important Dates

Wednesday 19th October – Parent's Evening

Friday 21st October – FONS Pumpkin Patch
Monday 31st October – Autumn 2 term begins

Thursday 20th October – Parent's Evening

Friday 21st October – Last day of term
Friday 25th November – INSET day (school closed)

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Meet Our SENDco

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator is Mrs Jenny Gurden. She is also our Mental Health Lead. On Wednesday 19th October, Mrs Gurden will be available for a drop in chat or pre-arranged meeting to listen to anyone with concerns or those that would like to know more about the role.

If you'd like to speak to Mrs Gurden, please call the office to book a time from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on Wednesday 19th October or feel free to just drop in on that day. Appointments are limited to 15 minutes.

Friends of Netherton – FONS Pumpkin Patch

Please see the exciting new fundraiser from our fabulous FONS team – if you're thinking about buying a pumpkin this hallowe'en – then please consider buying it from us!



The poster features a decorative border of autumn leaves and pumpkins. At the top left is the Netherton I & N logo with the motto 'ACHIEVE FRIENDSHIP RESPECT'. The text reads: 'FONS in association with NETHERTON I & N SCHOOL PUMPKIN PATCH Friday 21st October 3.20pm Pick your own pumpkin from our patch, listen to spooky stories and pick your trick or treat surprise TICKETS £2.50 EACH TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE ONE TICKET IS VALID FOR ONE PUMPKIN, PLEASE PURCHASE A TICKET FOR EACH PUMPKIN YOU REQUIRE. ADULTS ONLY NEED TO PURCHASE A TICKET IF THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE A PUMPKIN'. The bottom of the poster shows several pumpkins of different colors and sizes.

Supporting Charities

We know that times are very hard at the moment and the cost of living is going up and up. We also know that charities need our help more than ever and as a school community, we have always dug deep in times of hardship. We'd like to know from you whether you'd like us to get involved with certain local and national charities this year by having your say in a short survey, just click the link below to answer three questions:

[Charities Survey](#)

Parking and Traffic Around School

Another polite reminder to think carefully about how and where you park around school. I have raised the issue with the PCSO and I'm hoping they will begin to have a presence in the village. I've also reported the building site traffic to Persimmon Homes as they should not be using Netherton Moor Road during school pick up and drop off times. Some truck drivers have also been quite rude to parents and Persimmon assure me that these drivers have been dealt with and offer their sincere apologies to the school community. I will continue to monitor the situation.

Covid-19

We are feeling the effects of Covid-19 yet again in school, with a significant number of staff falling ill over the last few days. There are no hard and fast rules anymore and testing is not required. However, if your child is ill and has a temperature it is advised to keep them off school.