**Netherton Primary School**

**Newsletter June 2021**

Dear Parent and Carer,

This is our final newsletter of the session and contains information for our final few days together and for the start of the new session. We plan outdoor learning throughout this week and as it is also the end of term, we will relax the uniform for those who wish to wear own clothes.

P.7, we look forward to seeing you in your hoodies!

**End of term arrangements**

We close at 1 pm on Thursday: please take note of your child’s finishing times.

* **P.1 will leave 12.55 pm**
* **P.2/1 will leave at 1 pm**
* **P.2 finish at12.50 pm**
* **P.3 finish at 1 pm**
* **P.4 finish at 12.50 pm**
* **P.5 finish at 1 pm**
* **P.6 finish at 1 pm**
* **P.7 finish at 12.50 pm**; *however, the children will leave their classroom at 12.30 pm to allow photographs to be taken in the playground.*

Lunch on the last day will be Snacks2Go and children will have lunch during the school day.

**New term arrangements: August 2021**

As we look forward to the new school year, we hope that restrictions will continue to ease. However, we assume that mitigations in place in school will continue to remain. Therefore:

* We will continue to have hand sanitizers within the school and children will use these and/or wash hands regularly throughout the day.
* Just as last session, we have provided a pencil case for each child in class with pencil, ruler, eraser, sharpener etc. We ask that any resources brought from home be kept to a minimum for health and safety reasons.
* Children should not bring in toys, balls etc
* We respectfully remind everyone that all adults must wait at the school gate and phone into the school on 01698 522721 if they wish to speak to staff. Entrance to the school is restricted as we strive to stop the spread of Covid 19.
* The wearing of masks will continue.
* Staggered starts and finishes will continue (see below)

***We will inform you of any changes as soon as possible.***

***Please note that the school is closed over the summer holidays. Staff will return to school on Thursday 12th June and all children return on Monday 16th August.***

**Class Arrangements**

***P.1, 2 and 3 will continue to enter and exit through the main entrance***

* P.1 8.55-3 pm (First day 10-2, second day 9.30-2.30, third day 8.55-3pm)
* P.2 8.50-2.55 pm
* P.3/2 8.45-2.45 pm

***P.3-7 will continue to enter and exit from the side gate at the main playground.***

* P.3 8.55-3pm
* P.4 8.55-3
* P.5 8.50-2.55 pm
* P.7/6 8.45-2.50
* P.7 9-3.05 pm

**Uniform**

Back to normal in August! Shirt and tie and/or polo shirt and sweat shirt; grey trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore.

**P.E.**

Your child’s class teacher will send out P.E. times in August. Children can come in dressed in their P.E. kit: top (which can be uniform polo shirt) and joggers, leggings or shorts. Children should come with an appropriate outdoor jacket as P.E. will continue to take place outside.

 Please note that we presently cannot offer changing facilities in the school.

**School Dinners**

Primaries 1-4 are entitled to free school meals from August 2021. Clothing Grants must be applied for separately.

P.5-7 will continue to pay from August 2021.

**School garden: Ash Park**

Our plans for this area include tyres and bark for the ground. If anyone can help us out here with donations of these, please let us know before Wednesday. Many thanks.

**Nurture Room**

As you may know, Fusion, our Nurture Room, had to be run a little differently this session. In August, it will become not only will it continue to be our Nurture Room, it will also become a playroom. If you have any items such as lego, a sand pit or water trough, games/complete jigsaws , toy kitchens etc, please let us know and we can arrange a pick up time. Please note we cannot accept any soft furnishings/materials or soft toys.

**Communication**

All letters will continue to be sent through Groupcall. These are also available on the school website.

Parent Council minutes can also be found on the school website.

If you need assistance to find these or just need a reminder, please contact us at school.

All staff’s emails will change from the end of June. Teachers can be contacted through Glow emails. Please note my new email is gw18eastonfiona@glow.sch.uk

**Behaviour and Anti Bullying**

At Netherton, we expect the whole community to be treated with respect.

Therefore, all adults in the school community are expected to lead by example: teachers, support staff, parents, visitors to the school. I respectfully remind all adults of North Lanarkshire’s policy that staff

Staff , parents and visitors to the school should also expect to be treated with similar values.

In working together in this way, we set high standards for our children. We spend a great deal of time with our children, developing our school values of being Safe, Respected and Achieving.

Children spend time learning about being responsible citizens and learn about their rights and responsibilities, how to treat others and that bullying is not accepted or tolerated in the school. Inappropriate language is also not tolerated.

We will continue to work with all parents and carers to support your child’s development in this area and we ask that you support your child and the school by discussing our values with your child over the school holidays.

We remain very proud of the children who continue to set a good example to others, who uphold our school values and who show care and kindness to others. We also remain very proud of children who sometimes need that helping hand along the way and try their best.

**School Funds**

As you know, our School Fund is different from the budget received from North Lanarkshire Council. The School Fund comes from Parent Council and the school’s own fundraising and donations eg Ladies’ Nights, Bingo Nights, Sponsored Events (sponsored dance).

In the past, we have used these funds to purchase ipads, bicycle helmets, helping to pay towards trips, pupil workshops etc. The Parent Council has generously agreed to donate money to cover the P.7 Leavers’ programme: this will be repaid into the School Fund account.

**Primary 7**

Miss Graham and Mr MacNab, thank you very much for all your hard work preparing for, live streaming and recording the Leavers’ service. Parents, a link for this will be sent to you soon.

***To our dear pupils: I would like to take one final opportunity to wish you all the very best for high school and we hope to hear great things about you all. We will miss you and we will be thinking about you on your first days at your new school. Good luck with your future endeavours***.

I hope you all have a very happy and peaceful holiday and one where everyone, especially the children, can enjoy some kind of normality. Thank you very much for all your help, support and very kind words this year: the staff and I have really appreciated this.

Kind regards,

Fiona Easton

Head Teacher