Netherton Infant & Nursery School Newsletter

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Latest News

Dear Parents/Carers.

Only two weeks since the last newsletter and such an awful lot has happened in that time not least the snow! We're sorry we had to cancel our planned second parent's evening, but hopefully you've all received your new date slips now. We've loved seeing all your fabulous photos of the fun you had in the snow memories that I'm sure will last a lifetime.

The teaching world has been rocked by the announcement of the death of Headteacher, Ruth Perry following an Ofsted inspection at the school. It's highlighted the stress that leaders are facing and that we should all be looking out for one another. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the school community - so many of you genuinely care about all the staff at Netherton Infant & Nursery School and regularly 'check in' to see if we are all OK. This really means so much to every single member of the team. Your words of thanks and encouragement spur us on to keep doing what we're doing!

Lots to look forward to in the final week of this half term – where has the time gone?

Enjoy the rest of the news!

Mrs Emma Barker Headteacher

Super Woman Shop

A huge thank you to our FONS team who, bought, wrapped and then sold tens of wonderful gifts for the ladies in our lives on Tuesday and Friday of last week. It's always delightful to see the children picking out their gift for their special person – it means so much to them and hopefully to you too. At our last meeting, the FONS team discussed how they can support school on the every day essentials required in class using FONS funds. We're not one for shouting about the school budget - but I'm sure there's no surprises when I say we don't have a lot to throw around – so any help FONS can offer is greatly appreciated. So, as well as an 'enrichment' payment to each class at the end of the year, FONS now have a dedicated pot of money that teachers can access for items such as pens, art materials, card etc. As this pot is used, we'll let you know via the newsletter how children are benefitting.



<u>Important Dates</u>

Thursday 23rd March – Nursery 'Stay & Play' afternoon

Monday 27th March – Easter Bingo 6:30pm Friday 31st March – Easter Bunny Hop

Monday 17th April – Summer term begins

Friday 5th May – Coronation celebrations in school – further information soon!

Monday 8th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 25th May – School Disco

Thursday 30th March – Parent's Evening 2 Friday 31st March – Last day of term Monday 1st May - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 23rd May – Class Photos Friday 26th May – Last day of half term



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Easter Events

We are heading towards two of our most favourite events in our school calendar – the Easter Bingo and the bunny hop. Sponsorship forms have gone in bookbags yesterday – please ask friends and family to sponsor the hop around the playground. Children can wear uniform with comfy schools/trainers. We'll be making bunny ears in class, but if children want to wear bunny ears from home, they are welcome to! Fingers crossed the sun shines on all our Netherton bunnies!

Monday is our Easter bingo – a fun and competitive event held in school for all families – we'd love to see you there! There'll be refreshments and guaranteed chocolate prizes for all!



Exotic Animals

We had a wonderful time, last Wednesday, with the Exotic Animal Encounter company in school, with everything from snakes to tortoise, meerkats to skunks – all children experienced a wonderful time learning about the animals and getting up real close too – there are lots of photos on our Facebook pages, and just a few here...





There were some very brave children on the day – and adults too! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the funding of this event and to Mrs Livesey for organising it.

