

Headteacher' s Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Staffing update

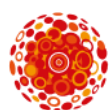
Today we say "welcome back" to Christina Leaper who is back in the nursery unit following her maternity leave. Sadly though, we have to say goodbye to Ruth Allcock who has done such a fantastic job covering for Christina. We wish her all the best for the future. Also leaving us today is our Year 4 teacher Rebecca Simpson. Rebecca is taking up a new post nearer to home in Derby after the Easter holiday. Good luck to you Rebecca!



Our super Acting Deputy Headteacher, James Willis, will be moving on at the end of the school year. James will take up a Deputy Headteacher post in West Bridgford and, whilst we will miss him greatly, we are proud of his success – congratulations James! From September our new Acting Deputy Headteacher will be Mrs Paula Taylor. As Assistant Headteacher, Paula has led pastoral matters very effectively; those of you who know her well will appreciate the great work she has done and will continue to do as Deputy Headteacher.

Investors In Pupils

One of the strengths of Netherfield is how we involve pupils in decision making and developing responsibility and leadership in relation to learning, behaviour, attendance and classroom management. This term our successes have once again been recognised as we have been reaccredited with the Investor in Pupils Mark. Huge thanks go to Miss Jo Mulligan for all her work in promoting these aspects of school life and preparing us for the IIP reaccreditation inspection.



The Big Bang
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

On Friday 18th March, a group of 38 children (from Year 2 to 6), staff and parents visited the NEC at Birmingham to attend the Big Bang Science Fair. We started the day by watching the Astronaut and the Quantum Mechanical Chocolate Factory Theatre Show and then we divided into our year groups to explore the fair. The interactive activities were designed to 'wow' you with the wonderful world of science, technology, engineering and maths. Find out more by visiting www.thebigbangfair.co.uk.

All the children should be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and inquisitive nature throughout the day.

Dates of your diary:

- Sports relief: Friday 22nd April – your child will be bringing a form home for the 'Speed Kick' competition.
- Scholastic Book Fair: Wed 27th April to Fri 29th April
- Talent Assembly: Friday 29th April
- Talent Assembly: Friday 13th May
- Netherfield's Got Talent Night: Thursday 30th June 6 - 7.30pm
- Netherfield Gala: Saturday 25th June



Finally, we wish you all a great and safe Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 18th April – especially our new starters in the Foundation Stage – may their time with us be happy and rewarding.

Peter Hardern, Heateacher