



CHRISTMAS 2016 - NEWSLETTER



Merry Christmas!

I hope those of you with children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One enjoyed the Christmas performances this week; the children performed with such joy and confidence. I would like to thank all the staff who played a part.

Key Stage Two children will be celebrating Christmas on the last day of term with a Carol Service at St George's Church, Netherfield and parents are invited. If you would like to come along, please meet us at the church. Teas and coffees will be provided by the PTA afterwards.



Years Three and Four's service will be a 10:00am on Tuesday 20th December.

Years Five and Six's service will be at 14:00 on Tuesday 20th December.

After the afternoon performance, children may be collected and taken straight home from the church, otherwise they will be accompanied back to school by staff to be collected or walk home at the usual time.

Staffing

This month our cook, Brigitte Newmarsh, had her twenty-fifth anniversary of working for the County Council – most of that time spent here at Netherfield. Sadly, Brigitte is ill at the moment and has not been able to celebrate with us. On behalf of all the staff, I thank her for her long service and I wish her a speedy recovery. We are very grateful to Zoe Joy who is filling in during Brigitte's absence.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Gemma Nason, one of our Teaching Assistants. Gemma has worked at Netherfield since 2012 and she is leaving to take up a new post. I wish her the very best of luck at her new school and wish her well for the future.

We look forward to welcoming back Sarah Stevenson to the Foundation Stage following her maternity leave. Sarah will start back with us in February.

Fundraising

Thanks to your support, our Christmas market raised over £200 for classroom enrichment. Our PTA held a hugely successful fashion show that raised over £500 and we have received a very generous donation from the Women's Institute, who meet here once a month. They held a quiz in aid of school funds and raised over £700. This money will be spent on reading books for the children.

Diary dates

School closes on Tuesday 20 December, 3.15pm and will be closed for staff training on Wednesday 4th January. This means that the first day of term for is:

Reception – Year 6 **Thursday 5th January 2017**

F1 Nursery children who attend already - **Thursday 5th January 2017**

F1 Nursery new starters – **Monday 9 January 2017, (am) 8.45am or (pm) 12.25pm**

Caterpillars' children who attend already - **Monday 9 January 2017, (am) 8.45am or (pm) 12.25pm**

Caterpillars' new starters – **Wednesday 11 January, (am) 9.30 – 10.30 or (pm) 1.30 – 2.30**

Finally...

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Hardem
Headteacher

