

HEADTEACHERS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2017



Academy Update

I was hoping by now to be able to update you on our conversion to academy status. Whilst a decision is imminent, we are still waiting for final confirmation. I expect to be able to write to you after the half term holiday to tell you who our academy sponsor organisation will be and to invite you to contribute to the consultation process. I am optimistic that the outcome will strengthen the school without creating problems for parents and carers.

Staffing

We are pleased to report that our long-standing cook, Brigitte, is on the mend following her illness. She's not back at school yet but she's back at home and getting stronger every day. She thanks you all for your warm wishes. We are grateful to Anna Knight who is filling in at the moment. She is doing a truly great job.

It's good to have Sarah Stevenson back in the Foundation Stage following her maternity leave. She is sharing the Fireflies class with Mrs Brakes and leading Foundation Two. Mrs Stevenson will teach on Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Thursday with Mrs Brakes teaching the rest of the time. This will free up Mrs Carr to teach in Foundation One on Monday and Wednesday.

Pupil Premium

Thanks to those of you who have enrolled for Pupil Premium – this makes a huge difference to the school. If you think there's even a slim chance that you might be eligible, please drop your National Security Number into the office and we will be able to check for you.

Uniform and PE Kit

Back in September all the children were in uniform and brought PE kit but we're noticing a few starting to slip. Uniform is important because it helps children adopt this right frame of mind for learning. Please help us to get back to where we were at the start of the school year.

Road Safety

At the end of the school day, Chandos Street is very busy many of you have raised concerns over road safety. We have asked the County Council for a crossing patrol but this request has been denied. Please help us to keep the children safe by:

- Not parking on the zigzags
- Not manoeuvring in the zigzag zone – 3 point turns etc.
- Not parking in the school car park unless you have been granted special permission (as is the case for a couple of parents whose children have Special Needs).
- Respecting the 20 mph speed limit.



Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Diary Dates

We have set our Inset dates for next school year so that they align with Carlton le Willows academy. See overleaf.

Other dates:

- Closed for staff training (Inset) Mon 3rd July 2017

We look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on 20 February after the half term break.

Peter Hardern
Headteacher

NETHERFIELD PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL - School Holidays 2017 – 2018

	<u>School closes on the</u> <u>Afternoon of:</u>	<u>School re-opens on the</u> <u>Morning of:</u>
2017		
Spring Half Term	Friday 10 February	Monday 20 February
Easter	Friday 31 March	Tuesday 18 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 28 April	Tuesday 2 May
Summer Half Term	Friday 26 May	Monday 5 June (Monday 3 July – INSET)
Summer	Tuesday 25 July	Wednesday 6 September (Tuesday 5 September INSET)
New School Year 2017 – 2018		
Autumn Half Term	Friday 20 October	Monday 30 October
Autumn Inset Day	Thursday 16 November	Monday 20 November (Friday 17 November INSET)
Christmas	Thursday 21 December	Monday 8 January (Friday 22 December INSET)
2018		
Spring Half Term	Friday 16 February	Tuesday 27 February (Monday 26 February INSET)
Easter	Thursday 29 March	Monday 16 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Thursday 3 May	Tuesday 8 May (Friday 4 May INSET)
Summer Half Term	Friday 25 May	Monday 4 June
Summer	Wednesday 25 July	To be advised