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Dear Parents/Carers

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We have had a fantastic start to the new school year with the children settling well into their new classes and getting to know their teaching teams. We are having a whole school focus on presentation of work and it is fabulous to see the children working so hard in this area: we are really seeing the impact that this concentration and focus are having. Another thing to celebrate is how polite and well-mannered the children are around school; something which is often commented on by visitors.

As always we have a number of events taking place throughout the term and I would like to share with you some key dates:

Thursday 1 October	Individual photographs (family photos for non-school age children from 8am)
Tuesday 13 October	Year 5/6 football match at Robert Mellors School – after school
Friday 16 October	Reading Camp reward
Thursday 22 October	Summer Reading Challenge Reward Trip
Friday 30 October	Week-long visit from partner school teacher arriving from Ghana
17/18/19 November	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 2 December	Pantomime in school – Aladdin (Years 1-6)
Friday 4 December	INSET Day – school closed to children Netherfield Lights Switch On – choir to perform
Monday 7 December	EYFS performance - afternoon
Tuesday 8 December	EYFS performance – morning Year 1/2 performance – afternoon
Wednesday 9 December	Year 1/2 performance – morning
Thursday 10 December	Year 3/4 performance – afternoon
Friday 11 December	Year 3/4 performance – afternoon
Tuesday 15 December	Year 5/6 performance – afternoon
Wednesday 16 December	Year 5/6 performance – evening
Thursday 17 December	Party Day
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 5 January	Return to school

Please look out for letters in the coming weeks which will give you more information about these events and others as they are arranged.

Most of you will know Miss Madeley, who has been a member of staff at Netherfield since she started her teaching career. During this time, her hard work and dedication to providing the very best for all children has resulted in enormous successes. Most recently Miss Madeley has been leader for our EYFS and Years 1 and 2, guiding and supporting our fabulous team to enable amazing progress. Miss Madeley will be starting her maternity leave on Wednesday 30 September and she has made the decision that she will not return to Netherfield Primary following

this leave, as she wishes to concentrate on family life. We will be very sad to see Miss Madeley leave but we wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst the children have been settling into their new routines and classrooms, during the first weeks of term. We initially had some issues surrounding the dropping off and collection of children in years 1, 2 and 3, but these have now been resolved, thanks to solutions suggested by staff and parents. All of the staff continue to work hard to ensure that the safety and well-being of all the children is our first priority and we thank you for your support with this.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, myself or Mr Willis if there is anything that you would like to discuss with us.

Yours truly

Emma Essex
Acting Head Teacher