



NETHERTHONG NEWS

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28TH APRIL 2021

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY

26th—Class photos

28th— INSET Day

30th—3 June—Half
Term

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Lateral Flow Tests

Staff are testing twice weekly for Covid-19 and parents of children now in school are also able to request lateral flow tests to self test at home via the link below.

www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Miss Monday and Mr Chaplin who joined our team here at Netherthong after the Easter break. Miss Monday joins us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and has many years of experience and a love of arts which we hope to put to good use in all classes. Mr Chaplin is our new caretaker and many of you may have already met him out doing his duties in the morning. Please make him feel welcome.

We are delighted to announce that we have also appointed Mrs Liz McLoughlin as our Deputy Headteacher. Mrs McLoughlin will join us in September and we look forward to working with her.

Covid-19 Update

We hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the relaxation of the Covid restrictions (and the weather!) over the last couple of weeks and are looking forward to these being relaxed further in the near future.

In school, we will be taking a very slowly, slowly approach to any relaxations we are able to make, as we consider the needs and experiences that the children have had over the last year. If we are able to make any changes, we will keep you informed so that you can help prepare your child for them.

Please be aware that levels of Covid-19 are still very high in Kirklees and is currently the second worst affected area in England. It is vital that we remain vigilant. Thank you for your continued support in keeping us all safe.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We will be sending out an email later today with a link to a parent survey. We are keen to gain your views about the school to inform our future operations and planning. We would be grateful if you would spare 5 minutes to complete it. Your thoughts are invaluable to us. Thank you.

PARKING

We have been advised that some parents have started to park over the zigzag road markings on Dean Brook Road. Please could we ask that parents avoid doing so as it is illegal and dangerous, especially when children are trying to cross the road on their way to and from school. Thank you.

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Progress

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Online Safety/ Digital Detox

As children have been spending more and more time online and on screens, online safety has never been so important.

We are aware that many parents/carers can feel out of their depth in supporting their child through the maze of keeping their child safe online.

We are therefore pleased to be hosting an Online Safety event for parents on **Wednesday 9th June at 6.30pm**. The event will be held virtually via Teams and places will be limited as the event will be shared with parents across the Holme Valley, but for now please save the date!

During the same week, class 6 will be beginning their 'Digital Detox' week, and we invite you to join in with them! More details to follow.

We are so proud of Florence in class 3 who raised £100 for Northorpe Hall Child and Family Trust through the sale of her happy packs.



THE BIG ASK

The Big Ask is a 10 minute survey for children and young people, parents, carers and people who work with children to help identify their priorities for improving childhood post-Covid.

The survey is running until May 19 and its results will inform the foundations of a Children's Commissioner's Childhood Commission, which will culminate in the final report later this year.

We will be doing an assembly about it and here is the link for you to access the survey

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

We are all very much looking forward to taking part in a very special national event on Friday; 'England Does The Daily Mile'. It is a virtual mass event across England's Primary Schools to raise awareness of children's mental health and physical wellbeing across the country in view of the very difficult year they have all experienced. We are taking part in our current bubbles and running, jogging or walking for 1 mile each on Friday around our fabulous school field. We aim to make it great fun and hence stimulate the children to continue exercising daily and benefit both physically and mentally. **Please send your child in P.E. kit for the event.** Thank you, Mrs Matthews.

COMMUNITY

Following the recent issues with vandalism here at school and at playgroup, we are asking everyone to please help keep the school and the community a safe place by reporting any anti social behaviour you witness—this can be done anonymously online at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/101LiveChat>