



Netherseal St Peter's C E Primary School

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Welcome back, everyone, and an especially warm welcome to our new children and their families.

I hope you will all quickly settle in and will enjoy being a part of our school community.

Sue Hart, Headteacher.

Working Together



Since we know that children make the best progress when home and school work in close partnership, we actively encourage parents to come into school to chat about how their child is getting on. For this reason, we hold informal drop-in sessions on Fridays, when teachers are available in classrooms after school from 3pm until 3:30pm.

Teachers are of course always happy to share any immediate questions or concerns that may arise, and are usually available on the playground at the close of school each day; please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Parent - teacher meetings, a more formal opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress in school and the ways you can help at home, will be held between 3.40 and 6.50 pm on Wednesday 3rd October and between 3.40 and 5.20 pm on Thursday 4th October. Appointment slips will be sent home nearer to this date.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th October

Parent-Teacher meetings.
Details to follow.

Friday 19th October

Harvest assembly in the Village Hall at 1.30pm. Families welcome; no tickets required.

Thursday 25th October

Last day of Autumn Term 1 for the children.
(INSET Friday 26th)

Monday 5th November

Back to school for Autumn Term 2

Friday 9th November

Photographer in school for individual and family photographs. Younger siblings welcome - please arrive for 1.10 pm.

Wed 14th – Fri 16th November

Class 1 residential visit to Lea Green Outdoor Education Centre

Tuesday 4th December

Whole-school Wind in the Willows theatre visit.
More details later this term.

Tuesday 11th December

Reception & Y1 Nativity in the Village Hall at 9.30 am & 2.30 pm. Families welcome; ticket information next term.

Playground Safety

Please help us to keep everyone safe by ensuring that children coming to school on bikes or scooters do not ride or scoot on the playground. The area immediately outside the gate can become very busy and congested, so scooters and bikes should be pushed to and from the pavement well outside the gate.

Please do not allow children to run around on the playground or climb on school equipment whilst waiting for school to open; it is much safer for everyone if children wait calmly and sensibly beside you until school begins.

Thank you very much for your anticipated co-operation in helping to keep our playground a safe place to be.

Homework



This year, we will continue to set English and maths homework each week for all children in all classes, sending it home every Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Children in all year groups should also read at home with an adult for a few minutes every night.

Thank you for continuing to support and encourage your children to complete their homework every week and hand it in on time, as this builds on and extends classroom learning and therefore enables children to make optimum progress.

Getting in Touch



Messages to parents are sent through our app, NethersealPS, which is available to download free from Google Play or from the App Store. This is the way we will contact you if we are ever delayed coming back from trips, visits etc. now that we no longer use text-messaging.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 18th December (TBC)

Carol Service at 6pm in Church. Families welcome!

Friday 21st December

Last day of Autumn Term 2

Monday 7th January 2019

Back to school for Spring Term 3, 2019

INSET DAYS 2018-2019

All state schools are required to set aside five term-time days for staff training, or INSET, during each academic year. Our first INSET for this year was on Monday 3rd September and the remainder will be as follows:

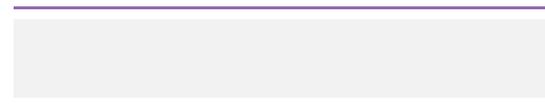
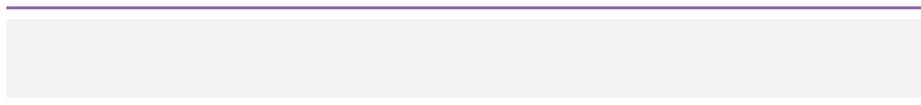
Friday 26th October 2018

Friday 21st June 2019

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Please note that these dates, along with Derbyshire term dates, are also available on the Virtual Office area of our web site.



Attendance

If your child is too ill to come to school, please let us know by telephoning the school office which is open from 8.30 am. When your child returns to school, please then confirm the reason for their absence in writing.

Detailed information about our policy on attendance is available on the School Information area of our web site. The categories of authorised & unauthorised absence are explained, as is our policy on absence from school for the purpose of a family holiday during term time.

Home Time

For confirmation, our procedures at the end of the day are as follows:

Children in Miss Hall's class should be collected from the Infant doorway, whereas children in Miss Read's class or Miss Halsey's class should be collected from the playground.

A member of staff will always remain on the playground to ensure that all children leave the premises safely; children are routinely reminded to stay with staff on the playground if the adult they are expecting to collect them has not arrived. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child knows who will be collecting them after school; we are happy to take phone messages where arrangements change over the course of the day.

Although we do of course understand that occasional delays are unavoidable, we appreciate the co-operation of our families in ensuring children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. Thank you.

No Nuts, Please!



A reminder that as we have children in school who are severely allergic to nuts, we are a 'nut-free' school and do not allow nuts or any type of nut-based products to be brought into school in children's packed lunches.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

