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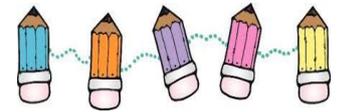
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'Learning and Succeeding Together'



Our school motto is 'Learning and Succeeding Together'. In each newsletter we aim to let you know more about how we are implementing this and supporting everyone to achieve it. As you may realise it has been a busy and exciting start to the year. We hope your children have come home telling you about the great 'entry points' to the class topics. Over the coming months we will be running a number of curriculum workshop for parents and carers so you understand more about the way we teach and how your children learn in school. We are also planning an 'Open Day' in November (date TBC) so you can see it in action along with a celebration of all their learning at the end of term 2, 4 and 6 which we are calling 'Exit points'.

We know many children don't always tell their parents about all the lovely things they are learning in school so we have included some of the exciting things happening here at Netheravon All Saints with updates on other news.

We are very proud of Oak class and the fantastic start they have made to school. We are so pleased at how quickly they have settled and are successfully managing the lunchtimes too. Starting school for the first time is very important; as is getting it right. Therefore a huge thank you must go to the EYFS team of Mrs. Shillito, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Cranham for all their planning and hard work to make it happen.

This week we are pleased to announce that we are interviewing for the post of Principal (Headteacher) for Netheravon. On Tuesday (tomorrow) the candidates will spend a day in school, carrying out a number of activities such as leading collective worship, meeting the school council and staff, as well as a range of other tasks to demonstrate their school leadership skills and qualities. The governors will write to let you know more about the outcome of this in due course.

Calendar for the Year

Attached is issue 2 of our calendar, highlighted are some new key events to add to your calendars. Please note the new date for the TD day in the summer term is now **Monday 3 June** and not 23 April as previously stated.



Celebration Collective Worship

We have had our first two celebration worship sessions and it was lovely to see so many parents being able to join us to see their children receiving their awards and we look forward to welcoming more of you over the year. Please listen out for the ping of a text message on a Friday afternoon with your invite. Each week we will be celebrating the best class attendance and so the **Best Attendance Trophy** in Week 1 went to Beech Class – 96% Week 2, Rowan – 99.6% and Week 3 with 100% - Beech again. Congratulations! At the end of term the class who wins the most times for the term will get an extra reward. If children are to learn and succeed we need them to attend school whenever possible.

RE and Collective Worship – News from Mrs Shillito

Harvest Festival



Harvest festival will take place on **Thursday 27th September at 2.30 in Netheravon Church**. This year we are collecting food donations for the Trussell Trust. The demand on foodbanks such as the Trussell Trust is ever increasing with people from broad walks of life finding themselves reliant on these food parcels to help them through difficult times. By adding your contribution of **long life/dry foods such as pasta, cereal, sauces, tinned fruit and vegetables or even chocolate** you will be supporting people in our local community.

We welcome all parents/grandparents and friends of the school to attend. We would encourage you to park at the school, and if possible assist in escorting the children to the church.

'Friends Friday'

Many parents and careers noticed our 'Friends Friday' on the calendar and wanted to know more. ☺ As a faith school our Christian Values are vitally important to the wellbeing of everyone in our school. Last term we were working on ways to make this easier for our children to understand. This year, and thanks must go to Reverend Gale for her support, we have introduced the acronym FRIENDS to describe these values.

- **F**orgiveness
- **R**espect
- **I**ntegrity
- **E**mpathy
- **N**eighbourliness
- **D**edicated
- **S**ervice

Each term our worship will focus on one of these values. Once a term children will join in their House Team for a 'Friends Friday' afternoon. This provides an opportunity for all children to build strong relationships with one another from different year groups and demonstrates how they live out this value. Children will share activities such as reading, projects, art and

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design or simply sharing fun activities. Research tells us that peer to peer support helps make a difference in so many ways including academically and this is one way we can have fun learning and succeeding with each other.

Salute Training

The week beginning 5th November will be Remembrance Week. We have been invited to take part in a local project called 'Village Soldiers', which commemorates the lives of those living in the local area who were in World War I. As part of this week we would like to spend a day role playing military etiquette, i.e. saluting senior staff and standing to attention. In order to do this the children (and staff) need to be taught the correct etiquette and how and when to salute correctly. If any military parents would be kind enough to donate their time to 'train' the children this would be greatly appreciated. Please email Mrs Blanchard (Chief Clark for the day).

Uniform

The wave of royal blue around the school is lovely to see and the children are looking very smart. New uniform can be purchased through <https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/>. Uniform without the school logo can be worn, but please ensure the t-shirts are **royal blue** and not navy or light blue. Would you please also ensure that your child is wearing blue or grey sock/tights with school shoes (not trainers). Thank you.

Bus Diaries

For those children who get the school bus from Upavon Camp or Enford please ensure you complete the school bus diary so the staff know whether your child is or isn't on the bus at the end of the day. If you need to apply for bus transport please either call into the office for a form or visit the Wiltshire Council website. This bus is only for children who live in Upavon or Enford.

Staffing

We are currently recruiting for the following staff:

- Administration officer, part time 12.00pm – 4.40pm Mon-Fri
- Part-time teacher, ideally with Music and Performing Arts experience – to start term 2 or as soon as possible thereafter. 2 days a week.
- HLTA – To start as soon as possible
- MDSA – (Lunchtime staff) To start term 2

Please email admin@allsaints-netheravon.wilts.sch.uk or visit the school website for more information.



Meetings

Thank you for your feedback with regard to meeting time for Parents and Carers; we had 15 parents/carers respond. Having looked through the comments and unsurprisingly, the most suitable times differ. We will therefore be looking at holding meetings at different times during the year to accommodate as many as possible and depending on what the topic is.

L.E.A.R.N. Values

L = Lead

E = Endeavour

A = Aspire

R = Respect

N = Nurture

These are our new LEARN values

Learning is the core purpose of every school. Along with our FRIENDS these term we are focusing on how we 'Lead' by example. It is important that over time at Netheravon every child has the opportunity to lead in one way or another. This doesn't mean they have to be a particular leader of something as this doesn't suit every child but we hope with encouragement and support they may. If they are not ready for that next step it is equally important they learn to lead their own learning or demonstrate leadership qualities in other ways such as using their initiative and developing their independence skills. Our weekly certificates reward of the LEARN to be FRIENDS values. Below you can find out from our staff team all about other leadership opportunities they are setting up in school.

Lead by Example

Library – From Miss Farey

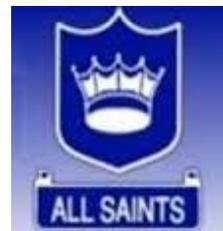


We are pleased to have our library back in the main building and are currently setting it up to provide a space for both infants and juniors. We are looking at recruiting six KS2 pupil librarians to help keep the books on the shelf tidy and to put books away that are being returned in the correct place. Having organization skills and tidiness will help enormously. Checking the library area is tidy and welcoming is also needed so children are keen to use it and select books of interest. If your child would like to become a School Librarian please ask them to see Miss Farey. Once we have recruited we will be encouraging the children to borrow books as they would in a public library and they will also have the opportunity to take them to read in our Netheravon library too. Thank you.

Digital Leaders – From Mrs Hutchins

With the growing reliance in the world on technology, Digital Leaders will play an important role in helping our school stay up to date with technology. Digital leaders will support their classes, and others, with key skills in computing and will be responsible for encouraging online safety in the school. They will use their expertise, current or learnt in Digital Leader meetings, to support classes in using a range of devices, programs and apps.

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Children will be expected to apply for the position and children in KS2 will have to complete an application form, a short interview will also be involved if more than one person applies for the role in a class. If your child is interested would they please see Miss Hutchins. Thank you.

School Council – From Mrs Meynell

Maple, Willow, Beech, Rowan and Sycamore classes have held elections this week to elect a representative for our School Council. Congratulations to Tia, Noah, Erin, Emma and Beth who join Harry, Billie, Emma, Ollie and Dylan from Cherry class who were chosen as part of the AAAA party in the whole-school election last summer. The Council will meet regularly to give student perspectives on life at Netheravon School and lead initiatives to help make our school even better. They had their first meeting last week, preparing a list of questions to ask the candidates in next week's head teacher interviews!

What a Wonderful World? – from Mr Nashwalder and Miss Farey



Last week Maple and Willow classes took part in a series of activities to celebrate their forthcoming topic, What a Wonderful World? The children all arrived dressed up for adventure and their 'flight' to the far flung destinations of Africa and the Arctic where they completed rare-species guide-books as well as a range of art and craft activities. Below are some reports from the children:



'On Thursday I came to school in mufti. When I got there it was a plane. I got my ticket from Mr Nashwalder. The plane ride took me to the Arctic and Africa. It was very scary in the Arctic. I saw two polar bears fight and I put my flag on a mountain. It was a fun day. I even felt a polar bear. I made friends with the polar bear and a lemming. I loved it. It was a very fun day. (Poppy)

'Yesterday we went to Africa and Artica. Africa was hot Artica was freezing cold. We got there by flying on a plane. The landing was a bumpy landing in Africa whereas the landing in Artica was a smooth landing'. (Lucas)

Wheels Wednesday – from Mrs Shillito and Mrs Cocks

Last Wednesday was our first 'Wheels Wednesday'. This was a special reward carried over from last year when Sycamore class (now Cherry) had the highest level of attendance across the year for the last academic year 2017/2018 and for Oak class (now Ash) previously won the PTFA competition to raise the most funds at the summer fair. The children were all invited to bring in their bikes, scooters, roller skates or trikes into school and ride with their friends on the playground. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session. These two winning classes were awarded this time for achievements in the 2017-18 academic year with Mrs Shillito, Mrs Cocks and Mrs Arnold all enjoying spending the time with their old classes.

"Wheels Wednesday was amazing, brilliant and fantastic!" – Cherry Class pupil

"It was amazing because I got to ride my bike with all my friends." – Ash Class pupil.

Unfortunately we can't publish photos as we have not had all the permissions slips returned. If you have returned your child's yet, please do so ASAP and if you need another, do let us know.

Reminders!

Free School Meals

Is your child eligible to receive free school meals? If you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit you may be eligible for free hot meals. If you are unsure please contact the school office or check www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

School Meal Bookings

Would you please ensure that if your child would like a school lunch that it is booked on ParentPay, or you notify the school office should you have problems logging on. Lunches need to be booked at least 2 days in advance in order that we can order the ingredients needed to cook our fresh meals.

Safeguarding

From time to time matters between children can arise and as a parent we want to try and sort it out. However, should an issue between your child and another child arise in school it is essential that all parents, carers or anyone else responsible for your child **DOES NOT** approach a child or their parents/carers in an attempt to address or resolve the matter. As a

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Please make contact with the school so that we can broker the right support and help to overcome any difficulties and remain impartial. By working together the vast majority of issues can be sorted with children kept safe.

Parking and Drop and Go

To ease congestion in the morning don't forget to use the 'drop and go' service we offer from 8.45am. Please can we ask that you do not park on the turning circle at drop off time as this is purely for drop off and for access to the school bus.

We would also like to remind everyone to make sure that they do not park opposite the school entrance gates and be respectful to our neighbours. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

We look forward to updating you in our next newsletter and in the meantime please do ask your children about their learning in school!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Clare Griffin-Felton

Interim Headteacher

