

# Netley Abbey Junior School

## Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020



Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support you have given the school during this unusual term. There have been many highs and lows for everyone and I am sure this is a time that we will never forget.

We would like to say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they move onto their secondary schools in September. They have made us so proud throughout their journey, especially during such an unusual final year, full of many different challenges and emotions.

Years 3, 4 and 5 have been working incredibly hard and have coped extremely well during the last 4 months. I am really looking forward to seeing them all develop further as they move up through the school. We are also all very excited to welcome the new Year 3 children into our school in September.

I would like to thank all the staff for providing the children with such great learning experiences. They are all very hard-working and dedicated individuals and together they help to make Netley Abbey Junior School such a good school. Thank you also to the Governors for their support and to The Friends for all their fundraising efforts this year. Finally, thank you to you and your children for entering into a partnership with us and hope you have a lovely and well deserved summer break.



### Welcoming Children Back to School

It is the government's plan that all children and young people, in all year groups, will return to school full time from the beginning of the autumn term. The scientific evidence shows that coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a much lower risk to children than adults of becoming severely ill, and there is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. Of course, there will still be risks while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, and that is why we are putting in place a range of protective measures.

In order to effectively manage the risks that remain, things will be different when children return to school for the new academic year. **Please ensure that you have read the letter send out on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July which sets out some of the changes and protective measures we are putting in place and what parents, carers and children will need to do, to help ensure Netley Abbey Junior School is as safe as possible for everyone.**



### School Uniform for the Autumn Term

We will be returning to our usual uniform policy for September. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should wear **sensible dark shoes only** (without heels, strappy backs, flashes of colour, coloured soles or bright coloured laces).

Accessories including nail varnish are not considered appropriate. Coloured hair, shaved heads, Mohican or other 'fashionable' hair styles or patterns are not allowed.

Hoodies can be worn for outer wear but must be taken off and hung up on your child's peg. They should not be worn in the classroom.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation and please remember to **name all items of clothing with your child's full name.**

### Thank You

Thank you for all the parents and the wider community who have donated treats for all the staff during this busy term. These cakes from Poppy in Year 6 were amazing!



### House Cup Winners

**Asteroids 26,151 points**

**Stars 25,420 points**

**Moons 25,351 points**

**Comets 24,490 points**

### **Congratulations to Asteroids for winning the House Cup!**

I have been so impressed with all of the House Captains this year. Each one has worked hard to lead their team and organise multiple events. They worked together to discuss ideas and lead their teams to success.

It was also brilliant to see them add home learning competitions during our partial closure to give the children even more chances to gain points for their houses. This was all completed independently, from the ideas to the creation of the task and finally deciding who the winners were.

Well done to all of you, you are inspirational and role models for future captains.

House Captains - Lily (Stars), Poppy (Asteroids), Saffi (Comets), Josh (Moons)

Vice Captains - David (Stars), Elliot (Asteroids), Ben and Eleanor (Comets), Riley (Moons)

Good luck to you all in your adventures during year seven; you are the leaders of the future!

Mr Archer  
Class Teacher

## **Guidance for Parents and Carers on Choosing Holiday Child Care During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak**

For parents and carers considering holiday child care and activities, this guidance explains changes to after-school clubs, holiday clubs, tuition, community activities and other out-of-school settings for children and young people over the age of 5, during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. You may wish to use this information when considering a placement for your child/children this summer. Guidance has also been made available for providers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

### **Staff Update**

The end of a school year brings about inevitable changes in staffing and this year is no exception. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues who are leaving us at the end of this term and would like to wish them all the best for the future.

Miss Richardson is moving to a local Primary School to continue her teaching career, both Mr Wilson and Miss Smart will be starting teacher training and Miss Cooper is looking forward to a new challenge.

Miss White gets married during the summer so she will be returning in September as Mrs McDowell. We would like to wish the happy couple congratulations on their Wedding Day!

We are delighted to also announce that Miss Whittlesea and Mrs Botma are pregnant. Congratulations to both of them on this exciting news!

I am very lucky to work with such amazing and dedicated staff at Netley Abbey Junior School - the wealth of talent is immense!

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	- Early Finish at 1.15pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	- Inset Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	- Inset Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	- Back to School

### **Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2020/2021**

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	- Inset Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	- Inset Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	- Early Finish at 1.15pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	- Inset Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	- Inset Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	- Inset Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	- Early Finish at 1.15pm

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Headteacher