

Netherthorpe Primary

Newsletter

Monday 18 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe that this half term has gone so quickly! It has been so lovely to have parents and carers back in school, even though we are still asking you wear face masks. I hope that you feel that communication has improved since we returned and that you are fully aware of what your child/ren have been learning this half term. We have tried to do this by holding **meetings for each class** near the beginning of term and sending **an overview of learning for this term** home. We have also sent home **Knowledge Organisers** that have lots of information about the subjects being studied this half term; **next half term we will send more Knowledge Organisers home** to you so that you stay up to date with subjects studied.



We have also been able to restart trips and are taking extra special care to make trips as covid-proof as possible. **Years 3 and 4 had an amazing time at the Deep in Hull, Years 1 and 2 went to Graves Park** and had an excellent time finding out more about animals. **Y6 have gone to EIS today** to take part in an athletics competition. We wish them lots of luck and fun. We also had a visit from a community police officer to talk to key stage 2 children about dark nights and how to stay safe. Next half term we have more trips planned, including a visit for Year 5 and 6 to Magna. We will let you know about more about this nearer the time.

Last Wednesday all children took part in a shared Harvest Breakfast to say thank you for the donations that everyone brought in for the Cathedral Archer Project. The donations were collected by volunteers last Thursday and they were truly overwhelmed by the amount collected, saying that no one else had given so much. **Thank you all so much for your generosity** – together we are helping to make a difference for the homeless people of Sheffield.



At the moment we have a vacancy for an experienced cleaner in school and also for a mealtime supervisor. If any parents or carers are interested in either vacancy or know of someone who might be interested, please call in at the office for further information or phone school on 0114 2736834. The closing date for this is 5 November 2021.

We will be holding **parent/carer meetings next half term as well**, either in school or virtually. More information will be sent at the beginning of next half term.

Due to the unusual circumstances of the last 18 months, we have not carried out a **parent/carer questionnaire and so one is being sent out with this newsletter**. Please complete it before the end of this half term and **return it to the school office**. **Your views and input are very important, so please do fill it in.**



Finally, I would like to remind you that **school will be closed to children on Friday 22 October**. We are holding a staff training day to look at the changes in phonics teaching due to the changes that the government have made. We will hold a meeting for parents and carers in F2 and Y1 after the holidays to update you and suggest ways to help your child/ren improve their reading further.

School will reopen on Monday 1 November. I wish you and your family a very safe and healthy half term.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me or Ms Elliott.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Gray
(Headteacher)