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Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

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 'Netherbrooks!'

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very quick half term since Christmas but it has also been really positive.

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and we have had some really good discussion in school around this.

We were also very excited to host Rebecca Adlington OBE, the 2012 Olympic Swimming Gold Medallist, who came into school to lead our assembly earlier in the week. The children were very excited to meet her and a lucky few got to hold her gold medals.



Swimming in the holidays

Don't forget that swimming is free for school aged children in all Dudley Borough swimming baths over the school holidays. Please use this link to register and get your child's QR code, enabling them to swim for free at all Dudley Leisure Centres.

<https://www.freeswimindudley.co.uk/home>

FSM Vouchers

If you are entitled to receive Free School Meal Vouchers you should have either already received these or will receive them shortly. Please check your spam and junk folders in your email inboxes. The vouchers are £10.00 per eligible child.

Have a lovely half term break, I hope everyone manages to spend some quality family time together over the course of the week.

Take care.
 Mr Rawlings

DATES TO REMEMBER

12.02.24 -16.02.24 February Half Term

19.02.24 – Year 4 – Roman Day

23.02.24 Young Voices Concert at Resorts World

06.03.24 Rags to Riches Collection Day

08.03.24 10:30am – 11:30am Nursery AM Mother's Day Tea and Crafts

08.03.24 2:00pm – 3:00pm Nursery PM and Nursery 30HRS Mother's Day Tea and Crafts

08.03.24 RH and RP – Mother's Day Assembly

14.03.24 Florence Nightingale Workshop – Year 2

15.03.24 School closed to pupils – Inset Day

18.03.24 Rocksteady Easter Concert 9:30am – audience to be seated by 9:20am

20.03.24 Parents Evening and Book Fair

22.03.24 School closes for Easter

08.04.24 School reopens

15.04.24 Theatre Trip Nursery – Dear Zoo

02.05.24 School closed to pupils (Voting)

06.05.24 May Day Bank Holiday

27.05.24 – 31.05.24 May Half Term

19.07.24 School closes for Summer

22.07.24 School closed to pupils – Inset Day



Students of the Week

Well done to this week's Students of the Week. We are very proud of you and you deserve it!

Joshua H, Tommy S, Hayden S, Ella H, Oakley M, Poppy C, Thomas G, Scarlett S, Daniel B, Daisy C, Francesca M and Madison R



Maths Championships

Well done to all of the children who have represented the school in the Year 3 & 4 maths Championships this week, we were very proud of their performance and they were impeccably behaved throughout. A real credit to the school.

After Half Term, Year 5 & 6 will be taking part in their competition. Good luck to them.



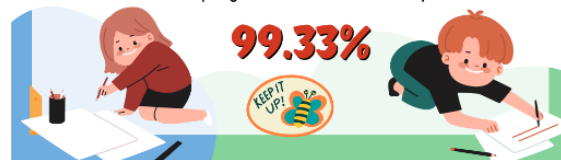
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

This certificate is awarded to:

CLASS 3C

Week 23 Spring Term 5th - 9th February 2024

99.33%



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Well done to Miss Wright's Year 5 class in collecting 177 tubs making the tallest tub tower in the school!

In total Netherbrook Primary School recycled 600 tubs and with 8p from every tub going towards MacMillan Cancer Support, we raised £47.52. Not only are we fighting the war against plastic, we are fighting the battle against cancer. Well done Netherbrook what a fantastic achievement!



Rags 2 Riches

Please save your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. for our next collection on **Wednesday 6th March**. We will be sending home a collection bag soon but any plastic bags can be used.

Goodbye Mrs Mullett (soon)

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to a longstanding member of staff at Easter. Mrs Mullett (Miss Gordon) is moving on to work in a new school closer to home. She will be continuing until we break up. Mrs Mullett has worked as a teacher at Netherbrook since 2011, over 13 years.

I'd like to take this chance to thank Mrs Mullett for her commitment and dedication for so many years. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs Mullett's class will be covered by Miss Johnson after Easter and then Miss Aston/Mrs Lail after the Year 6 SATs are completed. All three are excellent teachers and will ensure the children in 5M continue to receive an excellent education for the remainder of the year.



Measles

As you will no doubt have read in the press, cases of measles are currently rising quite rapidly in the West Midlands. Dudley schools have also been affected.

We have been told by the Dudley Public Health Team that 60% of the WM children who have contracted measles have ended up in hospital. Therefore, we have been asked to encourage all parents to ensure that your children **and you** have been double vaccinated against Measles using the MMR Vaccine.

When the 2 vaccines are taken a person has a 99% immunity for Measles, Mumps and Rubella. All of these are serious diseases that can be easily avoided.

If you are not sure if your child has had both vaccines then please contact your GP surgery and they can tell you. If you or your children haven't had the vaccine there are some pop up vaccination UK centres in Dudley borough over half term. There are gelatine free vaccinations also available.

I strongly advise you to check your child's status and go along to get the vaccines. Vaccines are available for **children AND adults** who have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Whilst there is no need to panic or for undue alarm, it would be very prudent to make sure that everyone in your household is fully vaccinated.

Please note that old fears about the MMR vaccine causing Autism etc have been completely debunked, however, there is a genuine and significant risk of serious harm if your child catches Measles and is unvaccinated.



Dudley Borough MMR Half Term catch-up clinics

Walk in or book an appointment by calling Vaccination UK

01384 431712

Saturday 10th February

Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, 10am-3pm

Tuesday 13th February

War Memorial, Lye 9am - 2pm

Friday 16th February

Dudley Market Place 9am – 2pm

Saturday 17th February

Somers Square, Halesowen Town Centre 10am - 3pm

To book an appointment or find out more information about Measles, please click on this link.

www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles This site also has more Vaccination UK locations across the West Midlands.

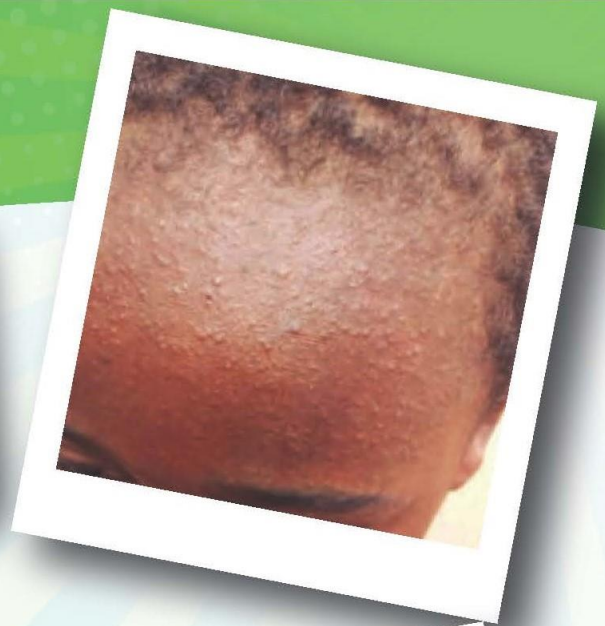
Have you and your children had their MMR vaccine?

Pop up vaccination clinics have been set up across the Black Country for children aged 5 and over and adults who have missed a dose.

Measles is a highly infectious disease which can lead to serious complications such as severe lung infections and inflammation of the brain. It also damages and suppresses the whole immune system, meaning children can be left much more susceptible to catching other illnesses.

Symptoms of measles include:

- high temperature
- runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- cough
- red, sore, watery eyes
- rash, which usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes it starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body).



For details of where the clinics are, please see details attached or visit our website at blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles