

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Welcome Back & Thank you!**

Welcome back everyone to a new school year, and welcome to all our new staff. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your overwhelming generosity and support at the end of last year. All staff were totally overwhelmed with the cards and gifts and thanks they were given at the end of term.

Please visit the school website for staff details: [www.stoswaldsnetherton.com](http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com)

**School dinners**

Our new menu for this term is also on our school website and in the parent notice boards located on each playground.

**Contact Sheets**

As we do each year, the contact sheets and other paperwork has been sent home with your child. This year, the contact form is asking for additional information. The information is for a government collection of data which takes place 3 times per year. School is required by law to complete these returns. Failure to return these forms may mean that the school will have less money for the school to spend on the children. I would be very grateful if you could return these forms as soon as possible.

**Attendance**

We encourage outstanding attendance in every class from Nursery onwards and believe that every day in school is crucial to children's education. Every week the class with the most attendance are awarded Cuddles the bear and a voucher to spend as they wish. Each individual child gets a bronze, silver or gold award for termly 100% attendance and a treat at the end of the year for 100% attendance.

Congratulations to the winners for last school year from 02/09/15 - 21/07/16 - Y3 with 97%. Overall attendance for each class last year is as follows:

Reception 95.6%, Year 1 95%, Year 2 96.6%, Year 3 97%, Year 4 95.1%, Year 5 96.9%, Year 6 96.4%.

Our overall attendance for the school was 96.1% - we are hoping to beat that this year, our target is 97%!

**Birthday Cakes Order**

If you would like to order birthday cake for your child, please contact the school office. The cost is £2.00 and orders should be placed a week before.

### **After School Clubs/Children's University**

Please see attached all available clubs; which will begin on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Please do return your request slips for clubs as soon as possible so that we can allocate places. We cannot guarantee you will get all the places you have requested but we will endeavour to ensure all children have some of the clubs they would like to attend. Military School will start one week earlier on 16.09.16.

### **Sponsored Walk**

Thank you for your contributions to the sponsored walk. We are still collecting money in and would be grateful if you would send any further sponsor forms and money into school as soon as possible. The money raise will be used to purchase playtime equipment of the children's choosing.

### **Sponsored Abseil**

Thank you so much to all those of you who sponsored us - we raised £845 and beat our target of £600 for the Blythswood Care Trust, who organise the Shoe Box appeal at Christmas. We will again be supporting them this year and the Shoe Box leaflets will be coming out to you next month.

Thank you again.

### **New Parent Governor for Autumn Term**

Only one parent governor had been nominated for the vacancy before the deadline. Congratulations to Tracey Murray parent of Ethan Year 4, who will be taking on the role of parent governor after the term of Mr Donnelly comes to an end in October.

### **Mobile Farm 12<sup>th</sup> September**

A mobile farm will be visiting school on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Parents are being invited to come into school via the Browns Lane gate with their child to join their child's class and see what is happening at the mobile farm.

9.00am - 9.45am - Reception

9.40am - 10.20am - Year 1

10.20am - 11.00am - Year 2

11.00am - 11.40am - Year 3

11.40am - 12.40am - Nursery (both morning and afternoon classes together with parents.)

1.00pm - 1.40pm - Year 4

1.40pm - 2.20pm - Year 5

2.20pm - 3.10pm - Year 6

PFA will be serving refreshments and small animal related items will be available for pupils to purchase on the day. Please send your child in with £1.00 maximum spending money.

### **Raffle Winners Summer Fair 6th July 2016**

The draw took place on 21st July 2016. The winners were as follows:

1 Summer Toy Hamper	Amy Ford	Y4	001873
2 Signed Everton Football	Connor Smith	Y3	001119
3 Acorn Farm Pass	Miley Malone	Y1	002397
4 Aintree Golf Centre	David Walters	Y2	000812
5 Bubbles World of Play	Nathan Grocott	R	000375
6 Purple Monster Play Centre	Sophie Paterson	R	001677
7 Europa Pools Pass	Caleb Griffiths	Y6	001744
8 Box Chocolates	Emily Reardon	N	000343

### **Dogs on Premises**

Please note that no dogs are permitted on the school premises. Thank you

### Volunteer Programme, Level 1 Accredited

Netherton Children's Centre has a volunteer programme timetabled to start at the centre this month. The NVQ Level 1 in Volunteering is an opportunity to gain a qualification whilst volunteering within the centre. Developing skills, updating your C.V. and gaining employment support i.e. interview techniques, learning about policies and procedures, health & safety, safeguarding, confidentiality etc. Volunteers roles are subject to DBS checks. For more information, please contact Netherton Children's centre on 0151 282 1405.

### Newsletter by email

Some parents choose to receive the weekly newsletter by email. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please complete the attached tear off slip at the bottom and return to the school as soon as possible.

### Children's University Passports

Children can collect credits for other activities such as visiting the museum and these are recorded on Children's University passports which are available to purchase at the school office.

### Forthcoming Dates

Please check the school website weekly for updates and changes that have taken place. Note the dates in bold

### September 2016

7<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 swimming

8<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5 begin Clarinets. Year 1 & 2 Reading meeting for parents

9<sup>th</sup> September - Year 3 swimming

**12<sup>th</sup> September - Mobile Farm Day**

19<sup>th</sup> September - 11.15am - Mini - Church N & R. After school clubs to begin.

**21<sup>st</sup> September - Whole school communion, Years 1 -6. All family members and friends welcome to join us at church.**

**26<sup>th</sup> September - European Day of Languages. Mentor Lunch**

28<sup>th</sup> September - Junior Chef for Year 6.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh  
Headteacher

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I would like to receive the newsletter by email.

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (please print in capital letters) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Parent / Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_