



'Together, with the love and joy of God, we will discover, develop & maximise our unique potential.'

Dear Parents,

Thursday 12th September 2024

Information Letter 2 – Autumn Term 2024

Our new EYFS pupils have had a super start to their first year, learning many new things, smiling and playing happily. Many thanks too, to the rest of the school for putting Willow class at ease this week. The older pupils have certainly been great role models.

Head Pupils

Congratulations to Elsie and Bailey our new Head Pupils. Both pupils were formally interviewed by the Chair of Governors and did a marvellous job of being ambassadors for our school. A big well done to all the pupils who were shortlisted.

Behaviour Workshop

Mrs Berry, our PSHE/RSE Leader will be leading a Behaviour Workshop for parents on Monday 7th October at 9am. Please come along to find out about the school's Behaviour Policy. Mrs Berry will also be giving some helpful background information regarding childhood development and ways to support your child/ren with the Behaviour Expectations. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

St James the Great Church

Members of the church team visit the school every week and enhance our Collective Worship programme no end. We have planned for some acts of Collective Worship to take place at the church this year and warmly invite parents to join us.

- EYFS parents are invited to a welcome service after school Thursday 3rd October 3.45-4.30pm
- Year 1 parents are invited to a Harvest Service on Tuesday 22nd October 9-10am
- Year 2 parents are invited to a Christingle Service on Tuesday 17th December 9.30-10.30am
- Year 3 parents are invited to an Epiphany Service on Tuesday 4th February 9.30-10.30am
- Year 4 parents are invited to an Easter Service on Tuesday 1st April 9.30-10.30am
- Year 5 pupils are invited to a Pentecost Service on Tuesday 20th May 9.30-10.30am
- Year 6 parents are invited to the Leaver's Service on Thursday 17th July 9-10am (tbc)

After School Clubs Policy

A copy of the policy has been sent with this letter.

Whole School Communication

We have various methods of communicating with parents. Home School Link books, school letters, emails, texts and the school website. Please encourage your child/children to hand in their Home School Link books in every day. Our policy is to check them in the morning and a staff member will write their initials to confirm this. If you write a question in the book it will be answered either by telephone or a written response back. Please inform us via this book if your child is being collected by another parent or family member. Alternatively, call the school office.

Data Sheets

At the beginning of every academic year, we send data sheets home for you to check all relevant information we hold regarding contact details / permissions etc. You will soon be receiving these documents. You will also be able to see some of this information on the ScholarPack app. Please check this information. If the information we have is up to date and accurate-no further action is required. If there have been changes to your address, telephone numbers etc. please make the changes on the hard copy sent to you and send it back to the school office.

Please note

- **Some items on school newsletters are repeated and will be shown in blue.**

OPAL-Outdoor Play and Learning for Schools

We are delighted to be taking on the OPAL project at NJK. OPAL is an award-winning, mentor supported school improvement programme that addresses all the areas that schools must plan for if they want to strategically and sustainably improve the quality of play opportunities. All staff attended training on Monday 2nd September, and are thrilled about enhancing breaktimes with engaging and exciting activities. More information to follow soon.

Class Information

Please see the class pages on our website to read about school routines, timetables and general information about each year group.

Individual Pupil Photos

NextGen School Photography will be in school Wednesday 27th September for individual pupil photos and school age sibling photos. If you would like a family / pre-school sibling photograph please come to school any time between 8.30am to 9am. All pupils to wear full school uniform.

Congratulations Assembly

We look forward to many more pupils' efforts being celebrated in our weekly Congratulations Assembly. If your child receives a card/certificate you will be notified by text about the good news.

Attendance

The Government Guidance regarding attendance was updated on 19th August:

[Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

There is a leaflet attached to this letter outlining some important information about school attendance.

Prayers for the start of this academic year

At the start of the new year at school we pray for all teachers, wider school staff and learners.

Lord Jesus Christ

This is our school, let your light shine here.

Let the rooms be full of joy.

Let love be all around-love for one another; love for all people; and love for you.

Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts build a school.

Amen

Kind regards,



Mrs J Dean
Headteacher