



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

Dear Parents,

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### **Information Letter 6 – Summer Term 2024**

#### **Sports Day**

The sun shone during our annual sports event which took place throughout the day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils in KS1 took part in Sports Day in the morning and the KS2 events were held in the afternoon. Pupil leaders and volunteers organised and ran the activities and all pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was so wonderful to see so many families in attendance. Thank you so much for coming along and supporting this event.

#### **PTFA Summer Family Fun Afternoon**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June the PTFA organised an amazing afternoon tea event for all pupils and their families. The occasion was well attended and very much enjoyed by all. Money is still to be collected, but current profit is £2200. Many thanks to the PTFA for all their hard work this year.

#### **A Fond Farewell**

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that Miss Kings will be leaving at the end of the school year. Miss Kings has worked at NJK for over 5 years and has been a fabulous friend and team player to all staff, she has worked in many areas of school from Breakfast Club to First Aider in addition to her core role as a Teaching Assistant. Miss Kings has offered our pupils the very best of academic support and pastoral care that has been second to none. We wish her every success with her new career in children's mental health.

#### **Whole School Concert**

Our whole school concert will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm - 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there. This year our concert focuses on the wider curriculum, just some of the events, activities, visits and visitors that support the NJK broad and balanced curriculum.

In the show you will see:

- Our School Dance Troop who meet after school to hone their skills. They have also represented NJK at many county sports events this year.
- Our Year 3 pupils singing with all their hearts having represented the school earlier this year at The Big Sing event at Worcester Arena.
- Our EYFS pupils have polished up their art skills this year preparing for an Art Exhibition at St James the Great Church. They have used these skills to prepare an enjoyable number that supports their Science learning complete with animal masks made in class.
- Our Poetry Slam pupils, who co-wrote their poem with Spoz, performed at the Worcestershire Poetry Slam at the Palace Theatre Redditch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 14 schools for their emotive poem about 'Refugees'. Their peers in the same class will also perform poetry written entirely by themselves.
- Our Year 5 pupils, who earlier this year learned how to play the cornet, will perform some of the pieces they perfected.
- Our Year 1 pupils use meditation throughout the week in class to calm their minds and get set for learning. They will demonstrate this and perform a song about kindness.
- Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors from Year 4 will perform a rap based on the important work they have been doing at breaktimes this year.
- There will be another rap performed by our Year 2 pupils focussing on the work of our pupils' Eco Committee.

We are very proud of the pupils' achievements both in the concert and day to day in the classroom and what they participate in to support the wider aspects of school. The final line in our SIAMs Inspection report sums this up well:

***The school is a beacon of light, love and joy in the community and beyond.***



### **Open Afternoon for Parents**

The pupils' end of year reports were distributed on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, following the concert, you will be able to visit your child's class, look at their books and talk to the staff. If you have a question about the reports, please ask during this session. If a longer discussion is needed, please do book an appointment by completing the form which will be issued with your child's report. **Please only use the on-line booking system to arrange an appointment if you have a concern that requires a confidential discussion with your child's class teacher. If you have booked in error or no longer require the appointment please cancel to release the space for another parent.**

### **Curriculum Enrichment-PE and Sports**

At Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary School, our sporting philosophy throughout the school is to encourage children to enjoy all aspects of PE; whether it is competitive or creative, individual or team based. We apply the School Games values of: respect, honesty, determination, teamwork, passion and self-belief to support pupils to develop behaviours, qualities and inter-personal skills that help and encourage pupils to play or participate in sports throughout their lives, bringing many proven benefits both physically and socially. All pupils experience competitive and non-competitive sports internally at school; playing matches within lessons, participating in school intra/inter competitions and at wider sports events.

Since the introduction of the School Sports Premium, we have benefitted from the ability to work in partnership with Avonreach Academy Schools, School Games and South Worcester School Sports Association. As a school we enter many matches, festivals and tournaments (both competitive and non-competitive) organised by these sporting associations. We align our curriculum offer to enable pupils to learn and apply skills in their PE lessons and all the staff involved recognise the need to work towards an inclusive approach that enables as many pupils as possible to experience competitive sport and in some cases represent the school.

Some events organised by the above bodies require specific team selection, when this happens we apply the following criteria:

- Level of skill demonstrated
- Level of fitness
- Understanding of games, tactics and rules
- Emotional maturity to cope with the pressure
- Performance, effort and behaviour in PE lessons and club practices
- Commitment to training and learning including attending our after-school sports clubs
- Attitude of the player on and off the field of play
- How the player presents themselves, manners, helpfulness, sportsmanship, etc.
- Performance of the play as a team player
- Enthusiasm to learn to improve
- Understanding of the importance of safety

For individual competition selection, for example: cross country, athletics, indoor athletics, all children participate in inter-house competitions. The pupils with the best results/times represent the school, as long as they also fulfil the criteria stated previously for 'team selection'

We would like to thank parents for supporting us with our PE and Sport at NJK. Parents, carers and spectators have a great influence on the children's enjoyment and success in sport. Children play sports first and foremost because they love playing. Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport and as a foundation for developing skills and tactics for life.

### **Curriculum Enrichment**

I would just like to say a huge thank you to the staff for arranging so many additional curriculum enhancements. Pupils thoroughly enjoy these opportunities to meet the experts and see artefacts first hand, or to take part in events with other schools. Every activity requires risk assessments, quality assurance checks and an abundance of administration. So, thanks once again to the NJK Team. Many thanks too for your valuable support and financial contributions. Here is a list of what has been offered so far this year...



- w/c 11.9.23 Peripatetic Music lessons started throughout the school-piano, cornet, guitar and violin
- 19.9.23 Fossil Man curriculum enhancement visit for Y4 and Y6
- 20.9.23 FAME tuition starts for Y6-Clarinet
- 21.9.23 Open the Book commence bi-weekly Collective Worship
- 27.9.23 Individual Pupil Photographs by Next Gen
- 3.10.23-5.10.23 Scholastic Book Fair
- 3.10.23 Canon Isaac Mgego from Morogoro visited school
- 5.10.23 Whole School Cross Country
- 12.10.23 NJK Open Morning
- 16.10.23 Website Photographer in school
- 17.10.23 District Cross Country event and Ten-Pin Bowling for targeted individuals
- 18.10.23 Cauliflower Cards closing date
- 18.10.23 Year 3 visit to Bishop's Wood
- 19.10.23 Harvest Family Service
- 19.10.23 Eco-Committee Visit to Worcester Parkway
- 26.10.23 Year 2 Village Walk-curriculum enhancement
- Half Term-Delta Sports and Kickstart Footie for pupils
- 7.11.23 Year 2 visit to Envirosort
- 15.11.23 Film Night for pupils
- 14.11.23 Year 4 local history walk around Norton Barracks
- 21 and 22.11.23 EYFS Balanceability
- 21.11.23 - Year 5 and 6 girls football festival at The De Montford School
- 8.12.23 - Year 5 and 6 district indoor athletics at The De Montford School
- 29.12.23 PTFA Christmas Wreath Making 6-8pm
- 30.11.23 iSingPOP workshops all day for pupils and parents
- 5.12.23 Santa Safari for EYFS pupils
- 5.12.23 iSingPOP Concert at St Marys
- 6.12.23 Staff Christmas Wreath making 6pm
- 8.12.23 EYFS Nativity
- 9.12.23 PTFA Christmas Fair
- 13.12.23 Year 2 visit to Worcester Parkway
- 14 and 15.12.23 Year 5 WW1 Museum after school for parents-Wow out
- Christmas tree decorated by the whole school for the festival at St James the Great and Worcester Cathedral
- 18.12.23 Innovate Christmas lunch for pupils
- 19.12.23 Swimming Information session for parents led by EB
- 20.12.23 Family Service
- 8.1.24 FAME tuition for Year 5 begins-cornet
- 10.1.24 Poet Laureate Spoz-workshops for Years 5 and 6
- 11.1.24 Young Voices for Y4,5,6 pupil at Resorts World Arena
- 16.1.24 Year 4 visit to Hindu Temple
- 16.1.24 Year 3 visit to St James-Art Project (Yrs. R,1 and 2 have previously attended)
- 17.1.24 Year 5 visit to Envirosort
- 22.1.24 Year 5 visit to Birmingham Central Mosque





- Play Leaders and Sports Coaches to enhance breaktimes for pupils since the beginning of term
- Daily sports coach provision in Breakfast Club from 22.1.24
- A range of interesting after school clubs for pupils to join
- 24.1.24 - Year 4 and 6 theatre trip to Birmingham rep to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
- 30.1.24 - Year 2 AAT Gymnastics Festival
- Now Press Play - used to enhance curriculum learning with immersive experiences throughout the year
- 1.2.24 Year 2 visit to Mosque
- 2.2.24 Key Stage One Art Exhibition at St James the Great Church
- 5.2.24 – NSPCC Number Day
- 8.2.24 - County Cross Country at Top Barn
- 7.2.24-Widget Workshop in Y3 The Romans and Y4 The Mayans
- 5 - 11.2.24-Children's Mental Health Week-My Voice Matters!
- Year 5 visit to Birmingham Central Mosque.
- 12.2.24 Football Camp.
- 20.2.24 Family Planting Session Y1.21.2.24 Y2 Visit to Transport Museum
- 23.2.24 PTFQ Quiz Night
- 27.2.24 Y4 Art Exhibition
- 28.2.24 District Dance Festival
- 29.2.24 Y1 Synagogue Visit
- 3.3.24 Delta Weekend Event
- 5.3.24 Cricket Taster Day Whole School
- 4.3.24 Careers Week Visitors.
- 6.3.24 Y5 to PHS Production
- 7.3.24 Eco Committee Visit to Worcester Parkway
- 8.3.24 Girl's Football Festival
- 18.3.24 Year 5 Cornet Concert
- 20.3.24 Poetry Slam Palace Theatre.
- 21.3.24 Family Worship
- 27.3.24 Delta Holiday Camp
- 9.4.24 Year 4 Maya Mask Exhibition
- 12.4.24 PTFA Sunflower Competition
- 18.4.24 Year 4 Residential to Malvern Outdoor Centre
- 26.4.24 Level 1 Bikeability
- 3.5.24 MP Nigel Huddleston opened School Library
- 17.5.24 Year 6 visit to Normandy
- 28.6.24 PTFA Summer Fayre and afternoon tea
- 5.7.24 KS2 Art Exhibition at St James the Great Church





### Valedictory Service

Our Leavers' Service (Valedictory) will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Parents of Year 6 pupils are invited to attend the service which will take place at St James the Great Church, Norton. Younger siblings can be brought to school for 8.45am allowing enough time for parents to drive to the church. Pupils who attend breakfast club will be able to walk to the church with the staff. Please arrive at church around 9am. The service will begin at 9.15am and we will celebrate the pupils' achievements at Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary School. Following the service, children will walk back to school accompanied by the staff.

### Year 6 Leavers' Party and Disco

The parents of our Year 6 Leavers are welcome to come to school to celebrate with their children when they return from church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The pupils will enjoy an afternoon of festivities and a special lunch, organised by their parents and will be dismissed at 1.30pm. The staff will then prepare the hall for further celebrations later. The pupils will return at 6pm-7.30pm for a disco and fish and chip supper.

### Induction Day and Meet the Teacher

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July all pupils will move up to their new classes to enjoy being taught by their new class teachers. Class Information Presentations will be published on the website giving an overview of the curriculum and expectations in the next year group. Parents will then be invited to drop in and meet the teachers on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Dean'.

Mrs J Dean  
Headteacher

