



Monday 27th March 2023

Dear Parents,

Information Letter 5 – Spring Term 2023

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Parent Consultation Evenings

These will take the form of a private consultation between teachers and parents. 10 minutes will be allocated for each appointment. If you require a longer consultation this can be arranged with your child's class teacher but might not be on the same day. The consultation evenings will take place on the following dates: Tuesday 28th March 5pm - 7pm and Wednesday 29th March 3.30pm - 5pm.

Pupil workbooks will be available for you to view. Please note in line with our School Development Plan, the marking policy in school is under review. You will therefore see a change on the style of written marking from February 2023.

After School Club

We have a few surplus places in After School Club. If you require a place for you child please contact the school office.

Annual Whole School Questionnaire March 2023

Many thanks for your valuable feedback via our Whole School Questionnaire. Here is a brief overview of the responses:

48 responses

The strengths stated by parents are:

- Ethos and values
- Friendly and approachable staff
- Wider curriculum opportunities (sport, music, educational visits)

Areas for improvement:

- Increased capacity for After School Club (Wrap around care)
- Communication-almost too many forms (text, app, email)
- Greater variety of after school clubs

Comments:

- *We absolutely love the school and staff and are happy with nearly everything (just after school club provision). There is a range of sports activities that wouldn't be found in most schools. We do like that aspect*
- *Absolutely fantastic school with a wonderful, caring and supportive environment and fabulous team of teachers. We so appreciate all NJK do to help children teach their full potential*



- *My daughter loves NJK! She is growing in confidence, making great progress with her reading and writing all due to the fantastic staff and opportunities- Thank you*

We will be working on the three areas for improvement and will communicate the actions taken in subsequent letters.

Changes to the School Day

Recently, the Government published the white paper 'Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child'. This document provided details on the expectation that state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. The Governing Body has been working on plans to roll out the longer school day at NJK by this date. It will see our school day starting at 9am with a finish time of 3.30pm. Further information to follow.

i-Sing Pop Concerts Thursday 27th April 1.45pm and 6pm

We had a fantastic time in school last week, singing and celebrating our Christian values with the i-Sing Pop team. The children have been really enthusiastic and worked very hard learning the new songs and great dance moves. We would like to invite you to our two concerts, which are to be kindly hosted by Rev Mark at **St Mary's Church in Kempsey** on Thursday 27th April at 1.45pm and 6pm. Along with this letter, you will find your tickets. Two per family for the 1.45pm concert and two per family for the 6pm concert. Please send back any unwanted tickets tomorrow so that these can be reallocated.

Afternoon concert 1.45pm – 2.30pm

The children will be transported to and from school to St Mary's by coach. If you are attending in the day please remain seated at the end of the concert so that we can ensure all pupils are on the coaches promptly. **Children will be dismissed from school as usual. For safeguarding reasons we will not be dismissing pupils directly to parents at the Church.**

Evening concert 6pm – 7pm

Please can the children be at St Mary's church for 5.45pm in school uniform and collected at the end of the concert from St Mary's Church at 7.00pm. (If you have ordered a t-shirt/hoody for your child/ren they can be worn for the evening concert. These items will arrive in school prior to the concerts). **At the end of the evening concert WE WILL be dismissing pupils directly to parents.**

Kind regards,

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher